

Welcome from your Co Headteachers,

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had! The school has been bursting with Christmas cheer and excitement as we celebrated the end of term. It has been such a joy to see the children enjoying themselves and making special memories.

This week, the children have been rewarded for all their hard work over the term, and they've had a brilliant time with their class treats. The pizza party was, without a doubt, the highlight of the rewards for all children involve. It's been wonderful to see the smiles on their faces as they tucked into their well-earned treat—what a great way to end the term on a high note! We were delighted to have Mr Kopf join us, a language teacher from Bishop Wand to give some of our classes a master class in Spanish. También estaba emocionado de unirse a la fiesta de pizza! (I hope that is right?!)

We ended the week with our very special Christmas service, which was a truly magical occasion. The children were fantastic in their performance, showing incredible confidence and understanding as they shared the Christmas story. Their singing, acting, and storytelling were so impressive, and we couldn't be prouder of them. We even joked that they could be heading for the West End one day—though thankfully, there was no need for expensive tickets!

A huge thank you goes to our amazing staff for making all of this possible. They have worked so hard behind the scenes to make this week and the whole term so special for the children. From organising rewards to preparing the Christmas service, their dedication has been incredible, and we are so grateful for their efforts.



Looking Ahead to January

We hope you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas holiday. Please remember that school starts again on Monday, 6th January, gate opens at 8.35 am. To help make the first week back a smooth one, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Make sure uniforms are ready, including shoes and PE kits.
- Double-check that your child's school bag has everything they need—water bottles, lunchboxes, and any homework.
- School gates will open at the usual time. Please help us get off to a great start by arriving on time!

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term filled with learning and fun. Thank you for your support this year—it means so much to us.

*wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy
New year!*

Best wishes,

Mrs Woodier and Mrs Wayland

St Mary's Achievements

Congratulations, Jasmine and Sophia, on your incredible Stagecoach production of Wicked! We are so proud of your hard work and passion you brought to the stage. It's inspiring to see such creativity and determination come to life from you both in what was clearly a very magical performance! Bravo to both of you!



Governors news...

Message from Your New Chair of Governors

By way of introduction, my name is Teri-Anne Cavanagh, and this term, I was appointed as the new Chair of Governors of St Mary's Hampton School. I have known the school as a parent for six years, and I have always loved its vision, culture, and community, as well as the opportunities it provides for our children to learn and grow within this environment. It is a privilege to serve the school in this new capacity, particularly at this exciting time as it becomes part of the newly formed Instanter Learning Trust.



I spent 16 years working in various corporate governance roles before training for ordination. I am currently a curate at St Mary's Hampton Church, and I enjoy visiting the school in this capacity too, particularly leading collective worship.

This term has been an incredible start to a new season for our school. I am grateful for the support of Revd Ben Lovell (Chair of Trustees, Instanter Learning Trust) and Daniel Aldridge (CEO, Instanter Learning Trust) as I have transitioned into the role of Chair of Governors. I would also like to thank our Co-Heads, Mrs. Wayland and Mrs. Woodier, as well as my fellow Governors on the Local Governing Committee for St Mary's. It is a wonderful team to work with, and I have been so impressed by the passion and commitment each member brings to the school, always focused on the interests of the children.

Please familiarise yourselves with the current Governors via this link to the website: [Our Governors - St Mary's Hampton CE Primary School](#). You will notice that each Governor has been linked to a particular area of focus and responsibility. This ensures that oversight of key areas of the school's life is appropriately allocated among us.

As Governors, we act as a critical friend in support of the leadership team to ensure that all children at St Mary's receive quality teaching and learning across the curriculum, along with enrichment opportunities aligned to the curriculum and the school's vision, rooted in the values of faith, hope, and love.

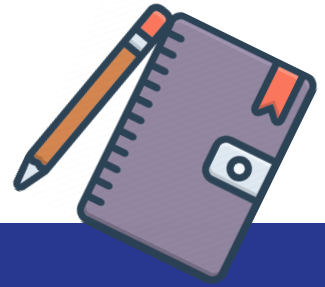
The Governors would like to end the term by thanking all the staff at St Mary's, who have worked diligently to adjust to changes and have continued to demonstrate a high level of commitment to their work. We also want to thank the PTFA for their efforts in raising funds that directly impact the provision of resources for St Mary's pupils. I have always appreciated the African proverb that it takes a village to raise a child, and I am grateful that, by working together, we can help make the primary years a positive, memorable, and successful experience for the children at St Mary's Hampton School.

As we head into the holiday, my prayer is that, amidst the plans and busyness of the season and the realities of life that continue alongside Christmas, you will experience a deep sense of peace, hope, joy, and love that comes from God drawing close.

Revd Teri-Anne Cavanagh
Chair of Governors



Reminders...



Date	Event
Monday 6th January 2025	Return to School
Friday 31st January 2025	9am - MHST: Coffee morning for all parents across the school for managing anxiety for children
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day
Wednesday 12th March and Thursday 13th March 2025	Parents Evening
Friday 14th March 2025	Inset day: School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 18th March 2025	Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum
Friday 4th April 2025	9am - MHST: Coffee morning for all parents across the school for managing anxiety for children – SATs prep
Friday 4th April 2025	Easter Service
Monday 24th April 2025	Year 2 Trip to Wisley Gardens



Adverts



*Celebrate
Christmas
at St Mary's*

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER
5PM CONTEMPORARY CAROLS

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER
8PM CAROLS & READINGS BY CANDLELIGHT

CHRISTMAS EVE
3PM & 4.30PM CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICES
11.30PM MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS DAY
10AM CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLS & COMMUNION



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