



Term Dates **Wednesday 5th January – Friday 1st April 2022**
Half Term Holiday **Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022**

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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday and that Santa was good to you all! If you were lucky enough to get a new mobile phone we would be grateful if you could let us know if the number has changed so that we can update your child's emergency contact information.



The school mobile telephone number, which parents can use to text the office if their child is absent from school, is **07818 247 779**. If you would like to report an absence by text please send a message before 9.15 a.m. with your child's full name and the reason for their absence. The normal school telephone number, **01946 66356**, can be used to speak to a member of staff or leave a message if the school is closed.

Also, don't forget to let us know if you move house. Thank you.

Smart Watches

If your child has a 'smart' watch, which can be used to send/receive calls and messages or take photographs, we would be very grateful if they could please be kept at home. Children should not bring these devices or mobile phones to school for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

Reception Class Applications

Saturday 15th January is the closing date for applications for a place in the Reception class this September. Nursery parents who have not sent their application form to the Local Authority (either by post or online) will need to do this urgently as places in the class are limited.

Social Media & Apps

Please talk to children about the use of apps such as Instagram, Snap Chat and other social media, in order that they are keeping safe online. It would also be useful if parents would check that apps being used on phones and iPads are age appropriate, as most social media apps of this type are recommended for over 13s only. The monthly Online Newsletter has lots of useful information and tips.

Dinner Money

Caterlink lunch prices are as follows: Nursery meals cost £1.40 each/ £7.00 per week and KS 2 meals cost £2.10 each/ £10.50 per week.

School meals need to be paid through a ParentPay account, which will enable orders and payment to be completed at home. If you do not have an account, please contact the school office for a username/password.

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Uniform & P.E. Kits

Children should wear a royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan, dark grey trousers/skirt and a white polo or shirt. If the weather is hot, blue checked summer dresses are acceptable or grey/black smart shorts (**no sports wear or leggings**).

Sportswear, jogging bottoms and tracksuit trousers are not uniform and should only be worn on specified P.E. days.

The school outdoor P.E. uniform for Reception to 6 is a grey sweatshirt with school logo (without a hood) and black jogging trousers (sweatshirts & joggers should not have brand logos or designs on them and please don't buy leggings).

Pupils need an indoor P.E. kit, which is a white T shirt, black shorts and black pumps.

Uniform is available from www.oneidentity.co.uk or www.myclothing.com

Please use **only book bags & drawstring PE bags**, so that all items fit in school lockers to keep classrooms and corridors tidy. Lockers are not big enough for back packs or sports bags.



Year 2 Class - Mrs Davidson is now on maternity leave and to provide continuity for the children they will be taught by Mrs Hetherington on Monday & Tuesday and Mrs Murphy on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday this term.

Were you or your children lucky enough to get new electronic devices for Christmas? Would you like to learn how to ensure everyone is safe online? This half term, we are running a competition with a chance to win your very own BeeBot. All parents need to do is create their own account on the National Online Safety website and complete the Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children by clicking this link <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-mary-s-c-p-school-1> Once you have completed the course, your name will automatically be entered into a prize draw. Further competition details can be found on your child's Tapestry / Seesaw account.



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/2022 (REVISED)

AUTUMN TERM 2021

STARTS: Thursday 2nd September 2021 ENDS: Friday 17th December 2021

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

STARTS: Wednesday 5th January 2022 ENDS: Friday 1st April 2022

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February 2022

Good Friday - 15th April 2022
Easter Sunday - 17th April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

STARTS: Wednesday 20th April 2022 ENDS: Wednesday 20th July 2022

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022

Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May 2022
Late May Holiday - Friday 26th May 2022

