



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,



As we reach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and partnership. It has been a busy and rewarding few weeks, and we are incredibly proud of how the children have settled into their routines and embraced their learning.

From engaging lessons and creative projects to outdoor activities and community initiatives, such as our Harvest donations for Melton Storehouse, the children have shown kindness, curiosity, and a real sense of teamwork. These moments remind us of the strength and spirit of our school community.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment to ensuring every child feels supported and inspired. Their efforts make a real difference every day.

As school closes for the half-term break on Thursday 15th October (staff Inset Day on Fri 16th October) we will be sending out diary dates for the next half term as a helpful reminder – especially for events where you may wish to book time off.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and we wish all our families a happy and restful half-term break.

Warm regards,

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Supporting Our Local Community

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our collection for Melton Storehouse. We have been delighted by the generosity shown by our families, and the children have enjoyed seeing how each donation helps build a larger contribution to support those in our local community.



By working together, we can help provide practical support to local individuals and families facing challenging circumstances. Every donation, no matter how small, is appreciated and will help make a positive difference.

Thank you for helping us demonstrate our school values of kindness, compassion, and community spirit.

Important Reminder

If your child is currently in Year 6, it is essential that you apply for a secondary school place by the national deadline of **31st October 2026**. There is no automatic transfer to secondary school, and late applications may result in your child not being offered a place at your preferred school.



You can apply online via the <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>. The process is secure, straightforward, and allows you to list multiple preferences. We strongly encourage you to use all available preferences and to include your catchment school to maximise your chances.

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 went live on Monday 5th October on Arbor and will close on Wednesday 14th October. **If you have not yet booked, then please do this as soon as possible. We are unable to offer alternative dates and times.**

Parents Opens Session

It was absolutely lovely to see so many parents and children at our open session on Monday 5th of October. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and it was a real joy to see the children proudly sharing all their incredible work. Thank you for taking the time to join us and for your continued support – it means so much to our school community.



Special Visitor: Prayer Activities with Carol Parker

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Carol Parker into school for a special day of prayer and reflection with our children. Carol spent time with every class, leading engaging and thought-provoking prayer activities that encouraged pupils to reflect on themselves, others, and the world around them.

The children participated enthusiastically, sharing their ideas and experiences while exploring themes of gratitude, kindness, hope, and community. It was wonderful to see the thoughtful discussions that took place and the respectful way in which the children engaged with the activities.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Carol for giving her time to support our pupils' spiritual development and for providing such a meaningful experience for everyone involved. We thoroughly enjoyed her visit and look forward to welcoming her back to St Mary's in the future.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Success



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 2nd October.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Fendell and her dedicated team of helpers who worked so hard behind the scenes to organise such a warm, welcoming, and successful event. From planning and preparation to serving refreshments on the day, their efforts ensured that all enjoyed the morning.

We are delighted to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we raised **£830** for Macmillan Cancer Support. This money will help Macmillan continue to provide vital care and support to people living with cancer and their families.



Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, volunteered, or attended. Your kindness and community spirit helped make the morning such a special occasion and a tremendous success.

SEN Profiles and SMART Targets

If your child is on our SEND Register, they will have brought home today their updated SEN Profile along with their new SMART targets. These targets will provide a clear focus for their learning and development and will be worked on in school between now and our next SEND review meetings at the end of January.

We are incredibly proud of the progress all of our children have made so far this term. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow, their achievements celebrated and their perseverance in working towards their individual goals. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with families to support every child in reaching their full potential.

Don't Forget!

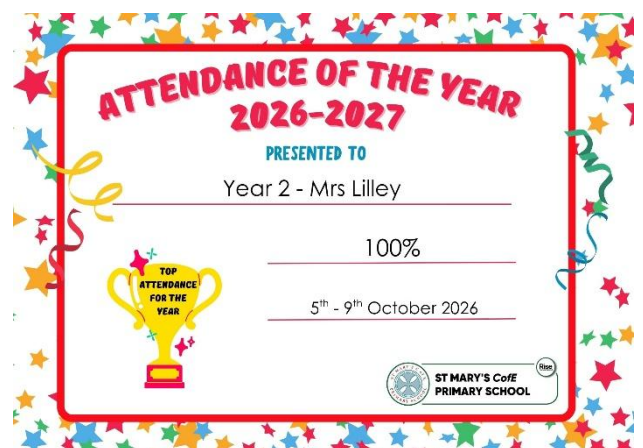
Class teachers will be holding SEN calls on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th of October to discuss your child's SEN profile and new targets. These can be booked via Arbor.

