



# St Mary Cray Primary Academy

## Autumn Term 2

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## Dates for Your Diaries - 2026

January	
<i>INSET Day: Monday 5th January</i>	
Thur 8th	Open Events for Reception Sept 2026
Mon 19th	Young Voices @ The O2
February	
Mon 2nd	NCMP & Vision Screening – Reception and Y6
Tues 3rd	Year 4 Trip to the British Museum
Fri 6th	Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum
Tue 10th & Wed 11th	Year 6 Bikeability
<i>February Half Term Holiday: Monday 16th – Friday 20th</i>	
March	
Thur 5th	World Book Day
Tue 24th	Parents Evening #1
Thu 26th	Year 2 Trip to Eltham Palace
Thu 26th	Year 6 Trip to Science Museum
Thu 26th	Parents Evening #2
Fri 27th	PTA Event TBC
<i>Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April</i>	



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## Excellence Awards – Autumn Term 2

Well done and congratulations to all of our Excellence Award winners this half term!



## Student Leadership Team

We are very excited to share our Student Leadership Team with you! The children are proudly displayed in the hall for everyone to see and have represented the school fantastically so far.



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## Data Collection Update 2025

Thanks to the introduction of our ARBOR Parent App, parents have the ability to access to their child's school profile (to amend contact details etc). This has therefore removed the need for termly data collection sheets. With this in mind, please could we kindly request that all parents log on to their child's profile to check both consents (in particular photo consents) and your emergency contact details.

If you have not yet logged in to ARBOR, or are having any issues doing so, please contact Mrs Holmes in the School Office.

The link to log in is <https://st-mary-cray-primary.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>.

Details on how to set up can be found on the School Website here: <https://www.st-marycray.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Arbor+Parent+App&pid=568>

## Autumn Term Round up from Mr Frost

### Sports

It has been a busy and exciting half term for sport at St Mary Cray with children across the school showing fantastic enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork in a range of events.

Our **Year 2 Boys Football** team represented the school brilliantly. The children showed great teamwork, listening skills and determination throughout their matches. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as the games progressed, and they should be very proud of their efforts.

We were also delighted to take part in **Lacrosse** for the very first time at Poverest School. This was a brand-new sport to the children and they approached it with a brilliant "have-a-go" attitude. Learning the new skills and rules so quickly was impressive and the team supported one another superbly. We are looking forward to some lacrosse sessions at school next term.

The **Swimming Gala** was another highlight. For many of the children, this was their first experience of a swimming competition and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They showed excellent sportsmanship and perseverance both in and out of the pool.

Finally, a big well done to all those who took part in the **Cross Country** event which took place on a Saturday. We were incredibly proud of the children who gave up their weekend to represent the school. They demonstrated determination, stamina and a fantastic attitude from start to finish.

Across all of these events, the children were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Their effort, behaviour and willingness to try new experiences has been outstanding. Well done to everyone involved!





### Attendance

We are pleased to share that our overall school attendance currently stands at **95.4%**, which is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our pupils and families. Regular attendance is essential for children's learning, confidence, and friendships, as every school day provides valuable opportunities to build skills and knowledge.

We kindly remind parents and carers of the importance of sending children into school every day, on time, unless they are genuinely unwell. If your child is unwell, please ensure you **call the school office before 9:00am on every day of absence** to inform us.

Please also be aware that any pupil whose attendance falls below **90%** is classed as a *persistent absentee*, which may require supportive meetings with Mrs Bassett and the Education Welfare Officer to help identify and overcome any barriers to attendance. By working together, we can ensure all children receive the best possible education.

If you require any support with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Well done to **Year 3 Sapphire** Class for achieving the best attendance this half term!

<b>1st Place</b>	<b>Year 3 Sapphire</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
2nd	Year 6 Pearl	95.6%
3rd	Year 6 Opal	95.2%
4th	Year 1 Emerald	94.9%
5th	Year 5 Onyx	93.3%
6th	Year 2 Ruby	93.3%
7th	Year 4 Topaz	92.9%
8th	Reception Diamond	90.8%

### PTA

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising two fantastic events this half term. The **Christmas Fair** was a huge success and raised an amazing **£1,235** for the school. It was a lovely, festive afternoon enjoyed by children and families alike.

