



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Important

Please note that we close for half term on Thursday 12th February. School is closed to pupils on Friday 13th for an INSET day.



Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10th of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

During Safer Internet Day, all the children will be reminded about how to keep safe online and about the importance of keeping their personal details private. As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. More information on how to do this can be found at:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

But it's easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks. The link below gives you guidance on how to have age-appropriate conversations with your child.

[Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

Have a conversation

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

■ Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

▲ Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

● Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

◆ Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Supporting Learning While Your Child Is Unwell



When your child is off school unwell, we do not send homework or classwork home. It's important they rest and recover, and we will help them catch up once they return.

If they feel well enough, they can choose gentle activities such as:

- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Reading
- Writing a short book review
- Designing a new book cover
- Exploring **BBC Bitesize**

These are completely optional and only if your child feels up to it.

School email address

Please can we remind all parents of the change to our school email address office@stmarys.risemat.co.uk

Communication Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that all communication for school staff should be directed to the **school office email address**. The office team will treat all messages with the utmost confidentiality and ensure they are passed on to the appropriate member of staff.

Class Dojo is not an approved method of communication and is not monitored regularly. This also applies to contacting Mrs Oakes directly via email, as she is often attending meetings and may not receive important messages in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us manage communication effectively.



classroom



EYFS have had a great week learning all about penguins! The children loved discovering fun facts—did you know the smallest penguin is called a *Fairy Penguin*? They also wrote some lovely penguin descriptions. In RE, we enjoyed listening to the Islamic Creation Story and in Maths, we explored '*more or less*' through practical activities and games.

Another fantastic week with our wonderful EYFS children!

We've had a very arty week in **Year 1**! Our unit on *Line* introduced us to artists like Mondrian and Kandinsky, and the children enjoyed creating their own pieces inspired by works such as Miró's *Singing Fish*.

In P.E., we've moved on from gymnastics to team-building skills—sometimes challenging, but very entertaining!

In Maths, we explored number lines to 50, and in Phonics we focused on the *or/aw/au*

Year 3 Year 3 have started their independent descriptive writing, inspired by a woodland setting. In Maths, they've been measuring the perimeter of shapes and building accuracy in their measuring skills.

In PE, the children have been practising double dribbling, tracking an attacker, and protective dribbling, showing great focus and teamwork.

They are also thoroughly enjoying our class novel *Krindlekrax* and are always eager to find out what happens next.

In **Year 6** this week, we've been developing our report-writing skills and learning new grammar. The class also took part in a mock debate to practise for *The Great British Debate Off*, sharing their ideas with great enthusiasm.

In Science we used Newton meters to investigate forces.

Our class book, *The Last Wild*, continues to grip everyone—especially with the recent twists and turns!

Year 2 have loved getting started with their Times Table Rockstars logins, which is really helping their multiplication work—thank you to parents and carers for supporting this at home!

In English, the children finished persuasive letters to their chairs, and in Geography they enjoyed learning about the continents and practising map-reading skills.

In PE, they've been developing ball skills in invasion games and improving their balance in gymnastics.

Overall, it's been a fun and busy week for Year 2!

Year 4 have been working hard on their times tables after winning the Year 3 vs Year 4 battle, and they're now competing in a new TT Rockstars challenge against all the Rise schools—we're eagerly awaiting the results!

In Science we kicked off our Electricity topic with some fun static experiments using a balloon and Mrs Lilley's cardigan. The dancing hair caused plenty of giggles and made for a memorable hand on lesson!

Alongside their mock SATs, **Year 6** have been learning about the features of newspaper reports, ready to write their own next week. In Geography we are nearing the end of our Leicestershire Trade unit, exploring how trade across Melton has changed over time. In PE the children have been putting their dodgeball skills into practice in game situations.

We are also enjoying Philip Pullman's *Clockwork*—a very intriguing read!

Well done to all of Year 6 for working so hard

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 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 – details to follow
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
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