

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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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 1st 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

IN TOUCH

Friday 27th 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

We've packed an awful lot in to this week here at St. Mary's! Mr. Lett and I have continued our observations of Science teaching across the school, joining Nursery and Year One for lessons on exploring natural and synthetic materials and growing plants!

On Monday, Mr Lally took a group of swimmers up to the leisure centre to take part in a friendly swimming gala with other local schools. Congratulations to the children who produced some excellent results with thirteen first places and six second places. Huge thanks to Mr Lally and Mrs Ford for taking the children and to the team at OLV for organising the event.

Mrs Bishop was delighted to receive an impressive number of applications for our new pupil Eco Committee. 35 children submitted an application and I know Mrs Bishop found it very difficult to decide which pupils will sit on this group. However, we will all get to take an active role in this work which will go towards us achieving the Eco Schools Award.

Many thanks to Reverend Whittaker who led a reflective and thought provoking Eucharist Service for KS2 on Wednesday morning. John led us through the conversion of St. Paul and shared his own and other conversion stories with the children and staff present.

The picture below shows the KS2 Choir arriving in rehearsals at London's O2 Arena for their Young Voices concert on Tuesday. The children did us proud learning a considerable and varied repertoire plus dance moves. They got to perform with the Beatbox Collective as well as violinist Anna Phoebe and were recorded singing 'Proud' with Heather Small. The recording will be released shortly and will raise further funds for the children's mental health charity 'Place2Be'. Huge thanks to Mrs Bishop and Miss Donlon for enabling us to go to the concert and for rocking out with us!

I am very grateful to Mrs Bishop, Mr Lett, Mrs Ford and Miss Hesketh who will give up time with family and friends to take children in Years Five and Six to Sayers Croft next week. Mrs Bishop has been planning and organising the journey since the last one ended and it promises to be an exciting and memorable time for the children. I look forward to hearing all about it upon their return! Parents can look to our Twitter account for live updates.

Before I sign off this week, I will leave you with a few reminders—please join us for Celebration Worship next Friday morning from 9.15am in the Hall. Please enter through the Charlwood Road Gate. Next Friday is also the deadline for September 2023 Nursery applications—please spread the word to anyone you know to whom this may apply! And finally, on Sunday 5th February at 10am, children from KS2 will be taking part in the Admission to Communion Service at St. Mary's Church on Putney High Street. All are welcome to join us for this service—I look forward to seeing some of you there!

From everyone here at St. Mary's we wish you a very fun and relaxing weekend and hope that you are able to take a break! We look forward to seeing you all at the usual time on Monday!

Best wishes,
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 2022-23

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.2%
02/01	90.0%
09/01	95.6%
16/01	97.8%
23/01	93.7%
30/01	
06/02	
Total:	94.6%

Family Points

256

555

411

258

