



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 16th January 2026

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

Values- Love, Respect, Thankfulness, Kindness, Honesty, Perseverance

Dear Parents/Carers,

Collective Worship

Perseverance at St Mary's

This week in our Collective Worship we've been learning about perseverance. That means keeping going and not giving up, even when things feel hard. We've talked about stories like the tortoise and the hare and real-life heroes who didn't stop trying, even when things were tough.

In reflection we've shared times when we've had to keep trying such as learning tricky spellings, practising times tables, or working on a big piece of writing. We've learnt that asking for help and encouraging each other makes a big difference.

We have been teaching the children that perseverance helps us grow and feel proud of what we can do. This will hopefully help them next time something feels hard.



End of School Collection

Please can I ask that you are prompt when collecting your child at the end of the school day at 3.20pm. We have had several occasions last week where children were late being collected. If you are going to be late due to traffic etc then please call the school office and let us know as soon as possible.

After School Clubs

Our staff are on occasion having to wait with children long after a club has finished. If you are running late for any reason, then please call the school office before the club is due to end.

Please can you ensure that the school office is notified as soon as possible if your child is not going to be attending clubs after school. This will ensure that we are not chasing the location of your child.



TRS - We need you!!

Please encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts using Times Table Rockstars, these facts are vital in supporting your child with their arithmetic and reasoning within their Maths lessons. Year 4 parents will be invited to an information session to give further details on the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Inset Day

St Mary's will be having an Inset day on Friday 13th February. This is a date set by our Trust. School will therefore close on **Thursday 12th February** at 3.20pm.

Lateness

Late Arrival to School

Punctuality is essential for maintaining consistent attendance and supporting effective learning.

School gates and Registration

Gates open at 8.40am and all children are expected to be in class by 8.50am. Arrivals after this will be recorded with a Late (L) mark.

Registers close 30 minutes after the start of the school. Arrivals beyond this point (9.20am) will be marked as on site but not counted as present, resulting in an Unauthorised Absence (U). This will be determined by the headteacher.

Impact of lateness

Late arrivals disrupt both the child's learning and the classroom environment. Missing initial activities can lead to gaps in understanding and progress.

Example: being 10 minutes late every day equates to nearly 7 full days of lost learning annually.

Attendance Monitoring and Penalties

From 19th August 2024 penalty notice fines may be issued for 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period, which constitutes irregular attendance. Lateness will be closely monitored to prevent this.

Learning Time Lost Due to Lateness

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Dates to Remember 2025-2026

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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.

Thursday 22 nd January	Height & Weight Checks for EYFS and Year 6
Monday 26 th January	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala – details to follow
Thursday 29 th January	Mary Barr to lead Collective Worship
Thursday 5 th February	Year 4 & 5 Handball festival – details to follow
	Rise CEO Dave Ellison-Lee to visit St Mary's
Thursday 12 th February	Rise Gymnastics Competition
Friday 13th February	Inset Day for Pupils
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February	School re opens
Friday 27 th February	Chinese New Year Celebrations & Assembly
	FoSMS Disco - TBC
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Rise Plus+ Review
Tuesday 17 th March	Parents Evening – details to follow
	Year 4 Rise Voices filming in School
Thursday 19 th March	Mary Barr to lead Collective Worship
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 rd March	Parents Evening – details to follow
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 2 Art exhibition – details to follow
Friday 27 th March	School closes for easter at 3.20pm
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School opens 8.40am
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 4 Rise Voices
Tuesday 28 th April	Class Photos
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 14 th May	Mary Barr to lead Collective Worship
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd May	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Monday 25th – Friday 29th	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	School re opens 8.40am