



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed a well-earned rest. The children have settled back extremely well this week, and it has been lovely to see them all approaching their learning with such enthusiasm.

**WELCOME
BACK**

A Huge Thank you

We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mr Alex Ng, who visited today to lead two special assemblies and talk to the children about Chinese New Year. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning about the traditions and celebrations.

Opportunities like this are incredibly important, as they help children learn about different cultures and develop mutual tolerance and respect—values that are at the heart of our school community.

Here are some lovely photos from the assembly and we have uploaded a video to our FB Page



RISE Gymnastics Competition – Outstanding Achievements!

On Thursday 12th February, 15 talented children proudly represented St Mary's at the RISE Gymnastics Competition at Little Springers. After weeks of dedication and hard training, their hard work paid off with some *fantastic* results!



🌟 Competition Results:

🏆 Level 2 – 1st Place

🥈 Level 1 – 2nd Place

🥉 Level 3 – 3rd Place

👏 Level 3 – 4th Place

A special congratulations to our Level 2 gymnasts, who have qualified to represent Melton & Belvoir at the Team Leicestershire County Finals on Wednesday 18th March at Oakham Gymnastics Club! What an incredible achievement—well done!

We are immensely proud of every child who took part. You demonstrated skill, courage, teamwork, and brilliant sportsmanship throughout the event. 🌟



Parents Evenings



Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 17th and Monday 23rd of March 3.30-6.00pm. Online booking is now open until 1pm on Wednesday 13th March, so please make sure to book to avoid disappointment. We are unable to hold separate parents evening on any other dates.

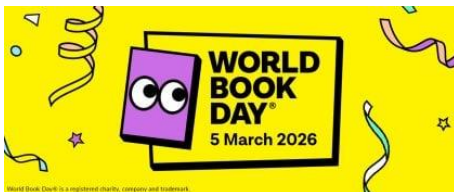
EmpowerEd – iPads KS2

EmpowerEd launched yesterday for our Key Stage 2 pupils, marking an exciting step forward at St Mary's in how we use technology to enhance teaching and learning. EmpowerEd enables pupils and teachers to use *pedtech* purposefully, supporting high-quality classroom practice and enriching learning experiences across the curriculum. During the launch, every child successfully used their iPad to log on, complete a range of activities, and sign a user agreement, ensuring they understand how to use their device safely and responsibly as part of their learning journey.

Rise
Flourish & Succeed



World Book Day



World Book Day will take place on Thursday the 5th of March.

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

At St Mary's, we are inviting children to dress up in their favourite book characters. This is optional for parents. If your child does not want to dress up, then they can bring in their comfy slippers. We are asking that children also bring in their favourite book. Please can these be clearly named. We will also be holding various reading themed activities throughout the day.

Lost Property

We have an ever-growing pile of unclaimed school uniform in the lost property box. Please feel free to look through to check for any items of clothing that are named. We would like to see them returned to their rightful owners.



Senior Leadership Team

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I will be out of school on **Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March** to attend the DBE Headteacher Conference. During my absence, Mr Galvin will be overseeing the school.

Please only request to speak with him in the event of an emergency, as he will also be teaching in Year 6 during this time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Year 4 Rise Choral Event

Some of the Rise Central team will be visiting school on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th March to film with the Year 4 children. Each school will have its own segment during the choral event, focusing on the school and how our values link to the songs the children will be singing.

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform on that day.

Year 2 Rise Charter Art Festival



We are delighted to announce that Year 2 will be holding their Art Exhibition on Tuesday 24th March in the hall from 3.30-4.15pm. FoSMS will also be serving tea, coffee, juice and biscuits for you to purchase at the exhibition so you can sit down afterwards and talk to other parents. This exhibition is open to all.

We will also be announcing some exciting news regarding the Art Exhibition next week.

Road Safety Week

We will be working with the children on developing their understanding of road safety the week commencing the 9th of March. This is in conjunction with advice sent to all schools from Leicestershire Local Authority.



