



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 17th April 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,



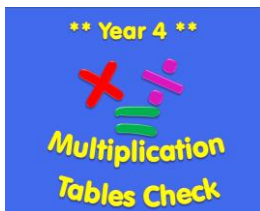
Hello and a warm welcome back to school for the Summer Term. I hope you had a great break and enjoyed quality family time and fun outings. I managed to visit all our classrooms this week and there was a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school. The children all seem geared up and ready for the busy term ahead.

Bank Holiday

Just a reminder that school will be closed to all staff and pupils on Monday 4th of May due to the bank Holiday. School will reopen on Tuesday 5th May.



Year 4 MTC information Session for parents



Mrs Lilley will be holding an MTC (Multiplication Times Tables Check) information session on Monday 20th April 2-26 at 3.30pm in the Year 4 classroom. This session will give you information on what the check involves and how you can support.

Reminder – School Uniform

Earlier this week, an email was sent reminding parents and carers of our school uniform policy. We would like to reiterate the section relating to jewellery and appearance.

Children should not wear jewellery to school, with the exception of:

- A wristwatch (KS2 pupils only), and
- Small stud earrings for pupils with pierced ears.

The following items must **not** be worn in school:

- Rings
- Bracelets
- Necklaces

For health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If this is not possible, tape will be provided to cover them.

In addition, children should not wear makeup or nail polish to school.



Important Request re Mobile Phones

Older children often bring a mobile phone to school for safety when traveling alone. This is the only acceptable reason for upper KS2 children to have a mobile phone in school. If this is the case, please talk to your child to make it clear that during the school day their phone must be switched off and handed to their class teacher. The phone will then be returned at home time.



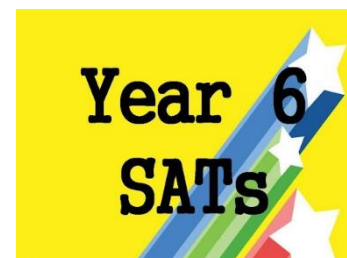
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Important Notice

We are approaching a busy Summer term with the challenges of SATs and other assessments. It is extremely important that all children are encouraged to have breakfast and bring a water bottle into school. Children are also allowed to bring in a healthy snack (plain biscuit or a piece of fruit) for playtime. This will ensure all our children have the energy and stamina they will need for the day.

KS2 Assessment Week

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs during the week commencing Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May. Further information about the times your child will need to be in school will be shared nearer the time. If your child needs any essential items, such as glasses or medication, please ensure they bring these with them. All children will also need a water bottle in school this week. Please ensure bottles do not have names or words on them.



This will be an extremely busy week for Mr Galvin and myself, so please only ask to speak to us in an emergency.

Year 1 Phonics Check

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Week commencing Monday 8th of June all children in Year 1 will be taking part in the statutory phonics check. Mrs Oakes will be conducting these during the week. All children are used to sitting these assessments with her as we have completed three mocks this year ahead of the children sitting them. Please ensure your child is in school during this week.

Sports Day-Provisional date



We have provisionally booked Friday 26th June at 9.30am for Sports Day. This will be dependent on weather and ground conditions. If we have to rearrange then we will try and let you know as soon as we can.

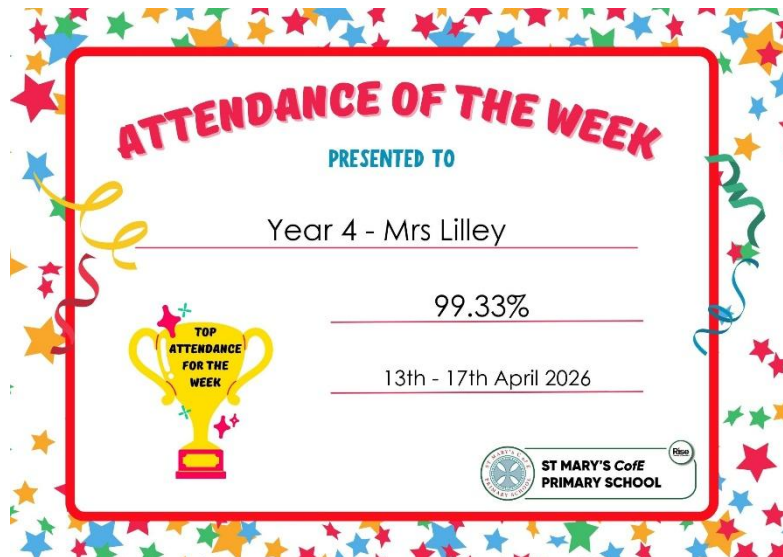
FoSMS Summer Fair

FoSMS are busy organising their yearly summer fair. This year it will be on Friday 26th June 3.30pm-5.00pm. Please save the date.



