ST MARY'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Message from our Young Governors



We are very excited to introduce ourselves as this year's Young Governors!

Lots of children from Years 2 to 6 wanted to take on this special role. They shared their ideas with their classes and then everyone had the chance to vote. We feel very proud and grateful to have been elected.

As Young Governors, our job is to represent the voices of all the children in our school. We will listen to ideas from our classmates, talk about things that are important to pupils, and work together to help make our school even better.

We believe that every child should have a say and that all opinions matter. Throughout the year, we will collect suggestions from our classes, support school projects, and keep everyone updated on the work we are doing.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us and well done to all the children who were brave enough to stand for election. We can't wait to get started and help make St Mary's an even happier and more successful place to learn, grow and shine!

From your Young Governors 😊

Odd Socks Day



On Monday, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week in style by taking part in Odd Socks Day! It was fantastic to see children and staff arriving in a wonderful array of bright, colourful and mismatched socks.

Odd Socks Day is a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique and to remind everyone that our differences should be valued and respected. Throughout the day, children spent time reflecting on the importance of kindness, inclusion and ensuring that everyone feels welcome and valued within our school community.



The sea of stripes, spots and colourful patterns certainly brightened up the school and provided the perfect start to a week focused on promoting friendship, respect and understanding. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils embrace our values and help make St Mary's such a caring and supportive place to learn.

Christmas



Over the next couple of weeks classes will be busy decorating their classrooms to ensure that the school looks incredibly festive. Mrs Oakes and Mrs Pole will be heading down to St Mary's church on Wednesday 25th November to set up our tree for the Christmas tree festival and the school is starting to sound alive with the sound of Nativity rehearsals.

Christmas Wreath Fesitval



Over the past few weeks, a group of our KS2 children have been working hard with Mrs Port and Mrs Maxfield to create St Mary's entry for this year's Wreath Competition at St John's Church, Melton.

The children have shown great creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm as they designed and crafted a beautiful wreath to represent our school. They have taken great pride in their work, carefully considering every detail and producing a wonderful display that reflects the spirit of the season.

The wreaths will be on display alongside many other wonderful entries at St John's Church (opposite Morrisons) on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November. If you have the opportunity, please do pop along and take a look at the fantastic creations and support the children's hard work.



A huge thank you to Mrs Port, Mrs Maxfield and all of the children involved for their creativity, dedication and festive spirit. We are very proud of what they have achieved.

FOSM Christmas Disco



A reminder that the FOSM Christmas Disco will take place on Friday 27th November, and we are looking forward to a fun-filled evening for all those attending.

Please remember that the cut off date for tickets is Wednesday 25th November. Spare letters are aviilable from the school office

EYFS and KS1 Disco 🕺 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Children attending the disco should bring their disco clothes to school with them on the day so they can get changed before the event.

KS2 Disco 🎵 4:45pm - 5:45pm
There will also be glitter tattoos and other fun activities available throughout the discos, so don't forget to bring some pennies if you would like to take part!
Thank you to the Friends of St Mary's for organising this exciting event. We hope all of the children have a fantastic time.

EYFS and KS1 Nativities



We are so delighted to be able to invite you into school to watch your child's nativity this year.

KS1 Nativity on Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December at 2pm

EYFS Nativity on Wednesday 9th December at 2pm

All performances will take place in the hall. Please can we ask that young children do not attend these performances as our children can be easily distracted.

Bookings for KS1 have opened this evening at 5pm We will be opening booking slots for the KS1 performance through the School Shop in Arbor this evening.

Mrs Port will send information separately to EYFS parents regarding attending their nativity.

Revd Mary Visits Collective Worship



This week, we were delighted to welcome Revd Mary Barr from St Mary's Church into school to lead our Collective Worship.

Ahead of her visit, we invited the children to think carefully about questions they would like to ask Mary. They were encouraged to ask about things they had always wondered, as well as Mary's own thoughts and opinions on a variety of topics. We were incredibly impressed by the quality of the questions. They were thoughtful, insightful and demonstrated the children's curiosity and willingness to explore important ideas.



Although Mary answered as many questions as possible during her visit, there were so many excellent contributions that there wasn't enough time to get through them all. We have therefore saved the remaining questions for a future visit, and we look forward to continuing these meaningful discussions another time.

A huge thank you to Revd Mary for spending time with us and for engaging so warmly with our children's questions.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 17th December. More information regarding this to follow.



Christmas Jumper Day-Thursday 10th December

We are excited to be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day this December in support of Save the Children. Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, festive top or seasonal accessory and help us raise money for this wonderful cause.

Christmas Jumper Day is always a fun and festive occasion at St Mary's, and we look forward to seeing everyone's amazing outfits while making a difference to the lives of children who need it most. Further details will be shared soon.

Christmas Church service



We will be having our Christmas Church service on Wednesday 16th December at St Mary's Church. Revd Mary Barr will be leading this service for us. The service will start at 1.30pm and will finish at approximately 2.30pm. We hope to see you all there.