The **Neon Party** was another highlight, with the children having great fun dancing and celebrating with friends. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed and we are very grateful to the PTA for their continued hard work and support of the school. They will be using the money raised to fund school trips moving forwards and supplementing whole school endeavours.



### Events & Trips

This half term has been packed with exciting whole-school events and opportunities, with the children showing enthusiasm, confidence and creativity throughout.

Our **Whole School Toy Swap**, a new event organised by the Sustainability Team, was a great success. It was wonderful to see the children taking part so thoughtfully and embracing the idea of reusing and sharing. A big thank you to **Mrs Tatum** for helping to make this event such a success.

**Oracy Assemblies**, organised by **Miss Hillier**, have been extremely successful. Children have confidently presented on topics of their choice, either individually or with a friend, while the audience took on the role of “talk detectives.” The

enthusiasm has been so high that all presentation slots are now booked until the New Year!

A group of children attended a **Techathon** at Bromley High School, a brand-new event focused on technology. Our E-Safety Ambassadors had the opportunity to see some amazing technology in action. Thank you to **Mr Harwood** and **Mrs DeCastro** for accompanying the children.



Year 2 enjoyed a visit to the **Salvation Army**, where they learned about how it operates and how it supports the local community. The trip helped strengthen links with our community, and the children had a fun and informative day out.

The **iRock Concert** was another highlight of the term. iRock is a popular school club where children form their own bands, and they performed confidently for the whole school and parents. Watch this space – you may even hear them on the radio in the future!

Our **Glades Singing** performances were a lovely way to spread some Christmas cheer. Thank you to **Miss Rae** and **Mr Ricketts** for preparing the children, who sang Christmas songs in the lead-up to Christmas. Although performing in public can be nerve-racking, the children did incredibly well.

**Music Day** was a wonderful celebration of singing and performance, with Christmas concerts from all year groups. The children sang beautifully in a range of venues, including the church, the Nugent Centre and the Salvation Army.





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Finally, **Christmas Jumper Day** brought lots of festive cheer. It was lovely to see everyone in their Christmas jumpers enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner together – a perfect way to end the term.

We have had such a busy half-term, with lots of activities and hard work seen throughout the school. We look forward to seeing attendance rising back to our impressive levels seen before, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

Mr Frost  
Headteacher





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## Community Notices & External Club Info

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# Winter Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food programme

**Bromley is running a holiday club programme for eligible children and young people.**

[www.Bromley.gov.uk/  
HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme](http://www.Bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme)

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JOIN THE FUN

**There are spaces in bands at your school**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spaces in iRock bands are available to join now - secure their spot and join the fun!

**What is iRock?** At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly in-school band sessions are open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

**Music for all.** iRock aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong. Each week, children develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications — celebrating progress without the pressure of formal exams.

**Feel like a rockstar!** The excitement culminates every term in a live concert where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances are more than just a showcase—they're an opportunity for children to build self-esteem, enhance their confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

iRock isn't just about music; it's about helping children thrive cognitively, socially, and academically through the power of music.

**Key information:**

- **No experience needed** and all instruments are provided
- Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos
- Hassle-free **monthly subscription** that can be cancelled at any time with a **first lesson money-back guarantee**,

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Joshua Franklin  
Founder  
iRock School of Music



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# FOOTBALL CLUBS

## TERM TIME 2025 - 2026

### AT ST MARY CRAY PRIMARY ACADEMY

- ★ Fun filled football learning for boys & girls of all abilities
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Excluding school holidays & Inset days

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WISHING YOU A RESTFUL  
CHRISTMAS BREAK!



# Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Have a wonderful  
Christmas Break, we will  
see you all again on

# Tuesday 6th January 2026

(INSET on Monday 5th January - school closed to pupils)