



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest

Next week, we will be celebrating Harvest in school. During this time, we will explore how Harvest is celebrated both here in the UK and around the world by Christians.



Harvest is a time to give thanks for the crops that have been safely gathered. As Christians, we thank God for the food we receive during this season.

Christians believe that God created the world and everything in it. This special time of year gives us the opportunity to show gratitude for the wide variety of food we enjoy and for everything that helps it grow.

Many Christians celebrate with a Harvest Festival in church, which includes praying, singing, and decorating the space. Baskets of food are brought as offerings to thank God, and these are often donated to those in need.

Harvest Donations

We are asking for donations of food cupboard items (non-perishable) to be sent into school by Friday 11th October. We will then deliver them to Melton Storehouse.



storehouse

Melton Store house support people and families by providing food, clothing, bedding, baby equipment and household appliances. Your donations will directly help people who are struggling or vulnerable.

Harvest Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the sunshine and the rain,
For the seeds that grow into food again.
Thank you for apples, pumpkins, and wheat,
For all the good things we can eat.

Thank you for farmers, fields, and trees,
For buzzing bees and gentle breeze.
Help us to share with those in need,
And always be thankful for each good deed.

Amen.



SEN Calls

If your child is on the SEN register in Years 1-6 and has an SEN Profile, their new targets will be sent home on Friday 9th October following our SEN review meetings.

We will be holding SEN telephone consultations with your child's class teacher on Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October. These meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's SEN provision, progress and new targets.

Booking of appointments will open at 6pm on Monday 5th October and close at 10pm on Thursday 8th October. You will find them under Guardian Consultations on Arbor.

We are unable to offer alternative dates or in person/TEAMS meeting for these reviews.

Children's Possessions

Please ensure that your child's possessions are ALL labelled clearly with their name and class. This includes coats and water bottles, as well as lunch boxes. We have a lot of homeless school items in our lost property box!



Applying for a place in Reception for September 2027



Everyone must apply for a school place, as there is no automatic entry for any school.

Online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception class for children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st of August 2023. You can apply online and on time. Applying online is secure and is the quickest and easiest way to apply.

The application window for children seeking to start school for the first time from Autumn 2025 is now open until the national closing date of midnight on Monday

15th January 2027. You will find out if your child has been offered a place on 16th April 2026.

Leicestershire County Council have created a one-page checklist to help you with the admission process. [School admissions checklist](#)

Apply online at:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Secondary School Applications – Important Reminder

If your child is in Year 6 you **must** have applied for a secondary school place by the 31st of October 2026.



Weaving & Sewing Club

Our Thursday lunchtime Weaving and Sewing Club continues to be a huge success, with pupils enjoying the opportunity to learn and develop new creative skills. Under the guidance of Mrs Port and Mrs Maxfield, the children have produced some fantastic pieces of work recently, showing great patience, creativity and attention to detail. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing what wonderful creations they make next! ✂️ 🧵 ☀️



Parents Evenings



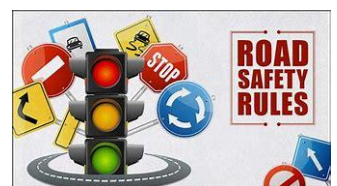
Our Parents Evenings for this term are being held on Monday 26th October and Wednesday 4th November 3.30-6.00pm.

The booking system will go live on Monday 5th October at 6.00pm on Arbor and it will close on Wednesday 14th of October at 10pm.

Children's Cycles and Scooters

Please can I ask you to remind your child/ren that they must not ride or scoot when they are on the school grounds. We have also been made aware by members of our community that some children in years 5 and 6 have been spotted riding dangerously on the nearby roads.

Please can you talk to your child/ren about the importance of keeping themselves safe.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you to all of you who attended our MacMillan Coffee Morning today. We hope you all had a wonderful time. We were so proud of each class during their wonderful Harvest performances. We will let you know as soon as possible how much money we have raised for this fabulous charity.

Parents Opens Session



We warmly invite you to our Parents' Open Session on Monday 5th of October, from 3:30 to 4:00pm.

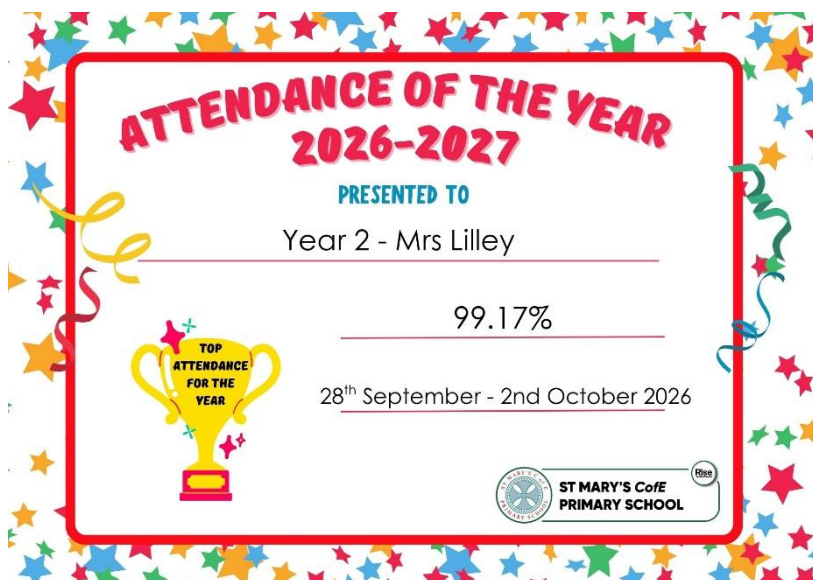


This informal session will give you the opportunity to look through your child's books together and celebrate the joy of their learning. We hope you'll enjoy seeing the progress they've made and sharing in their achievements.

