ST MARY'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 6th November 2026

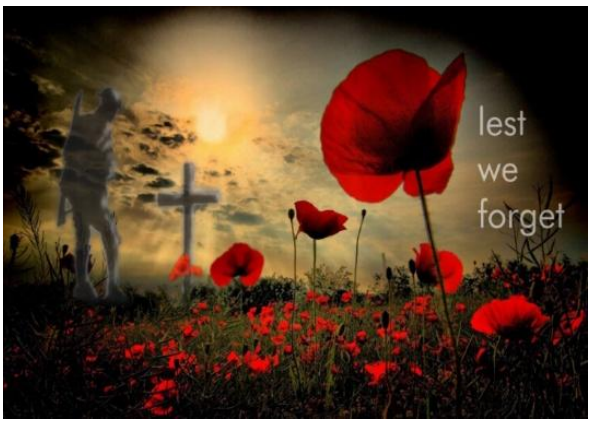
Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about 'Remembrance Day.' The children have been thinking about why we have Remembrance Day and the importance of it.

Why We Mark Remembrance Day in School

At our school, we believe it is important to mark Remembrance Day as an opportunity for children to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served their country. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, pupils learn about the importance of courage, resilience, respect and peace, while developing an understanding of significant events from our shared history.

Remembrance Day also provides a valuable opportunity to help children appreciate the freedoms they enjoy today and to reflect on the impact that conflict has had on individuals, families and communities. Together, we take time to honour and remember those who have served, including members of our own families and local community, and to express our gratitude for their sacrifice.



As a school community, we will come together in remembrance, reflecting on the past while encouraging hope for a peaceful future.

Armistice Day - 11th November

On 11th November, we will pause to mark Armistice Day, remembering the service and sacrifice of all those who have served in the Armed Forces and those who continue to serve today. As a school community, we will observe the national two-minute silence and take time to reflect on the importance of peace, remembrance and gratitude.

To help us recognise this important occasion, any child who attends a local uniformed organisation, such as Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or a Cadet Unit, is warmly invited to wear their uniform to school on the day if they wish. We look forward to seeing our pupils proudly representing their groups as we come together in remembrance.

FoSMS Disco



Forms were sent home at the beginning of this week, and the payments are set up on Arbor. Please ensure you return the form and make the payment by the deadline of 12noon Wednesday 25th November.

BBC Children in Need will take place on Friday 13th November.



We will be supporting BBC Children in Need with an **Own Clothes Day with a Spotty Theme** on Friday 13th November. We kindly ask for a £1 donation to support this fantastic cause.

We will also be holding **two special cake raffles**, with cakes kindly baked by Mrs Sanders and Mrs Fendell. Raffle tickets will be available for **50p each**, and children should bring their money into school on the day.



A letter has been sent home with full details on how to make your donation.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise money and to help this wonderful charity who supports disadvantaged children and young people across the UK by providing vital funding to projects and organisations that make a real difference to their lives.

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November, with the theme: Break the Silence. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

This year's campaign - Break the Silence will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and act together.

The theme was developed in collaboration with the anti-bullying sector and shaped directly by the voices of more than 200 children and young people, many of whom spoke about the silence that can surround bullying and the barriers young people face in asking for help.

Organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is coordinated by leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau, Anti-Bullying Week has become one of the largest children's wellbeing campaigns in the UK, reaching an estimated 8 million children and young people and over 80% of schools each year.



Odd Socks Day is taking place on Monday 16th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. If your child/ren would like to take part, then we can't wait to see them in their 'odd socks.'

You can find out more about it here:
https://youtu.be/eFrFfAUtqcU?si=RHgc0ECOO2APNFij

Anti-Bullying Week Live Assembly

Children in Year 3-6 will also be taking part in the Anti bullying Week Live lesson on Monday 16th November.

What will happen in the Anti-Bullying Week Live Lesson?

In this live lesson the children will learn how to break the silence and explore how we can stand up to bullying.

