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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year!

It has been wonderful to see all the smiling faces this week and how beautifully the children have settled into their new classes, even on Thursday in the pouring rain! Well done to you all for preparing your children so well to return to school, especially after such a beautiful, sunny break.

If you are a new family starting with us at St. Mary's, a very warm welcome. You won't need to wait long to see your child settle in, and they have been helping us settle in too! Please make sure you watch out for the weekly newsletter to keep up to date with everything happening in school.

As the new co-headteachers of St. Mary's Hampton School, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the amazing start our pupils have had, and to wish you all a wonderful weekend. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know your children, learning new names, hearing about their summer adventures, and beginning this journey together. We would also like to thank you for the support and the positive, friendly reception you have given us at the gate.

*"Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us encourage one another."*

— Hebrews 10:24-25

Date	Event
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b>	Meet the Teacher Year 1 and 2
<b>Wednesday 18th September</b>	Meet the Teacher Year 3 and 4
<b>Thursday 19th September</b>	Meet the Teacher Year 5 and 6
<b>W/C Monday 23rd September</b>	Year 5 Swimming
<b>W/C Monday 23rd September</b>	Year 6 PGL Trip
<b>27th September</b>	Mental Health Service Team 9am in the Hall Managing Anxiety in Children
<b>Wednesday 3rd October</b>	Bishop Wand Open Evening
<b>10th /11th October</b>	Open Mornings: New Intake
<b>24th/25th October</b>	2024—25
<b>28th October—1st November</b>	Half Term
<b>20th/21st November</b>	Parents Evenings
<b>22nd November</b>	Inset Day

Our **iShare Learning** theme this half term is



This year, we will be introducing our new "iShare Learning Themes." These will guide our planning and delivery of collective worship. Through this new approach, we will share Christian family values and apply our learning to our lives, based on a Bible verse for each theme. At the end of each half-term, the children will reflect on our iShare learning with our 'buddy activity.'

Our iShare theme for this half-term is: **Belonging Together**

- We are all part of different communities—school, church, clubs, our family—and God gives us each other to support and care for.
- We can help shape our communities by encouraging each other, being kind, and being helpful.
- God has given us people in our lives to be together with, and it is good to build friendships with one another.
- Togetherness is shown through shared expectations and routines, which are like the glue that holds us together.

We have seen some fantastic learning this week, and we were particularly excited to see how immersed our Year 6 children were as they launched into their World War 2 theme. Mrs. Rowlandson writes:

*"Year 6 have made a great start to the year and are already setting an excellent example to the rest of the school with their maturity. The year started off with a 'BANG' (literally) when The Blitz came to the classroom, and we all had to evacuate to the 'air raid shelter'! Once we were safely inside, we learned all about how WW2 started. In DT, we learned how the shape of a material can affect its strength by looking at the curved, corrugated design of Anderson shelters used in WW2. We then analysed existing educational, scaled models before devising a design brief for our own 'Victory Garden' models intended for a target market. In RE, we thought about significant milestones in a person's life and the influences on a person's life journey, and in PSHE, we learned how to set challenging but realistic goals to achieve by the end of Year 6."*



As with any new leadership, there are some changes in place that we hope will enhance our school environment and support our students' learning experiences. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we find our feet during this transition period. Here are a few key changes to be aware of starting from Monday:

- **New Behaviour Policy:** We have introduced a revised behaviour policy aimed at fostering a positive and respectful school culture. The policy focuses on clear expectations, consistent consequences, and a supportive framework to help all students thrive. This will be available on the website next week.
- **Earlier Gate Opening & Soft Start:** To help ease the morning transition and ensure students are ready to begin learning at 8:45 am, we are now opening the school gates earlier for a soft start at 8:35 am. This allows students to make their way into their classrooms in a calm and settled manner, setting the tone for a productive day ahead. We would love to encourage independence from Year 1, so please feel free to leave your child with us, and they can walk to their classroom to be greeted by their teacher.

- **Register Timing:** Please note that with this soft start, the school registers will now close at 9:00 am, at which point lessons will start. This small adjustment ensures that we can maximize learning time and get the day off to a prompt and organised start.
- **Collection of Students:** If you would like to authorise your **Year 6** child to leave our site at the end of the day and walk home, please sign the home-school agreement form with Mrs. Rowlandson. This option will only be made available for Year 6.

We are truly grateful for your support as we implement these changes, and we look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend with your families!

God bless,

Mrs. Woodier and Mrs. Wayland

Day	PE Days
<b>Monday</b>	Year 5 (Swimming Kit) Year 4 and 6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 2
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 1
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
<b>Friday</b>	Year 3, 5 and 6