

St. Mary's CE Primary
School

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TERM DATES
School Year 2022-23

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

**Whole School Attendance
2022-23**

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.2%
Spring	95.0%
Week Beginning	%
17/04	94.2%
24/04	97.3%
01/05	94.2%
08/05	
15/05	
22/05	
Total:	95.0%



**WELL DONE
YEAR 6
SATS
ARE OVER!**

IN TOUCH

Friday 12th May 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

Congratulations to all of our Year Six children who, this week, have completed their statutory assessment tests or SATs—as they are fondly known! The children have conducted themselves brilliantly, concentrating and working hard through a suite of six tests over four days. There were no tears at St. Mary's, but an acknowledgement that the reading paper was jolly hard! I would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Bishop, Mrs Rinaldi and Ms. Overton; our Year Six Team, who have prepared the children so brilliantly for this week. Also, a big thank you to our Caterlink colleague Joanne for firing up the children with a great SATs breakfast each morning. We've had a great turnout this week, with all children being present every day. Unfortunately, the classes celebratory picnic to Wandsworth was cut short. Year Six have enjoyed a film for the rest of the afternoon as a reward for all of their hard work. Speaking of hard work—this will continue for Year Six from Monday as we ensure they are well prepared for their transition to secondary school and as they begin to work through some of the rites of passage of leaving St. Mary's—one of which I am particularly looking forward to is the KS2 Performance!

...We have noticed that more and more children are bringing Air Up water bottles into school. I remind all parents and carers that any personal items brought into school are at the owners own risk and the school and other families are not liable for any damage to these items. We would recommend that children bring only the cheapest items into school as bottles and clothes are often left lying around and could be easily damaged in school.

It's Christian Aid week next week, and children have all had the opportunity to pitch their ideas to me in a dragon's den style presentation. All applications were returned to classes on Wednesday and children who have the dragon's signature—my signature—on the fourth page, will be given a sales table for the event after school next week. All groups will be given a table and a float for their stall. It is up to them to bring everything else that they need. The successful groups will run stalls in the playground (or hall if it is wet) after school on Monday to Thursday next week from 3.15-3.45pm. They should hand their float and any profit they have made to Mrs Abraham at the end of each and every session. If your child is not involved in running a stall please come prepared with change to engage with the stalls—all proceeds go towards Christian Aid. Children who are running a stall are responsible for tidying away everything except their table before they leave the event each day.

Finally this week, a reminder for pick up. I ask that all parents move swiftly from the front of each line when they have their child/ren so that other parents can pick their children up in a timely manner. At the kitchen gate, I ask all of the parents to keep their distance from the children's lines and to leave the area as soon as they have their children so we can ensure the safety of all at drop off/pick up times. Many thanks.

I leave you with a picture of all of our wonderful Year Six children at Wandsworth Park this afternoon and the hope that they and all of our families have a sunny and relaxing weekend break. Next week is national walk to school week—information was sent home earlier in the week. We look forward to seeing you all on foot on Monday at the usual time!
Best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