In this interactive Live Lesson, children will explore why people might stay quiet when they see or experience bullying and consider how they can speak up safely and appropriately. Through engaging activities and scenarios, they'll explore the different ways we can support ourselves and others.

Young Governors and Collective Worship Leaders - Election Update

Following a very busy week in school, we have had to postpone the announcement of our Young Governor and Collective Worship Leader election results until Monday.

We will, of course, share the full results as soon as they are available. Good luck to all our candidates!

Labelling Clothes



Now that the weather has turned, please can you pop your child/rens names inside their coats, gloves, and hats. This will help us to reunite them with their owners. Children must have a coat in school with them. It is starting to get chilly out there and some of the children are complaining that they are cold.

A Friendly Reminder about Absences and the 48-Hour Rule

As we move into the cooler autumn and winter months, we kindly ask families to help us keep our school community healthy by following the **48-hour rule** for sickness and diarrhoea. If your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, they should stay at home for **48 hours after their last episode** before returning to school.



We know this can sometimes be inconvenient, but it is one of the most effective ways to prevent bugs from spreading and helps protect both children and staff.

If your child is absent from school, please remember to notify the school office by telephone, voicemail or email before 9.00am *each day of absence*, including each subsequent day if they remain unwell. This helps us ensure all children are safe and accounted for

Melton Christmas Tree Festival



We are delighted to be taking part in the Melton Christmas Tree festival again this year. This year our theme is 'Winter Wonderland'.

The Melton Christmas Tree Festival 2026 will take place at St Mary's Church, featuring a wide array of Christmas trees and festive activities.

The festival runs from **Friday, November 27th to Tuesday, December 1st , 2026**.

Do not forget to pop down and see our fabulous tree!

Local Community Events in Melton

Melton Mowbray Christmas Market: 27th November – 29th November

The Melton Mowbray Victorian Christmas Market returns this year, bringing festive stalls, live entertainment, delicious food and drink, and plenty of Christmas cheer to the town centre. A wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy the festive atmosphere and start the Christmas season in style



Christmas Lights Switch On Concert: 27 November 6pm to 8pm

The **Melton Mowbray Christmas Lights Switch On** returns with an evening of festive fun for all the family. Enjoy live entertainment, festive music and plenty of Christmas cheer as the town comes together to celebrate the start of the festive season. Why not wrap up warm and head into town to enjoy the magical atmosphere?

FoSMS Christmas Coffee and Mince Pie Morning

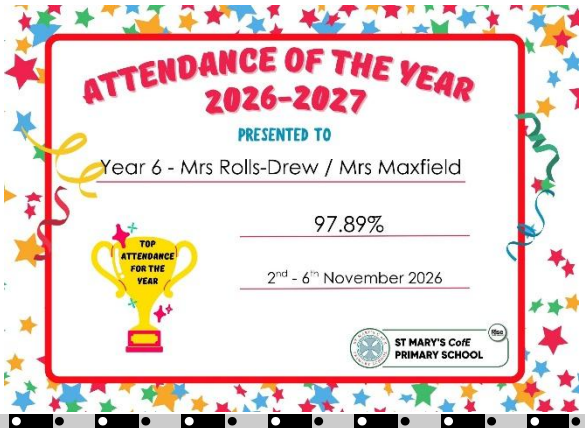


FoSMS will be holding a Christmas Coffee and Mince Pie morning on Friday 17th December to raise funds. The event will start at 9.15am and will aim to finish around 10.30am. Each class will be performing a Christmas song during the morning.

Attendance of the Week

It has been a challenging week for attendance, with several illnesses affecting both children and staff across the school. Thank you to everyone for doing their very best.

A huge well done to Year 6, who achieved the highest attendance this week in the school! Keep up the great work, Year 6! Let's see which class can take the crown next week.



classroom NEWS



This week in **EYFS**, we have been learning all about Bonfire Night! The children have enjoyed exploring the sights and sounds of fireworks and getting creative by making their very own clay divas. We have also started practicing for our Nativity, learning songs and beginning to get familiar with our special roles. There is lots of excitement as we get ready for the festive season!