Attendance of the Week

Congratulations to **Year 4** for achieving an outstanding **99.33% attendance** this week! This incredible result shows fantastic dedication, teamwork, and commitment to learning from our pupils, supported brilliantly by their families. We are so proud of you all, keep shining and aiming high, Year 4!



classroom



What a fantastic first week back for **EYFS**! In RE, the children shared the rooms in their homes that are most special to them, While in maths they enjoyed sorting and categorising objects, especially tipping out the button box! In phonics, we focused on reading and writing words with the **-ck** digraph. We're very impressed with how confidently the children are tackling new words. Keep up the great reading at home!



In Year 1, we have been learning about Kings and Queens in our royalty topic, exploring what life was like 800 years ago—including paying taxes! Some children enjoyed being Kings and Barons, while the peasants weren't quite as impressed. In maths, we've been making arrays and practising sharing equally. In P.E., we've started Net and Wall games, using tennis balls to score points in a variety of fun activities.

We have had a fantastic start to the term in **Year 3!**

In Maths, the children have begun an exciting new unit on fractions. In PE, we have started cricket sessions through the Teach Cricket programme. The children have really enjoyed their first session and showed great enthusiasm while learning new skills. In Geography, we have launched our new topic on Weather and Climate: How can we predict the weather? The children have started learning about how weather can be measured using different tools, such as thermometers, rain gauges and wind vanes. It has been a brilliant week, and we are very proud of how well the children have settled back into their learning.

A busy start to the summer term for **Year 6** and, as we approach the SATs, we have been using our iPads to focus on revision areas using Showbie, SATs Companion and TT Rockstars that our children have identified as important to them. In our lessons we are looking at angles in maths, city descriptions in our writing and finishing off our WW1/2 topic in history. In PE we are moving onto tennis and rounders and in Computing we are designing our own websites.

Year 2, what a great start to the summer term – it has been wonderful to get back into the classroom and spend time getting to know the children. They have worked hard in all their lessons, demonstrating excellent listening and learning skills. In English, we're learning to write exciting setting descriptions based on the story Hodgeheg, and in maths, we're expanding our knowledge of fractions. We've also had some wonderful art lessons, learning about pattern and texture and enjoying creating some lovely clay pieces. We hope you all managed to see the Year 2 self-portrait art gallery in Sainsbury's – we all felt very proud to see their work on display over the Easter break.

It was lovely to welcome back **Year 4** to a new summer term. Excitement is building in the year four classroom in anticipation of the Rise Choral event next week. We have been practicing our songs and singing some of them in collective worship to practice singing in front of a large audience! We have started our new topic in Geography all about the Americas and have been using our wonderful iPads to really zoom in on globe pictures of the world and identify countries and the capital cities. Overall, a really exciting start back!

Year 5 have had a great start to a new term. The class have been interpreting data on line graphs in maths. We have also been rehearsing sentences verbally before writing on our iPad. Their confidence as a class keeps on growing as their standard of writing improves, a pleasure to listen to. We are lucky enough to using SATs companion on our iPads as FOSMs kindly paid for the subscription, a reading comprehension was used this week. The children have also been using this at home to further their learning. PE this term introduces tennis and cricket; we're hoping for great weather to fully enjoy these activities.

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.



Monday 20 th April	Year 4 MTC Meeting 3.30pm – 4pm
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
Tuesday 16 th June	KS2 RE Day
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
	KS1 Mini Olympics
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
Friday 3 rd July	School reports go home
Monday 6 th July & Tuesday 7 th July	Life Education Visit for KS2
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 – Warning Zone Visit (details to follow)
Wednesday 8 th July	Leavers Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Thursday 9 th July	Last Day of Term!!! 😊
Monday 24th August 2026	Start of Autumn Term 2026 Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday – School Closed