Rise Pupil Charter Santa Fun Run-Friday 4th December



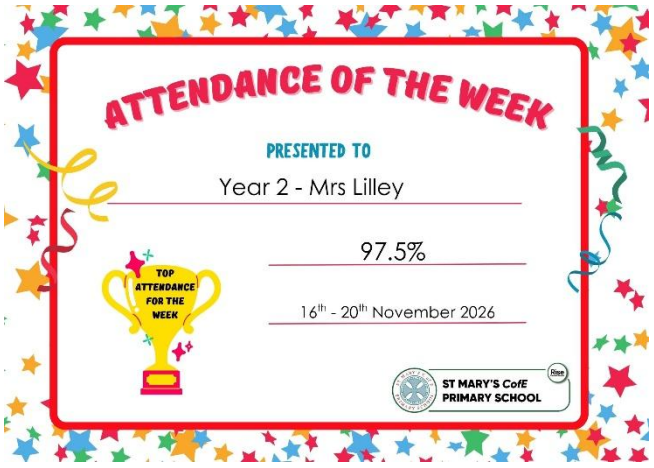
This year all schools across the Trust will be taking part in a Santa Fun Run. This year it is taking place on Friday 4th December. Last year as a Trust we raised a staggering amount for Rainbows. We are hoping to do the same again.

We are asking for the children to wear Santa hats or festive Christmas headwear for this event. They will need to be dressed warmly for this event and have wellies and a coat.

Attendance of the Week

Attendance has been a little tricky this week, with lots of coughs, colds and seasonal bugs affecting both pupils and staff. Thank you to all our families for supporting attendance and getting children into school whenever they are well enough to attend.

A huge well done to Year 2, our Attendance Champions, who achieved an excellent 97.5% attendance this week!



💙 "Be here, be ready, be brilliant!" 💙

Classroom NEWS



This week, the **EYFS** children have enjoyed using *Owl Babies* as their inspiration across Literacy, Art and Understanding the World. They have explored the story through discussions, creative activities and artwork, developing their language, imagination and understanding of the natural world. Alongside this, the children have been practising their counting skills through a range of practical, hands-on activities, helping to build their confidence with numbers. It has been a busy but productive week, and the children have shown great enthusiasm and engagement in their learning.

In **Year 1**, our story of the week has been Oi! Get off Our Train by John Burningham, and in phonics we've been looking at how 'ow' can make two different sounds (like in cow or snow). In maths we've just started our topic on shapes, and the class have been naming and sorting 3D shapes (as well as enjoying the 3D shape song!). We've also just started a new Geography topic, where the class have been learning about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom.

In **Year 2** this week we have been looking at subordinating clauses and 'How' openers. We have also started our new topic in Geography about London after finishing our explorer's topic in History. In music we have been looking at classical music relating to toys and making us think of what to put on our Christmas lists!

This week, in **Year 3** we have been looking at division and how this links to multiplication as part of our maths topic. In English, we have been learning about possessive apostrophes and the rules for when a noun is plural. The children have worked super hard on this despite this being quite a tricky concept! We were very happy to continue our swimming lessons again. It's been great to see the children's progress and confidence in the water. Finally, as part of our science topic, we have been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates, learning about different animals that fall into these categories. What a busy week!

Year 4 this week have been working incredibly hard on their times tables and have now reached the exciting milestone of completing our 12 times tables! We have also come to the end of our **Teeth and Digestion** topic. Our egg experiment has certainly made an impact, and our classroom is smelling rather interesting! In writing, we are continuing to explore different features of letter writing as we get ready to write our very important letters. We have also made a

Year 5 have made fantastic progress in listening carefully to teacher input, which has had a huge impact on their writing. We have been delighted by the ambitious vocabulary chosen and the way the children are crafting their sentences.
In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of fractions, including subtracting mixed numbers and converting them into improper fractions. In Geography, we have explored the effects of global warming and learned more about how we can use energy responsibly to help protect our planet.

Year 6 children have demonstrated an excellent understanding of our current writing unit as they completed their first attempts at historical fiction writing. We are excited to see what they produce next week in their independent pieces. New units began in both Maths and Science this week, with the children exploring **Ratio** and **Evolution and Inheritance**. It has been lovely to see the effort shown by those who attended our first intervention sessions this week. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these sessions have on developing their writing, reading and mathematical skills. Two live assemblies also provided opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. The first supported Anti-Bullying Week, while the second gave children the chance to watch an interview with NASA astronaut Mike Barratt.

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 23rd November	Extra date added! Prospective New Starters 2027 Tour
Friday 27th November	FoSMS Disco – All year groups
	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
Monday 7th December	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS Nativity
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)
Friday 11th December	EYFS/KS1 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 Theatre Trip
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
Monday 25th January	NHS Height & Weight Checks for EYFS and Year 6 Pupils
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
Wednesday 10th – Monday 15th March	Book Fair at School
Monday 15th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 17th March	Parents Evening
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 22nd March – Friday 2nd April	**Easter Holidays**
Monday 3rd May	**School Closed – Bank Holiday**