



ST MARY'S
CofE PRIMARY
SCHOOL

St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A Message from our Young Governors

We wanted to tell you about something exciting happening in our school! Children from Year 2 to Year 6 can put themselves forward to be their class representative. We make a speech to our classmates, and then everyone votes for who they think will be the best person to represent them. It's fun, and it makes us feel proud because our ideas matter.



At St Mary's, we know this is *our* school, and we get to share our thoughts and help make decisions. As Young Governors, we can bring up issues, share ideas, and talk together until we find fair solutions that everyone agrees on.

Please look out for the Friday Flyer as we'll be sharing updates about the projects we're working on and the decisions we've made.

✦ **Outside Learning Space**

We are so happy that our school now has a brand-new outside learning space. Thank you to FoSMS and everyone who donated. We've already used it for lessons and small groups, and it's such a brilliant space to learn in.

🎄 **Christmas**

Next week, each class will be decorating their classrooms to make the school look super festive. On Wednesday 26th November, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Pole will be going to St Mary's Church to set up our Christmas tree for the festival. The younger children are busy with Nativity rehearsals, the old children with Christmas songs and it's starting to feel very Christmassy!

❤️ **Thank You**

We want to say a big thank you to all the parents, carers, and staff. Your help makes everything possible, and we are so grateful to be part of such a kind and caring school community.

Best wishes,

The Young Governors

EYFS and KS1 Nativities

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

KS1 Nativities are as follows:

Friday 5th December – Dress Rehearsal at 9.30pm **(This is for KS2 and Pre-school children to attend only)**

Monday 8th December – Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2.00pm

Tuesday 9th December – Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2.00pm

EYFS Nativity is as follows:

Wednesday 10th December – EYFS Nativity 2.00pm



All performances will be held in the school hall. To avoid distractions, we kindly ask that young children do not attend. Please note that photos or videos are not permitted, as some pupils cannot have their image shared.

Booking will open shortly via Arbor. Each child may have two family members attend, in line with space and fire regulations. If extra tickets become available, we will notify families on a first-come basis

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

St Mary's Christmas Wreath

A group of KS2 children have been working very hard on a Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Port and Mrs Maxfield to create the St Mary's Christmas Wreath. It is made from recycled materials such as toilet rolls; lolly sticks and glue stick lids!



CHRISTMAS WREATH FESTIVAL

10AM TO 4PM

29th | 30th November

St John's Church Thorpe End

Competition Wreaths on display and for sale. Gifts, raffle, 11am Saturday - Melton Town Band, 12 noon carols from the church choir.

Paddington Visits EYFS

This week our EYFS class had a very special visitor – none other than Paddington Bear!

Paddington is travelling around all the schools in our Trust with his rucksack, a scrapbook for each class to add to, stories about bears, and of course his suitcase filled with belongings (and marmalade sandwiches!).

The children were delighted to welcome him into their classroom. He joined in with their Nativity rehearsals, shared a story, and even sat down to enjoy lunch alongside them.

It was a truly memorable day, and the children loved being part of Paddington's adventure. We can't wait to see where his journey takes him next!



Christmas Jumper Day



With the festive season just around the corner, it will soon be time to dig out the Christmas jumper to help raise money for Save the Children this December.

Christmas Jumper Day is a day that has been run by the charity Save the Children and since first being launched in 2012, it has raised over £27 million. It is a day where, as the title suggests, everyone wears a Christmas jumper. You are encouraged to donate £1 if you decide to take part in the day. **This year it is on Thursday 11th December.** Get those Christmas jumpers out of hiding!

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 17th December. More information regarding this to follow.



Macmillan Coffee morning



We are pleased to announce that as a school we raised an amazing **£854** from our coffee morning!!

Many thanks to everyone for joining us, for the donations of raffle prizes and a special thanks to Mrs Fendell and all her helpers, and of course the children for their Harvest singing.

Christmas Church Service



We will be having our Christmas Church service on Tuesday 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.

Christmas at St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold

Christmas
AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN, THORPE ARNOLD

Join us for festive fun, carols, crafts, and candle-lit services

All welcome! Refreshments available

<p>Saturday 6th December 3pm 🎵 Carols with Carol St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold</p>	<p>Saturday 13th December 11am - 2pm 🔔 Jesse Tree Crafts Thorpe Arnold Village Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th December 6pm 👧 Lessons and Carols (including School Choir) Candle-lit service with mulled wine, hot chocolate, and Christmas treats St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold</p>	<p>Sunday 21st December 9:45am 🌲 Jesse Tree Service St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold</p>

Attendance
of the week

Year 6 – 98.8%



Happy Lunchtimes
Class
of the Week

EYFS and Class 6

Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16 vs 13-14

Dates to Remember 2025-2026



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

Friday 28 th November – Tuesday 2 nd December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church
Thursday 4 th December	Mayor's Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Friday 5 th December	Santa Fun Run
	FoSMS Disco
Monday 8 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm (1 st showing)
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm (2 nd showing)
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity 2pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Coffee & Mince Pie morning 9.15am
Monday 15 th December	EYFS/KS1 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 16 th December	School Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
	Lessons and Carols (including School Choir) at St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold (see flyer above)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day (details to follow)
Thursday 18 th December	KS2 Panto Trip
Friday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term!
Monday 5th January 2026	Back to School – Spring Term 1
Friday 13th February 2026	Inset Day – School Closed to all Pupils
16th – 20th February 2026	Half Term