Attendance of the Week



A huge well done to Year 2, who are this week's Attendance Winners! Despite several seasonal bugs making their way around school, Year 2 have shown fantastic commitment and have successfully joined the 100% Club this week.

We are incredibly proud of their excellent attendance and positive attitude. Keep up the amazing work, Year 2!



Hello Yellow Day

Our school was a wonderful sea of yellow today as children and staff came together to support YoungMinds Hello Yellow Day and raise awareness of the importance of mental health.



It was fantastic to see so many bright, cheerful outfits around school, helping to spread a positive message that it's okay to talk about how we feel and that looking after our mental wellbeing is just as important as looking after our physical health.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a colourful and uplifting success!

Play Parks Project

This week, a group of our children had the exciting opportunity to work with Melton Borough Council's Projects Team as part of their Play Parks Project. The children were invited to share their views on the proposed redesign of the playground on Dieppe Way, giving feedback on the range of new equipment being considered, the colour schemes, and whether the designs were suitable for different age groups.

Our pupils represented the school brilliantly, offering thoughtful ideas and honest opinions that will help shape the future play area for local children. They were extremely helpful, polite and engaged throughout the consultation, demonstrating excellent communication skills and maturity.

We are very proud of the way they contributed to this important community project and thank them for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school.



classroom



This week in **EYFS**, we have been enjoying the story *Leaf Man* to support our literacy learning, using the text to develop our vocabulary and storytelling skills. In Maths, we have been learning to represent the number 4 in different ways and have used Numberblocks to create a variety of patterns showing four. In Art, we have been learning about Mondrian and exploring his use of lines, shapes, and colour. The children created their own Mondrian-inspired artwork, and their creations have been absolutely fabulous!

Year 1 took a stroll through *The Gruffalo* book, Year 1 saw the book and the book looked good! In Maths we have been learning number bonds, and the many ways to write our number sentences. We have also started our Art this week by creating warm and cold colours on a colour wheel using just the 3 primary colours.

Year 2 have finished our science topic on habitats this week ending with the children designing their own posters on saving animals habitats and recognising the effects of global warming and deforestation on various habitats. It created a really interesting discussion in the classroom and some wonderful designs for their posters. Well done year 2 for discussing such a big subject!

This week in **Year 3**, we have completed our scaffolded write on a legend narrative. We are now planning our own story with a hero and a villain! We have also been continuing with three-digit addition and subtraction. In French, we have been practising numbers from 1-10 and the children are super enthusiastic about it. Also, in PSHE, we have been looking at friendships and what makes a good friend. Overall, we have had a super busy week!

This week in **Year 4**, we have been busy learning and having lots of fun! In Maths, we have been developing our subtraction skills and have worked really hard to build our confidence and accuracy. We have had lots of fun in Gymnastics, where we have been learning how to perform different jumps and turns.

Miss Mann was also brave enough to get our Sewing Project underway! We learnt how to use a whip stitch, and the children picked it up incredibly quickly. Well done, Year 4 — you should be immensely proud of yourselves!

In **Year 5**, we have once again been putting our writing skills into action by completing another independent persuasive piece in addition to using iPads for our planning. In Maths, we have continued to strengthen our times table knowledge as we investigate the factors of different numbers. In PE, we have enthusiastically started our new dance unit and have already discovered some budding choreographers among both the boys and girls. Their creativity has been wonderful to see!

Year 6 have been busy planning another independent persuasive writing piece on a topic of their choice. We certainly have some persuasive children in our class! In Maths, we have continued building our understanding of fractions through addition, subtraction and mixed-number word problems. Our Science unit has now finished, and the children have developed a greater understanding of how the human body works, with investigating pulse rates proving a memorable hands-on learning

Dates to Remember 2026-2027

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

Monday 12 th October	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
	Parent Survey (details to follow)
Tuesday 13 th October	SEN Calls to Parents
Wednesday 14 th October	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
	SEN Calls to Parents
	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
Tuesday 27 th October	Individual Pupil School Photos
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents Evening
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