Brake's top tips for keeping children safe near roads

- Children under 8 should always hold a grown up's hand when walking near roads
- Children under 8 should always crossroads with a grown up, at a safe crossing place
- Until they are 150cm tall, all children should sit in a correctly sized and fitted child seat when travelling by car
- Children under 10 should not cycle on roads, they should keep cycling paths away from motorised traffic
- Children should always wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off



For more useful information and advice please click on the link below:

[Advice for parents and families | Brake](#)

Safeguarding Visit



I am thrilled to announce that Dr Julia Pointon our Chair of Governors will be visiting the school on Monday 3rd March to have lunch and chat with pupils, staff and the safeguarding leads about safeguarding at St Mary's.

SEN Pupil Profiles

If your child is on the school's SEND register or has an EHCP, their SEN Pupil Profile will be sent home on Friday 6th March. This document includes the SMART targets that your child's class teacher will be working on with them in school. Please take some time to read through it.

We will be holding SEND parent phone calls during the week beginning Monday 9th March. These 10-minute conversations will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's profile and the provision in place to support their SEN needs. You will have already received an email inviting you to book an appointment time, via Arbor. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer alternative dates.

These calls are in addition to your usual parents' evening appointment.

Water Bottles

Thank you for sending your child/ren with water bottles. It is important that we keep the children hydrated as this can support their learning. However, please can we request that bottles are filled with water and not 'juice'. Not only is water the healthiest drink, but some juices can also contain hidden sugar. Furthermore, when spillages occur, they can be difficult to clean as they become sticky.



classroom



EYFS have been super busy this week. On Tuesday the children brought in castles that they had built at home. It was wonderful to see how excited the children were! Mrs Pole also supported the children to make pancakes which was a lot of fun. We were also lucky enough to have Mr Ng visit us in school and tell us all about a Chinese New Year!

This week in **Year 1** we've been looking at the story of the Tortoise and The Hare in our writing lessons and have been learning how to use adjectives for description. We've also recently started learning about oceans and seas in geography lessons, and the children are now all singing the very catchy song that helps them name the 5 oceans!

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the new term! In Maths, we have begun our exciting new unit on fractions. In Computing, lessons have been great fun as the children explored using different event blocks to make their sprite move, enjoying seeing their coding come to life on screen. Our new class reading book, Charlotte's Web, has already gripped the class, with the children sharing thoughtful predictions and excitement about the characters. In History, we are continuing our learning about the Anglo-Saxons, developing our understanding of who they were and how they lived. What a lovely, positive start to the term!

Year 5 wow, a busy start to the new term! Some children attended a dodgeball event which they enjoyed and did well in and rehearsals for the Sky dance competition this week. We are so proud of you for taking part in these events.

In Maths we are solving problems using decimals and fractions. The class were excited carrying out science investigations to investigate the topic of Forces, this included elasticity and buoyancy.

Year 2 have been looking at the coordinate conjunction 'or' in their writing this week in preparation for creating a diary entry about The Great Fire of London. This is linked to their history topic which they have been super invested in. In maths, they have started a short unit on measurement. They have enjoyed predicting whether objects in the classroom are taller or shorter than 1m then measuring them with a metre stick. In RE, they have begun learning about the Easter story, comparing a written version from the Bible to a video. Our PE slots have changed to a Monday afternoon and a Tuesday morning. Thank you to all parents for their continued support in ensuring PE kits are provided for these days. What a fun and productive week!

Year 4 have been tackling tricky fractions this week, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions. The class have all worked so hard and really persevered to achieve their best with a tricky concept. A big focus this week has been working on our Egyptian mystery in Writing. With all their planning, editing and revising, there's been some real excitement about the stories they are producing, and Mrs Lilley is really looking forward to marking them!

The **Year 6's** first week back after half term has been a very busy one. We are finishing our journalistic report writing, starting a new class novel - Murder Most Ladylike and coming to the end of a decimal's unit in maths, where we have multiplied and divided some complex numbers. In PE we are starting our gymnastics unit and in science we are learning about different circuits in electricity. No rest for the Year 6s!!

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.



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 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
Friday 19 th June	Year 3 & 4 History Day in School – details to follow
	FoSMS Break the Rules Day
Friday 19 th , Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 5 Bikeability Training – details to follow
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS/KS1 trip to Manor Farm – details to follow
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
	FoSMS Summer Fair
Monday 29 th & Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Reserved Sports Day