



# St Mary and St Peter's Church School News



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## Head's Update... attendance special edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had to carry out an attendance review for our school. Prior to the Covid outbreak, average school attendance was 96%. I know we had some covid issues last year, but I am sorry to report that our school attendance for 2021-2022 dropped below 90% last year.

This included a number of holidays taken during term time. I have included a table below for you to see. As you all know, our staff work exceptionally hard for all our children. I must report to you, that every day of missed school, takes our staff away from other children, because they must try and help children to catch up. I am sure you agree that this is not fair. *(Illness, of course, cannot be avoided)*

This year, every child whose attendance drops below 95%, will now require us to have an Attendance review meeting with you - this will allow us to offer further support to our families. I trust you all understand the urgency of this matter and will do all you can to support us and each other.

Best wishes,

Connel Boyle

Executive Headteacher

## What was your child's attendance last year?

| Your child's Attendance | How many days your child has fallen behind their friends... | If your child is regularly late by... | Over a year, your child has lost... |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 100%                    | 0 Days  | 5 minutes...                          | 3 DAYS LOST                         |
| 95%                     | 9 DAYS BEHIND   | 10 minutes...                         | 6.5 DAYS LOST                       |
| 90%                     | 19 DAYS BEHIND  | 15 minutes...                         | 10 DAYS LOST                        |
| 85%                     | 28 DAYS BEHIND  | 20 minutes...                         | 13 DAYS LOST                        |
| 80%                     | 38 DAYS BEHIND  | 25 minutes...                         | 19.5 DAYS LOST                      |

**Your child will never catch up this learning. As a school we can only make up missed learning for between 5 and 9 days a year. We do try, but cannot work miracles!**



Congratulations to this week's winners!

**Gold Winners**

**Silver Winners**

**Bronze Winners**

**Guiding Stars  
Bodie and Lydia**

**Headteacher's Award**

**Emily Daniel  
Nadine Kyle**



**Headteacher drop-in sessions  
every Friday  
9.30am- 10.00am**

Mr Boyle is available for any parent to drop in to see him without the need for an appointment. Please do feel free to use this session to answer any queries you may have.

**Friday Family Assemblies**

**Every Friday at  
9.05am**

**Team Points  
Week Ending  
23/9/22**

**Malala 155**

**Marcus 195**

**David 181**

**This week's  
winners are**

**Marcus**

**Well done!!!**



**Somerset Rural Life Trip**

Gruffalo Class enjoyed a super trip to the Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury. We think they all made brilliant Victorians!

The Victorian kitchen and discovering and investigating old artefacts proved to be very popular.

We are not sure our school could survive without our Henry Hoover - the Victorian carpet beater must have taken ages to clean a carpet!



## New £7000 playground investment

At last!!! Our new goals and basketball hoops play equipment have arrived and been fitted.

Basketball has never been so popular... we didn't know our children could jump so high!!!



### Diary Dates:

- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm - 3.15pm
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - School Photos after Family Assembly
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Gruffalo & Hobbit Class
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Wadham School Presentation at Family Assembly
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Federation Day @ Shepton
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Last day of term 1
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - INSET Day
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - First Day of Term 2

The school calendar for 2022 to 2023  
can be found under the Parents Tab, listed as Term  
Dates. Go to: [www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk](http://www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk)