



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Please make a note of the important dates for the upcoming term (see below).
 - Please ensure that payment is made for all after-school clubs and extra-curricular opportunities.
 - Reception Class trip to Hall Hill Farm on Tuesday 23rd April (pupils should come in to school in appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes and should bring a packed lunch; pupils should be back before the end of the school day).
 - Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's 9am Friday 26th April – all welcome. Planning for Summer family event.
 - Gymnastics sessions begin on Friday 26th April.
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SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

WELCOME BACK:

Welcome back – I trust that you've all enjoyed a revitalising Easter holiday. I can't quite believe that it's this time already, but once again, we find ourselves at the outset of our final Term of the school year. As you'll see from the below diary dates, it's going to be another jam-packed Summer Term at St Mary's, and I – for one – can't wait to see what's in store.

It is at this time of year – when we reflect on the journey that we have been on since the start of September – that we see just how far our pupils have come, and can really celebrate the wonderful progress they have all made, which makes for a very uplifting time to be in school. I look forward to you being able to share in the successes of the upcoming Term with us all here at St Mary's and would urge you to continue keeping an eye on our weekly News Bulletin, school website (www.whickhamstmarys.org.uk) and school X feed (@whickhamstmarys) for regular updates.

Yours in Faithful Optimism,

Mr J Wheatley
Headteacher

NEW STAFF:

Welcome to Mr Cockling and Miss Beadling our new Year 3 and 4 class teachers. We also welcome Miss Foster who has taken up her post as School Business Manager joining Miss Morrison as Senior Office Administrator in the school office. Miss Foster will soon be working across more than one school in our Trust, but will be with us on a full-time basis as she is inducted into her new role.

HOLIDAY DATES:

- The school will be closed for the May Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May.
- May half term will be from Monday 27th – Friday 31st May.
- The school will be closed to pupils for staff inset on Monday 3rd June.
- The final day of the school term for pupils and staff is Friday 19th July (term dates on the school website show 22nd and 23rd as school days, but these have been allocated as 'inset days' which have been made up as staff 'twilight' training sessions throughout the year as indicated).

TERM DATES:

Please make a note of the following key term dates:

- 13.5.24 – 16.5.24 KS2 SATs week
- 20.5.24 – 24.5.24 Y6 Residential to Knock Christian Centre
- Wb/3.6.24 (2 week window) Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Wb/10.6.24 Y1 Phonics Screening Check
- 21.6.24 Sports Day (KS2 – am, Rec/KS1 pm)
- 27.6.24 Friends of St Mary's family event (TBC)
- 30.6.24 Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Gift for Life Summer Social
- Wb/1.7.24 Celebrate the Curriculum events (see plan below)
- KS2 SATs results 9.7.24
- 10.7.24 or 11.7.24 Transition Day (TBC)
- 15.7.24 Y5 to attend the Bishop Wilkinson CET 'Celebration of Sport'
- 20.7.24 Y6 Leavers' Mass

CELEBRATE THE CURRICULUM:

We would love to welcome parents/carers, family and friends to our final curriculum event of the year which will be a celebration of pupils' learning this year. The sessions will last approximately 30-45 minutes.

DATE/TIME	CLASS
9:15am 2.7.24	Year 2
2:30pm 2.7.24	Year 6
9:15am 3.7.24	Reception
2:30pm 3.7.24	Year 4
9:15am 4.7.24	Year 5
2:30pm 4.7.24	Year 3
9:15am 5.7.24	Year 1