This week in **Year 1** we've been looking at the story of 'Penguin' by Polly Dunbar in our writing (which is very funny!) and looking at the ways to make the 'er' sound (er/ir/ur) in phonics.

In the afternoons, the class have been working on the computers, experimenting with different paint tools to try and recreate the work of the artist Mondrian. We've also looked a little bit at fire / bonfire night safety, and the class created some lovely (but very chalky) firework artwork.

In **Year 2** this week we have been continuing with our Explorers topic in Writing and History and learnt about Mary Kingsley and how her very thick long skirts saved her when she fell in a pit of spikes as well as her experiences with animals such as crocodiles, gorillas and hippos.
There has also been much excitement in year 2 this week as we have been practicing our lines for our nativity! The children have been very busy learning songs and lines in anticipation of the nativity.

Year 3 have begun their new writing unit this week on persuasive adverts. They have learned about the present perfect tense which they are making good progress in. We have also completed our unit on addition and subtraction and have had a mini assessment to check our understanding of this. We will be moving on to multiplication and division over the next few weeks. In dance, the children have loved developing their choreography. They have added moves into their routine that include contact with their partner and a spin or turn. Overall, it's been a fun week in Year 3!

This week in **Year 4**, we have begun exploring persuasive letters as part of our new writing unit. We are preparing to write to a very important person… but we'll keep you guessing for now! In Maths, we have been getting stuck into our new unit on times tables, developing our knowledge and building our confidence. Sadly, we are nearing the end of our Tudors topic. We have thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time, exploring this fascinating period in history and learning all about life in the Tudor era. Next up is... Teeth!

Year 5 have worked hard in many creative ways this week. They have written some excellent short pieces, including dialogue, and have developed their understanding of correct punctuation. In art, they have continued to build new skills through lino cutting, which requires great care and concentration. Creativity has also flourished in dance as the children have developed their rock and roll moves. In RE, the class demonstrated their pupil voice thoughtfully by sharing their views on whether statues of historical figures involved in the slave trade should remain in place.

In **Year 6**, the children have come up with some lovely ideas as they develop their fictional writing skills, using techniques such as stacked clauses and epizeuxis to enhance their work. We have been particularly proud of their commitment towards practising their individual spelling lists and hope to see some great progress in their spelling knowledge as a result. In Maths, we have moved on to units of measure and had fun predicting the weight of a bag of potatoes. You may find the children offering to help in the kitchen, as we have encouraged them to practise measuring and weighing ingredients to become confident with estimating units such as millilitres, litres, grams and kilograms. We also had a good workout in PE, developing our dancing skills in an energetic, Bhangra-themed lesson.

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.

Monday 9th November	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
Thursday 12th November	FoSMS Monthly Meeting at 3.30pm
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Monday 16th November	Anti Bullying Week
	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 18th November	Extra date added! Prospective New Starters 2027 Tour
Thursday 19th November	Rev'd Mary Barr Collective Worship
Monday 23rd November	Extra date added! Prospective New Starters 2027 Tour
Friday 27th November	FoSMS Disco – All year groups (details to follow)
	Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church opens
Tuesday 1st December	Christmas Tree Festival closes at 12noon
Friday 4th December	Rise Santa Fun Run (details to follow)
Monday 7th December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS Nativity (details to follow)
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)
Friday 11th December	EYFS/KS1 Cinema Trip (details to follow)
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 Theatre Trip (details to follow)
Wednesday 16th December	Whole School Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 17th December	FoSMS Carols, Coffee & Mince Pie Morning
	Relish Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Autumn term
21st December 2026 – 1st January 2027	**Christmas Holidays**
Monday 4th January 2027	School Open – Spring Term starts
Thursday 21st January	School Census Day
Thursday 28th January	Rev'd Mary Barr Collective Worship
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 12th February	**School Closed – Inset Day**
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	**Half Term**
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
	Rev'd Mary Barr Collective Worship