



St Mary Cray Primary Academy

Autumn Term 2

20th December 2024



Dates for Your Diaries - 2025

January	
Monday 6th: INSET Day – Children not in School	
Friday 10th	NCMP and Vision Screening (Reception and Y6)
Wednesday 22nd	KS1 Multi Skills @ Leasons
February	
Wednesday 12th	Year 6 Bikeability
February Half Term: Monday 17th – Friday 20th Feb	
March	
Wednesday 12th	KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket @ Leasons
Tuesday 25th	Spring Term Parent Consultations
Thursday 27th	Spring Term Parent Consultations
April	
Easter Break: Monday 7th – Monday 21st April	
Tuesday 3rd	Children return to school



Excellence Awards – Autumn Term 2

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





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Autumn Term Round up from Mr Frost

What a busy and eventful half-term we have had! From trips to the Natural History Museum and the Royal Observatory, to numerous events in school - we have certainly had a huge amount to look forward to during these longer winter days.

Anti-Bullying Week gave us a chance to wear our **odd socks** to demonstrate our firm beliefs that difference and diversity is a strength, and didn't we see some interesting combinations! Soon after that, we showed one of our values of collaboration when teaming with friends and colleagues from Leeson's Primary School - competing fantastically against other schools in the **Bromley Swimming Gala** to perform admirably at Beckenham Spa.



Finally, in November we had our second annual **No Pens Day**; the children all took part in a variety of activities that didn't include writing, such as fitness sessions, origami, debate and many, many more - having a brilliant time in the process!



December then brought with it some fantastic PTA led events as we got firmly into the Christmas spirit:

The **Christmas Fayre** this year was bigger and better than ever! The work behind the scenes started long before, and allowed us to all indulge in some fantastic activities and pick up some early Christmas gifts for loved ones. Thank you to the PTA for putting on an amazing event, and congratulations to all for raising over **£1,750** that will all go back into the school. But the PTA weren't done just yet! They came back the week after and gave all classes a chance to have some extra P.E in the form of a **Santa Dash**; the children had a fantastic time and raised further funds to allow us to travel to the O2 in the new year for the Young Voices concert. At time of writing, I still have a hamper waiting in my office for the child who raised the most; and we will share with you the first week back how much was raised. I was personally relieved not to be involved in this one - I'm not sure my legs would get me through that again...

The PTA then had a well-deserved break (apart from yet another day in school sorting the shed) and on the 13th December handed over to **iRock**. In an assembly in front of the whole school and parents, we were so impressed to see the children's musical ability come to the fore as they shone on the drums, guitar, and keyboard. The music theme



then continued into our final week, with our friends at Temple Church kindly hosting us again for our superb **Christmas Nativities and Carol Concerts** - not to mention Year 5 serenading their audience at the



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Salvation Army. We had one more event up our sleeves however, and the penultimate day had us taking part in our annual **Science Fayre** - eggs in vinegar, volcanoes, oobleck, robots and more! Congratulations to all the children for all of their endeavours, and thank you to all for making these events possible.

November and December meant the children fought through coughs, sniffles and more, and so to see our attendance remain strong (95.7% overall for the year so far) is an absolute testament to you all and so thank you. And to the hardworking staff at our school, thank you to you for your enthusiasm, dedication, and support across a long term; the

events documented above are a supplement to your skill and passion in the classroom.

On a personal note, a final note of thanks for your support over the past 10 weeks. I will be continuing as Acting Headteacher for the foreseeable future, while Mr Jamieson continues his role at Leeson.

I just want to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year. I will see you all on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Many thanks,

Mr Frost.

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>



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1st Place	Y2 Sapphire	96.4%
2nd	Y6 Diamond	96.2%
3rd	Y5 Opal	96.1%
4th	Y4 Onyx	94.8%
5th	Y5 Pearl	94.7%
6th	Y1 Ruby	94.6%
7th	Reception Emerald	93.0%
8th	Y3 Topaz	92.8%

Well done to **Year 2 Sapphire Class** for achieving the best attendance this term!

New attendance rules have been in place since August of this year (see image, right).

ATTENDANCE WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week. Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £180 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

1 **£160**

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3 **10 IN 10**
IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.
1 DAY = **2** SESSIONS

4 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

5 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME
2 parents and...
1 child - £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given.
Your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

1 FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

Community Notices



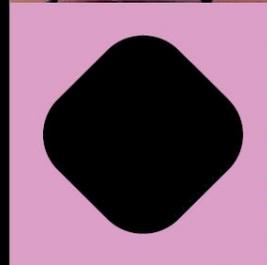
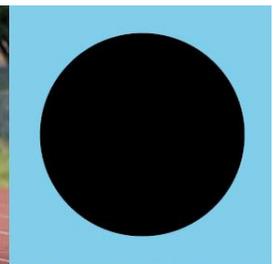
Save the date...

for Access Sport's Multi-Sport SEND Festival, open to disabled young people aged 5-25.

Sunday 23 February 2025

Coopers School Sports Hall, BR7 5PS

1:00 - 3:00 pm





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**SOUTH LONDON GIRLS FOOTBALL ACADEMY
INVITES ST MARY CRAY PRIMARY ACADEMY
TO OUR NEW ACADEMY CENTRE**

6 WEEKS

GIRLS AGED:

FREE

6-14

AT

BROMLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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