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|  | First Day Back | Last Day in School |  |
| Break up for Summer 2023 |  | Thursday 20th July 2023 | Tues 5th Sept am onlyNew Starters |
| Autumn Half Term (1) 2023 | Wednesday 6th September 2023 | Friday 20th October 2023 |  |
| Autumn Half Term (2) 2024 | Tuesday 31st October 2023 | Friday 15th December 2023 |  |
| Spring Half Term (1) 2024 | Tuesday 9thJanuary 2024 | Friday 16th February 2024  |  |
| Spring Half Term (2) 2024 | Mon 26th February 2024 | Thursday 28th March 2024 |  |
| Summer Half Term (1) 2024 | Monday 15th April 2024 | Friday 24th May 2024(Mon 6th May Bank Holiday) |  |
| Summer Half Term (2) 2024 | Monday 3rd June 2024 | Thursday 18th July 2024 |  |
| *Open 9am-12pm* *School Leavers Only* | *School Leavers Only*Friday 19th July 2024*9am-12pm* | Party for school leavers | ***Closed 12pm-3pm*** ***Staff Training***  |
| Return for new academic year |  September 2024 |  |  |

Holiday Dates and Playgroup Absence: September 2023 – July 2024

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

Fri 29th March 2024 Good Friday
 Mon 1st April 2024 Easter Monday
 Mon 6th May 2024 May Bank Holiday

**What to do if my child is ill**

Contact school before 9am on the first day to notify staff of your child’s absence and reason for the absence. The playgroup will contact parents if no message has been received by 9.30 am if your child is absent from school. If a child is receiving the free nursery place, attendance may be checked at any time by the local authority and parents may be charged for absences if they are unauthorised. However as long as we are informed, we can record as an authorised absence. We would love every child to have full attendance but fully understand that children pick up many illnesses in the early years. This said, we also want the children to be fit and well for preschool. This is not just for themselves. but to avoid spreading any infections or illnesses to others**. If your child is ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, has a high temperature, is not eating or drinking properly or is generally not themselves, then your child should remain at home for at least 48 hours and/or until they are fit and well enough to return. If your child appears generally unwell during their session, we reserve the right to ring you and ask you to collect your child. Only medication prescribed by a doctor can be administered by the team at St. John’s. Parents will be asked to complete a permission to administer medication form.** Children that are prescribed medicine by the doctor should remain at home for **48 hours** to ensure they have no adverse effect to the medication and to give the medication time to start taking effect. We only call a parent/carer to collect a child after much consideration and with a full team agreement. When we request that a child is to be collected due to a high or low temperature, we have taken the child’s temperature a minimum of three times within an hour, or sooner if it is an extremely high reading. Whilst we appreciate that a child may appear to rally round at home, we believe that the reason for this is that preschool is a noisy environment and children that are under the weather often cannot cope with the noise, hustle and bustle.