



St. Mary's News

8th November 2019



Welcome back to

SCHOOL

Welcome Back Everyone

Welcome back everyone. We hope that you have all had a lovely half-term break. This half-term will be very busy as we still have lots of curriculum work to get through; our Christmas Plays to rehearse and our Year 4 children are making their First Confession. On top of all of that we also have a Selection Box Bingo to organise; a fantastic pantomime to watch; a Christmas day of fun to enjoy and a Christmas Movie Night to relax to. Wow! How on earth will we fit it all in!

We will all be ready for a rest at Christmas.



Holiday Dates 2020-2021

Holiday dates for the next academic year were finalised at the Governing Body meeting on Wednesday. They have been published on the school's website yesterday, but please find details adjacent for your information.

Last year, St. Peter's October half term holiday was the week before St. Mary's. This has been changed this year and St. Peter's October half term is now a week later and in line with St. Mary's. All other holiday dates match St. Peter's, with the exception of St. Mary's having an additional week off at May half-term and a day here and there at the start or end of the Spring and Summer terms.

Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2020 -2021

Autumn Term 2020: School opens on Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Closes for half-term on Friday 23rd October 2020

School opens on Monday 2nd November 2020
Closes for Christmas on Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021: School opens on Tuesday 5th January 2021
Closes for half-term on Friday 12th February 2021

School opens on Monday 22nd February 2021
Closes for Easter on Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021: School opens on Monday 19th April 2021
Closes for half-term on Friday 21st May 2021

School opens on Monday 7th June 2021
Closes on Friday 23rd July 2021

We will send out new holiday cards shortly



R.E Inspection



We had our Section 48 R.E Inspection on Tuesday and the inspectors were blown away by how fantastic our children—and staff—were. They described the school as being a joyful and supportive community and said that the school was working hard to grow a 'can do' culture.

Mrs Hymers was immensely proud of the children and staff (as she always is) as they shone on Tuesday (as they always do). School will let you know the outcome of the inspection once the report has been finalised.

Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks to those of you who returned your parent questionnaires. We will share our findings with you once we have tallied your responses and collated your comments.



Y6 Parents' Maths Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the second Y6 Maths Workshop this afternoon. We hope that you found the session really useful and that after working through lots of examples you feel more confident in helping your child at home.



Y5 and Y6 Remembrance Service



Our Y5 and Y6 children joined other children from local primary schools today in the annual Billinge Walk of Remembrance. The children laid flags of prayers and peace in the memorial garden and they will be left there for our local residents to read. It was a lovely service and a very special occasion for our children to be involved in

National Anti-Bullying Week

National Anti-Bullying Week runs from Monday 11th November until Friday 15th November. The theme this year is Change Starts with Us. Throughout the week, the children will be exploring ways in which they can bring about change and they will be encouraged to celebrate the fact that everyone is unique.



On **Tuesday 12th November**, the children are able to come to school in **ODD SOCKS** as Tuesday is Odd Sock Day when children across Britain are encouraged to wear odd socks in order to celebrate what makes them unique. The odder the socks the better!



Clubs/Activities for Autumn half term 2



	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba Spaces Available	
Tuesday	Fun Fitness		
Wednesday	Archery KS2 Spaces available	Handball KS1 and KS2 Spaces available	Archery Rec & KS1 full
Thursday	Fun Fitness	Guitars Recorders	Choir
Friday	Gymnastics BAGA Awards full	Athletics Rec & KS1 full	Lacrosse KS2 Spaces available

Please remember that ABC will be closed on the evening of Wednesday 13th November in order for staff to attend annual safeguarding training. Breakfast Club will be open as normal.

Good Work

Lunchtime Stars

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our lunchtime stars for this week:

- Rec - Mae
- Year 1 - Lucas
- Year 2 - Freddy S
- Year 3 - Kaitlyn
- Year 4 - Maya
- Year 5 - Keeley
- Year 6 - Evanna



A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their good work this week:

- Year 1 - Maddison
- Year 2 - Ruby Jo
- Year 3 - Jacob B and Sonny
- Year 4 - Deacon
- Year 5 - Maya
- Year 6 - Chloe



Class Attendance

- Reception - 99.57%
- Year 1 - 99.63%
- Year 2 - 99.26%
- Year 3 - 95.40%
- Year 4 - 96.67%
- Year 5 - 98.47%
- Year 6 - 94.07%

A big well done to Year 1 who have the best attendance this week.

House Points

	Infants	Juniors
Matthew	Bobby	Keira A
Mark	Jessica	Jacob Mc D
Luke	Penny	Leon
John	Georgia	Saskia

The overall winners were: Penny (Y1) and Jacob (Y4)

Well done everyone!

Bucket Filling

Our Reception Stars

Our Reception children have their own class reward system. A child will be chosen as their House Star of the Week and an overall Class Star will be chosen. The class star will be given a trophy to take home for the week. (To be returned next week.)

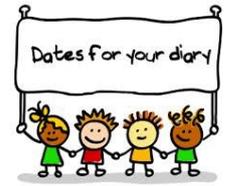
This week's winners are:

- Matthew House Star: Alanna
- Mark House Star: Freddie
- Luke House Star: Romeo
- John House Star: Delilah
- Overall Star of the Week: Freddie



Mrs Hymers has chosen all of the Reception class as her bucket fillers this week. Mrs Hymers has been teaching in their class during the week and the children have made her feel very welcome. They told her what to do! AND when to do it! and they all enjoyed a lovely Diwali Party today to celebrate their Hindu work. Well done Reception on a super week. Mrs Amor will be back in class on Wednesday.

Below are a list of dates and events in school that have been confirmed for the new term. Further dates and events will be added as they arise. We will try our best to ensure that we inform you of new events/changes to events as soon as we are able.



Monday 11th Nov 2019	Remembrance Day
Tues 10th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Wed 11th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Thurs 12th Dec 2019	Y4 First Confession in Church 2.15pm. <u>PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED.</u> Families are welcome to attend.
Fri 13th Dec 2019	Reception Christmas Play. Time to be confirmed
Tues 17th Dec 2019	Christmas Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Christmas Dinner. Christmas Day of Fun! PTFA Christmas Movie Night (Tickets needed)
Wed 18th Dec 2019	Community Christmas. We would like to invite our parishioners and elderly members of our community into school to listen to our fabulous choir sing carols and for coffee/tea and mince pies. If you know of any elderly member in our community who would like to join us, please extend an invite to them.
Fri 20th Dec 2019	Christmas celebration in Church 2.00pm. Families welcome
Mon 6th Jan 2020	Back to school
Tues 28th Jan 2020	Y6 Stay and Pray—families welcome. 9.00am
Wed 5th Feb 2020	Spring Term Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 1
Wed 12th Feb 2020	Spring Term Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 2
Fri 14th Feb 2020	Close for half term

Thought for the Weekend

