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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



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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

It has been an incredibly enriching week at St. Mary's! Today we have had our STEM Science Advisor, Naomi Hiscock, visiting the school to review all the work we have completed this year to develop the teaching and learning of Science. Mr Lett (our Science Subject Lead) took her on a learning walk around the school, scrutinised books across the year groups and spoke to children about their experiences of Science. It was a busy and very fruitful day and we look forward to sharing with you what future developments are in store next year.

This week, Eco-Committee set us the challenge of THE BIG SWITCH OFF! We were all asked to switch off all non-essential electrical items at the end of the day in a bid to conserve energy. The committee carried out a meter reading at the beginning of the week and are going to take another this afternoon which they will compare with a 'normal' week's reading - we hope we have made a difference... and continue to do so.

Year Two to Year Six had a very special treat on Tuesday morning when Clare Salters, our wonderful peripatetic music teacher, introduced us to her equally wonderful clarinet choir. King's Clarinets performed to a transfixed audience. The choir aims to raise awareness of the clarinet (all members of the clarinet family, including the big contrabass) and encourage children to take an interest in instrumental lessons alongside spreading a lot of joy! Thank you to Clare and her choir and to Ms Fenner for organising such a 'joyful' experience for us all.

It has been a very busy week for trips too! Year Five were invited to Saint Cecilia's Secondary school for a taster Science lesson on Wednesday— we received a lovely email from them yesterday praising the class for their 'careful data collection and outstanding behaviour'. The next day they then headed off to Richmond Park for their workshop on Sustainability at Holly Lodge. I think they deserve (children, staff and parent volunteers) a bit of a rest now! Year Four were at Holly Lodge on Wednesday and Year Two enjoyed developing their cooking skills at Pizza Express. For those of us still in school great learning in lessons continued and KS2 performance rehearsals are now in full swing!

This time last week the playground was hastily being set up, by our very generous FoSMS volunteers, for our Summer Party. Luckily, the sun shone down on us and the children had such a wonderful time—bouncing on the inflatable castle, having faces painted, eating candy floss and hooking the duck to name just a few things on offer! Parents and carers seemed to have a great time too! The party was an opportunity to say a huge thank you for everyone's hard work fundraising for St. Mary's playground this year. **Your support has been truly incredible.** An extra thank you to Sophie Campbell for orchestrating the event. I think the photographs below reflect what a great time we had.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.  
Amanda Bishop (Acting Head)

### School Attendance 23-24

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.5%
Spring	93.7%
Summer	
Week Beginning	
03.06	91.1%
10.06	93.2%
17.06	96.4%
24.06	95.9%
01.07	95.9%
08.07	
15.07	
22.07	
Total:	94.9%

### Family Points

676

661

548

642

