

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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**TERM DATES**

School Year 2023-24

**Autumn Term**

INSET Day: 4th and 5th Sept

First day of Term: 6th Sept

Half Term:

23rd Oct to 27th Oct

Last day of Term: 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

INSET Day: 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

**Spring Term**

INSET Day: 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

First day of Term: 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

Half Term:

12<sup>th</sup> Feb to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Last day of Term:

28<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Summer Term**

INSET Day: 15<sup>th</sup> Apr

First day of Term: 16<sup>th</sup> Apr

Bank Holiday: 6th May

Half Term:

27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May

Last Day of Term:

24<sup>th</sup> Jul

# IN TOUCH



Friday 14th July 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**

Over the last week or so we have enjoyed some wonderful events which have brought our community together and enabled us to celebrate the very best of St. Mary's. Our Summer Fair raised a whopping £10,000 on Saturday 1st July. Heartfelt thanks to the FoSMS Committee and all members of FoSMS who helped to organise and execute a fantastic event. It was great to see our families, past and present, enjoying themselves and it is always a treat to see past pupils, see how they are and what they are up to!

This year we brought back the Art Fair, also held on the 1st July. It was great to see all the high quality outcomes that Mrs Adams has produced with the children on display in the Hall. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Adams for her outstanding work with the children and the work that she and her son put in leading up to and on the day. I would like to say another big thank you to Heidi Wales for working so hard in the run up to, during and after the event to make sure that children saw their work professionally displayed and framed. We are lucky to have such dedicated staff and parents who work hard to make our school what it is. Thank you all.

Speaking of how lucky we are... The sun shone on our KS2 Sports Day at Barn Elms. We were in a different part of the fields but the new location worked well. Records were broken and there was a lovely atmosphere of positivity and support as the children strived to break their own and others records. Congratulations to all who took part and a very special thank you to the core team of parents who organised and led the event: Richard Nicholls, Kate Bolton, John Puttick, Edward Dixon and Kristina Murphy; and to all of the parents and past pupils who took time out of their busy schedule to lead events, provide refreshments or support the event in some way. Our Sports Days are exceptional events. Thank you!

Last night was the final performance of 'Troy Story'. Our Early Years and Key Stage One children led our nativity at the Church at Christmas and it was the turn of our Key Stage Two children to shine in our end of year performance. Mrs Rinaldi was in the director's chair with Year Six leading the show. Every year I say the shows just get better and better and this year was no exception. We laughed and cried in all the right places and Year Six did a great job at telling us the story and taking us with them. There was some beautiful solo singing and all of the children in Key Stage Two sung and danced up a storm. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Rinaldi for leading our production this year, but also to the Year Six team: Mrs Bishop and Ms. Overton and the wider staff team who made props, taught and rehearsed songs and dances and who technically supported the show. It was incredibly entertaining!

Today we have held our Early Years and Key Stage One Sports Day. The weather has not been kind, but in true St. Mary's fashion we have kept calm, got wet and carried on! Thank you to Mr Lett for leading and organising with Mr Newman, to Oonagh Bates, Ruth Allen and Year Six for their support and to all of the parent/carers who led activities this morning!

This week we welcomed parent/carers to an induction evening for new Nursery and Reception children and this afternoon we are inviting them back with their children for a stay and play in Nursery and a drop and play in Reception! Thank you to our teachers Mrs Davidson and Miss McEvoy and to parents Sophie Campbell, Rochelle Pearson and Ruth Allen; and to governors Louise Mills and Paula Greenwood who came to talk to parents about Governance, FoSMS and some top tips for getting the most out of the first few years at St. Mary's. We are very much looking forward to continuing to work with our existing families but also to welcoming new children and their parents to the family here at St. Mary's.

This is the last In Touch of the year—next week you will receive a wonderful edition of St. Mary's News. Many thanks to our editor Sarah Moss for what is a fantastic celebration of the term that was.

There are still four days of term remaining, but if we don't see you before, we wish you a very relaxing and fun summer from everyone here at St. Mary's and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th September at the usual time!

Very best wishes,  
Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher

## Whole School Attendance 2022-23

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.2%
Spring	95.0%
Summer 1	95.1%
W/B	%
05/06	97.0%
12/06	95.2%
19/06	95.2%
26/06	95.0%
03/07	95.4%
10/07	
Total:	95.1%

## Family Points

