



# St Mary and St Peter's Church School News



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## Head's Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.

### New Behaviour and Relationships Policy

Our school staff have spent the last 6 months researching the most up to date research on the effects of the pandemic on our children's social development. As a result, we have developed a new behaviour policy for our school. As you will see from the title, we now include the word **Relationships** in the policy.

At the heart of the policy is the core development of building meaningful relationships in the school. We also have more "instant" rewards that are also more visual. The policy will come into effect during January. I have copied the link below and if any of you have any comments, please do come and see me at my drop-in session.

<https://threesaintsfederation.co.uk/policies/>

Best wishes,

Connel Boyle

Executive Headteacher



## Attendance Update

**We are becoming concerned at the fall in attendance at school, particularly during December.**

**Next week all parents will receive an attendance Update Letter for your children.**

**Children with attendance below 90% will be invited to an Attendance Support Meeting with Mr Boyle.**

**When attendance falls below 90%, a child's school record is updated to being a "Persistent Absentee" and we have to report this to Somerset Local Authority.**

## Who would like to win a bike!?!?

### The **BIG** Attendance Competition 2023/2024

Every child in the school whose attendance is 95% or more, will be entered into a draw on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

One lucky winner will win a bike!

**Our School attendance target is 95%**

**We are at 92.37% -1.49%**

**Hobbit Class current attendance 92.39% -0.59%**



**Needs to improve!**

**Gruffalo Class current attendance 92.35% -2.79%**



**Lots of bugs!**



**Guiding Stars**  
**Rory     Arthur**

**Headteacher's Award**  
**Jared     Arthur**  
**Rory     Joseph**



**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**

**What was your child's attendance for the Autumn term?**

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!**

Diary Dates:

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Term
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - First Day of Term
- ADVANCE DATE years 3/4/5/6 Residential 3-5<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 95%+ ATTENDANCE WIN A BIKE DRAW**



The school calendar for 2023 to 2024 can be found under the Parents Tab, listed as Term Dates. Go to: [www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk](http://www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk)