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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: 20th Dec

INSET Day: 21st Dec

Spring Term

INSET Day: 8th Jan

First day of Term: 9th Jan

Half Term:

12th Feb to 16th Feb

Last day of Term:

28th Mar

Summer Term

INSET Day: 15th Apr

First day of Term: 16th Apr

Bank Holiday: 6th May

Half Term:

27th May to 31st May

Last Day of Term:

24th Jul

IN TOUCH



Friday 19th July 2024

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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

The last few weeks of term are always busy but full of events in which the best of St. Mary's is on display! Last Friday we enjoyed a fantastic KS2 Sports Day. Our KS2 Sports Day is a unique event in which parents and carers organise and lead a carousel of activities which staff lead pupils to compete in. Our Sports Days bring our community together to celebrate the children's physical accomplishments and promote the link between physical movement and wellbeing in our school. A very huge thank you to all of the parent/carers and pupils—past and present—who organised and led the activities for KS2 with a very special thank you to Rich, John, Ed, Kate and Andrew for leading this event so brilliantly.

This morning, it was Early Years and Key Stage One's turn as they braved the heat to also take part in a range of physical activities. Huge thanks to Mr Lett and Mr Newman for organising and leading the event along with Mrs Rinaldi and Year Six and a team of parent/carer helpers.

This afternoon we were joined by our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. Children settled incredibly well for a stay and play in each class and I know the staff are really looking forward to working with our new families in September. Thank you Early Years Team!

In order for our new families to start school we unfortunately have to say goodbye to our Year Six children next week. We look forward to celebrating their time with us in our Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church next Tuesday from 9.45am. This group of children have really left it all out on the field during their time with us. They have produced SATs results which are well above national averages and yesterday they put on a swashbuckling adventure of a KS2 show—Pirates of the Curry Bean! All of the children—in parts big and small—shone throughout the performance—they sang, danced and acted up a storm which landed us all shipwrecked on the desert island of Lumbago for the customary happy ending. There were lots of cheesy laughs as always but a message of hope that the real treasure to be found in life is in family and friends. We are hugely grateful to Mrs Rinaldi for her leadership of this event and to the staff team who supported her!

It was lovely to welcome back former pupil Oriane Bonin who has volunteered her time in school over the last two Fridays. Oriane's enthusiasm for her time at St. Mary's and the ongoing contact that she and her family have with her cohort—are pleasing to see and we are delighted that she thinks so highly of her former school that she still wants to come back and work with us. We also welcomed Chloe Brown from Ursuline School who has been with us throughout this week—thank you Chloe and Oriane for the time you have given us—we really appreciate it.

Thank you to all who have volunteered with us this year. We would like to say a special thank you to parents Verity and Cendrine who have volunteered regularly throughout this year and have committed to continuing next year. We could not have managed without them and are beyond grateful to them both for their generosity. Thank you both!

This is the last In Touch of the year. A letter about staffing for next year is attached with In Touch. Next week we will be sending you a digital copy of St. Mary's News. Huge thanks to Sarah our editor for what we are sure will be another fantastic edition! Until next week, have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for a shorter than usual week which finishes next Wednesday at 2.30pm!

Cheryl Payne and Amanda Bishop

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	95.3%
15/07	94.8%
22/07	
Total:	94.9%

Family Points

743

1247

1813

1171

