



### **IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

- See below Term Dates for 2023/24 including dates for Staff Inset.
- REMINDER: School will be closed to all pupils for Staff Inset on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- Mrs Solomon will be leaving Duckpool Pre-school at the end of term; please see the below note about recruitment to the vacancy.

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### **SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS**

#### **SPORTS DAY:**

A huge thank you to all who attended our school Sports Day. Both the Key Stage 1 and 2 events went beautifully smoothly thanks to the planning and preparation of the Gateshead School Sports Partnership team, the organisation of the staff, the support of the spectators, and of course the wonderful efforts of all our children. We hope that you had a fantastic day!

#### **REMINDER – EXPLORE THE CURRICULUM EXHIBITION:**

We will be opening our doors for an end of year celebration of the pupils' learning. Please make a note of the planned dates/times for your child. More information will follow in due course.

DATE/TIME	CLASS
4.7.23 9:10am	Year 3
4.7.23 2:30pm	Year 5
5.7.23 9:10am	Year 1
5.7.23 2:30pm	Year 2
6.7.23 9:10am	Reception
6.7.23 2:30pm	Year 4
7.7.23 9:10am	Year 6

#### **REMINDER – INSET DAY:**

Please be reminded that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 for Staff Inset. This is the only remaining Inset day planned for the current academic year.

#### **TERM DATES 2023-24:**

Term dates can be found on the school website: [Term Dates - St Mary's Catholic Primary School \(whickhamstmarys.org.uk\)](http://whickhamstmarys.org.uk).

Please see below the dates for next academic year – including 4 out of 5 Inset days planned for the year (1 further Inset date will be communicated in the new year).

	START	END	HALF-TERM
AUTUMN	4.9.23 (first day for pupils 5.9.23)	22.12.23	23.10.23-27.10.23
INSET	4.9.23		
SPRING	8.1.24 (pupils return on 9.1.24)	28.3.24	12.2.24-16.2.24
INSET	8.1.24		
SUMMER	15.4.24	23.7.24 (last day for pupils 19.7.24)	27.5.24-31.5.23
INSET	22.7.24, 23.7.24		

#### NEWS FROM DUCKPOOL PRE-SCHOOL:

It is with great fondness that we will say so long to Jen Solomon, Duckpool Pre-school Deputy Manager, at the end of this academic year. Mrs Solomon, who has been a real asset to Mrs Sordy's team, will be moving on to new challenges, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

The Directors of Duckpool Pre-school are currently seeking to recruit a suitable replacement for Mrs Solomon. Full details of the vacancy can be found here: [Pre-School Deputy Manager - Duckpool Pre-School CIC - North East Jobs](#).

For an informal discussion on this exciting opportunity please feel free to contact Duckpool Pre-school Manager, Jacqueline Sordy on 0191 4881137

Interviews will be held week commencing 10th July 2023.