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> TERM DATES School Year 2022-23

Autumn Term Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022 Last day of Term: Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term
INSET Day:
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
First day of Term:
Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half Term:
Monday 13th February to
Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term
INSET Day:
Monday 17th April 2023
First day of Term:
Tuesday 18th April 2023
Bank Holiday:
Monday 1sth May 2023
Half Term:
Monday 29th May to
Friday 2nd June 2023
Last Day of Term:
Thursday 20th July 2023
INSET Day:
Friday 21st July 2023

| Whole School Attendance 2022-23 | |
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| TARGET | 97.0% |
| Autumn | 95.2% |
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| 02/01 | 90.0% |
| 09/01 | |
| 16/01 | |
| 23/01 | |
| 30/01 | |
| 06/02 | |
| Total: | 94.4% |

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Friday 6th January 2023

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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

Happy new year to you all from everyone here at St. Mary's! We hope you were able to enjoy a relaxing and restorative break with your family over the festive period. Huge thanks to you all for the Christmas well wishes, cards and generous gifts —they were very much appreciated, thank you.

The children have settled back into school well. January is a difficult month for many. Lots of sleep, exercise and rest will help us get through the month to brighter times. We talked about new year resolutions in worship earlier in the week. Statistically resolutions don't seem to last far past the first week of January and so we have challenged ourselves to find one word to help us live, work and play better in 2023! What would your word be?

In Early Years and Key Stage One we have been reflecting on the gifts that the wise men brought to the manger as we mark Epiphany. Key Stage Two will be able to tell you all about this and what each day of the twelve days of Christmas represents for Christians.

Staff started their term on Tuesday. Teachers worked with a STEM adviser on the teaching and learning of Science, which is one of the foci for school development this year. Some of our support staff team were in school completing first aid training. The training was hosted here at St. Mary's, but we shared costs with colleagues from Our Lady of Victories and the Pupil Referral Unit on Victoria Drive.

Thank you to all of you who donated generously to our Christmas Jumper charity, Glass Door. Together we raised £199.33 which will be used by the charity to continue to give shelter and support to those who find themselves homeless.

It's great to be back and to see all of the children again. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday at the usual time. Have a restful, but fun, weekend! Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