Attendance of the Week

A huge congratulations to Year 2, who are this week's winners! Their excellent attendance and commitment to coming to school every day have earned them the top spot this week. Well done to all the children and families for helping make every school day count.

"Every day you show up is another chance to learn, grow, and shine your brightest!"



classroom



EYFS have been getting into the harvest mood this week with lots of exciting, harvest-themed activities! 🌾 We have been using the lovely story *Harvest Soup* to help us recall events and talk about what happens in the story. The children have also had great fun exploring our water table, which has magically turned red and glittery! ✨ What a wonderful week of learning, exploring and a little bit of harvest magic!

Year 1 have had a wonderful week! In Science, they have been learning all about the seasons and weather, finishing the topic by creating some amazing windsocks that were perfect for catching the breeze and taking home to show their families. In Maths, they have been writing simple number sentences, and inspired by *The Cave* by Rob Hodgson, they have been writing simple sentences about the story. I have also heard that the children did themselves proud at our Harvest Celebration this morning, singing beautifully and showcasing their confidence. Well done, Year 1!

Year 3 have been working hard when adding and subtracting three-digit numbers with exchanges. A lot of them have found it tricky but have persevered and made good progress with this! In English, we have been completing our scaffolded write on a legend story – this was a very big narrative, so it's taken us a while to finish! In computing, we have been learning about inputs and outputs for electronic devices. In reading, we have almost finished our novel *Leonora Bolt*. Some of the children have mentioned that there are sequels to this and are enthusiastic to read more! Finally, well done to all the children for singing during our Harvest celebration too. What a busy week!

It's been another busy one in **Year 5**! We have just completed our maths unit on addition and subtraction and are moving onto multiplication and division now. We have written our first version of a persuasive speech in our writing lessons. Now we are editing and revising them to make them as good as possible before reading them out to each other (only if we feel comfortable doing so). We have come to the end of our Earth and Space unit in Science and have made some great videos about how we see day and night and how the sun appears to move across the sky. In PE we have been practising our shooting skills against Mr Galvin, who it turns out isn't a great goalkeeper.

Year 2, firstly well done to the class for their wonderful performance at the harvest festival. We visited the nature area and looked at habitats. We found all sorts of lovely creatures in the area and looked at the habitats. Mrs Lilley's brother kindly emailed a video of the hedgehog that visits his garden regularly and we discussed why the hedgehog, and its family had made their home in a certain area of the garden. The children were all particularly excited to see there were baby hedgehogs called hoglets, in the video too!

This week, **Year 4** have been busy learning all about rivers and exploring how they shape and change our environment. We are really looking forward to putting our learning into practice on our trip next week! The children have also been working hard in Maths, developing their skills in column addition and subtraction and continuing to practise and master their times tables. In French, we have been learning the names of different colours and numbers, and in Gymnastics, the children have been working with partners to create and perform short routines. They have been fantastic to watch and have shown great teamwork, creativity and confidence!

Another fantastic week in **Year 6**! We have been developing our persuasive writing skills and building on what we learned last year. In maths, we have expanded our understanding of fractions and can now find equivalent fractions in calculations. In PE, there was lots of laughter and discussion as we used our orienteering skills to find checkpoints, demonstrating excellent teamwork throughout. We finished the week with a wonderful Harvest Celebration and Macmillan Coffee Morning, where the class sang beautifully. Well done, everyone!

Dates to Remember 2026-2027

Below are dates for this academic year. We will continue to add new dates, and these will be added in green.

Print me and keep me handy!

Monday 5 th October	Parents Open Classroom Event
Wednesday 7 th October	Sky Dance Auditions with Mrs Pole & Mrs Short
Friday 9 th October	SEN Profiles to Parents
Monday 12 th October	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
	Parent Survey (details to follow)
Tuesday 13 th October	SEN Calls to Parents (details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th October	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
	SEN Calls to Parents (details to follow)
	Gymnastic Auditions with Mrs Pole
Friday 16th October	School Closed – Inset Day
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October	Half Term
Monday 26 th October	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 27 th October	Individual Pupil School Photos
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Monday 9 th November	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
Thursday 12 th November	FoSMS Monthly Meeting at 3.30pm
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Monday 16 th November	Anti Bullying Week
	Odd Sock Day (details to follow)
Wednesday 18 th November	Extra date added! Prospective New Starters 2027 event
Thursday 19 th November	Rev'd Mary Barr Collective Worship
Friday 27 th November	FoSMS Disco – All year groups (details to follow)
	Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church opens
Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas Tree Festival closes at 12noon
Monday 7 th December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Tuesday 8 th December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Wednesday 9 th December	EYFS Nativity (details to follow)
Thursday 17 th December	Relish Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Autumn term
21st December 2026 – 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January 2027	School Open – Spring Term starts
Friday 12th February	School Closed – Inset Day
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	Half Term