



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 30th 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

This week, we have been focusing on the theme of *Respect*, one of our core school values. Throughout the week, children have been exploring what respect looks like in everyday life, how we speak to one another, how we listen, how we treat our environment, and how we celebrate each other's differences.

During Collective Worship, pupils have taken part in reflection and listened to stories that help them understand that respect is not just about good manners, but about showing kindness, thoughtfulness, and understanding to everyone around them. We have been encouraging the children to think about how small actions such as taking turns, using kind words, or looking after shared spaces can make a big difference to the wellbeing of our school community.

Holocaust Memorial Day

On Monday, we marked Holocaust Memorial Day, a significant moment for our school community to pause, remember, and reflect on the tragic events of the past. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the millions of lives lost and the lasting impact of the Holocaust.



Through our Collective Worship, the children were given the chance to consider the importance of tolerance, empathy, and standing up against hatred and discrimination in all its forms.

At our school, we remain deeply committed to nurturing a community where every child feels valued, respected, and safe.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Mr Percival



We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Percival for kindly taking several of our no-longer-needed school items and selling them on our behalf. Not only did this help us repurpose resources in a thoughtful and sustainable way, but Mr Percival also chose to donate all proceeds from the sale to Rainbows Hospice, the wonderful charity supported by our Trust, Rise.

His generosity and community spirit are truly appreciated, and we are grateful for his support in helping us make a positive difference.

Thank you, Mr Percival, for your kindness and for supporting such an important cause.

classroom



We've had another fantastic week in **EYFS**. The children learned about the Lunar New Year in preparation for the celebrations in February and practised representing the number 6 in different ways. A highlight was our exciting Balance Bike session with Kat, where the children challenged themselves with new skills. We also enjoyed our final Little Springers visit. We've been segmenting and blending CVC words and beginning to write simple sentences. Another busy week full of fun, learning, and growing friendships!

Lots of science fun in **Year 1** this week! We explored materials and their properties, sorting them in different ways and testing how absorbent they are—our splashy experiments were definitely a highlight! In English, we've been retelling *The Three Little Pigs* together, and the children will start creating their own adapted versions next week.

Year 2 have been busy creating beautiful mixed-media portraits and writing letters from crayons fed up with being mistreated. The excitement continued when our chairs "quit," for the morning and we had to write persuasive letters to convince them to stay! We also enjoyed a fun Little Springers session, practised our 2 times tables, and began learning about the continents of the world. A full and fantastic week!

Year 3 have had a busy week learning about equivalent lengths in maths, comparing millimetres, centimetres and metres and exploring how precise nouns improve descriptive writing in English. We also began our exciting new History unit on the Anglo-Saxons, discovering who they were and the five kingdoms. A fun highlight was developing our basketball skills in PE, practising chest passes, bounce passes and protective dribbling.

Year 4 have been enjoying special online lessons with author Jenny McLachlan as part of the National Year of Reading. She has introduced us to new themes, creative writing ideas, illustrations, and several guest authors. A real highlight was discovering *Bethany and the Beast* by Jack Meggitt-Phillips—his lively session had the whole class hooked, with many children rushing to borrow the books! We still have two more lessons to go, and the excitement is high. Keep reading, everyone!

Year 5 have worked brilliantly on their writing this week, rehearsing sentences with a partner and improving them through peer feedback—great teamwork! They also completed another fractions unit before moving on to decimals. A real highlight was a lively debate on whether the Benin Bronzes should be returned or remain in UK museums, perfect preparation for "The Great British Debate Off!" coming up soon.

Year 6 have completed an excellent algebra unit this week and are now ready to move on to decimals. In writing, we've been refining our newspaper reports, and we're still enjoying *Clockwork* in reading. We've also explored trade across Leicestershire in Geography and continued building our fitness and dodgeball skills in PE. A fun highlight has been seeing everyone push themselves during PE sessions. Good luck to all Year 6 pupils in their SATs practice week next week!

★ Headteacher's Star of the Week ★

This week, we have two Headteacher's Star of the Week ...

Year 1 for their incredible hard work and outstanding resilience during the phonics mock assessments.

They have all shown such determination, positivity, and focus, and we are incredibly proud of every one of you.



and to George, for his super writing about a polar bear and for showing such wonderful enthusiasm while creating it.

Melton Swimming Gala Success!

Children from Years 4, 5, and 6 represented St Mary's brilliantly at this year's Melton Swimming Gala, held at Waterfield Leisure Centre. The event brought together schools from across the area for an exciting morning of competition, teamwork, and determination.

Our swimmers took part in a wide range of events, including relay, front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, and the challenging butterfly. Each race showcased their skill, effort, and sportsmanship, with every child giving their absolute best for the team.

We are thrilled to share that St Mary's achieved an amazing 6th place out of 11 schools, one of our best results to date! This fantastic achievement reflects the children's hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm, both in training and on the day.

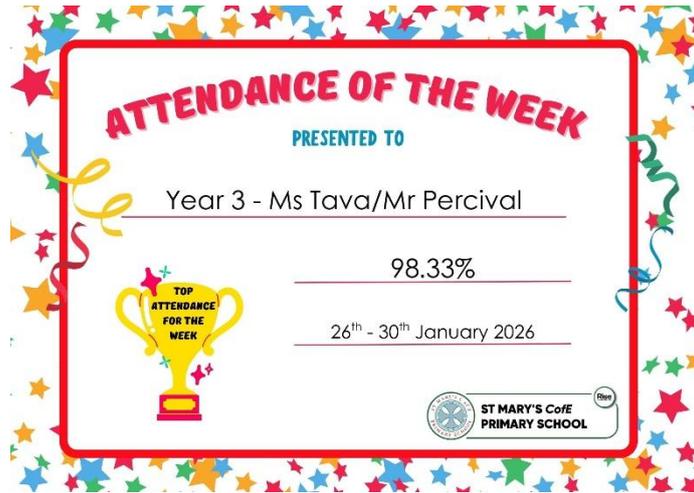
A huge well done to every swimmer who took part. We are immensely proud of you all!



CEO Dave Ellison-Lee Visit to St Mary's

Next Thursday, we are pleased to be welcoming **Dave Ellison-Lee, CEO of RISE Trust**, for an informal visit. He will be spending some time in school to get a feel for our learning environment; to see the fantastic things our children are doing each day and to meet staff.

We look forward to showing him the warm, positive atmosphere that makes our school so special.



FoSMS Cake Raffle

Don't forget next Friday is the FoSMS Cake Raffle.

50p a ticket, which can be purchased in cash from the class teachers on Friday morning or keep your eyes peeled for online payment details on the FoSMS Facebook page here [Friends of St Mary's School, Melton \(FoSMS\)](#)



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.

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Thursday 5 th February	Year 4 & 5 Handball Festival
	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
Thursday 26 th February	Sky Dance Competition
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
Monday 16 th March	Year 2 Beaumanor Trip
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 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
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 5 Debate Competition – details to follow
Thursday 4 th June	Year 3 & 4 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
Friday 5 th June	FoSMS Disco – TBC
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow