



**ST MARY'S C of E  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Rise

# St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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,

Traditionally, this half term brings with it an improvement in the weather. We have many wonderful events planned, so please ensure you check the diary dates on the Friday Flyer carefully to stay up to date with all upcoming activities. As the weather improves, please send your child to school with a named water bottle and a hat. We also kindly ask that sun cream is applied before school each day.

Have a lovely weekend

*Mrs Oakes*

## A Huge Well Done to Year 4



We would like to offer a huge congratulations to all our Year 4 children who took part in the RISE Choral event last night. It was a real pleasure to watch them perform alongside other Year 4 pupils from across the Trust. Everyone

who attended will agree that the children performed brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Lilley and Mrs Fendell for working tirelessly with the children to prepare them for this event. In addition, a heartfelt thank you goes to all the Trust staff who worked behind the scenes to make this wonderful evening possible.

## Class Photos



Class Photographs will be taking place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure that your child is in full, clean school uniform on this day.

## St George's Day

St George is also the patron saint of Scouting, so it was lovely to see some children wearing their uniforms with such pride on Thursday. A wonderful reminder of courage, service, and community.



## FoSMS Summer Fayre

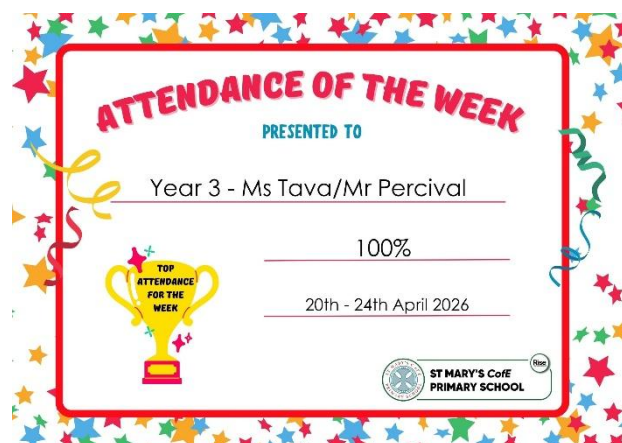


It's that time of year again where FoSMS are busy planning their biggest event of the year - the Summer Fayre on 26th June. They are looking for donations for some of the stalls such as raffle prizes, children's books, teddy bears and bottles of wine

Please drop any donations into the school office. Thank you.

## Attendance of the Week

Year 3 have taken the 100% Club spot this week, a fantastic achievement! The whole class managed 100% attendance, showing great commitment and consistency. Well done to all our Year 3 pupils for their excellent effort; we are very proud of you!



## Picture News



Picture News is a weekly current affairs resource we use in school to help children understand what's happening in the world around them. It presents real news stories in an age-appropriate way, using carefully chosen images and language to encourage discussion, curiosity and thoughtful reflection.

Children often hear or see news stories at home or online and may have questions or worries about them. Picture News supports teachers in guiding these conversations positively, helping pupils to build confidence, develop critical thinking skills and share their opinions in a safe and supportive environment.

This year, we are delighted to be celebrating **three years of using Picture News** in our school. Over this time, it has become a valued part of our learning, helping pupils to make sense of the world, express their views and engage confidently with current events in a constructive and supportive way.

## classroom



EYFS have been inspired by *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle this week, learning about the four seasons and how the environment changes throughout the year. In RE, they explored churches and built their own using Lego and blocks, carefully including key features. The children have also been developing their phonics skills, practising segmenting and blending in both reading and writing. Well done, EYFS!



In **Year 1**, we've been learning all about how voting and parliament works. We held class elections, and the class all put their vote in the ballot box for someone who they thought would represent them well in parliament. They then held a mock-parliament and the children debated and voted on some of the laws they would like to see, before sending them off to the house of lords, and eventually the king, to be passed. They all got very into it, and there was some very lively discussion, and lots of excitement when their law got passed!

This week in **Year 3**, we have started our new Writing topic on persuasive speeches (they are quite focused on persuading us for longer playtimes!) In Maths, we have been learning about non-unit fractions and reasoning with fractions of an amount which has been challenging but a rewarding area of learning. In Geography, the children explored the water cycle and developed their understanding of why it rains. We also have enjoyed another cricket session, making the most of the sunny weather. Lastly, the children are thoroughly engaged in our new Class Novel, *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*.

This week in **Year 6** we have been perfecting our first draft of a descriptive write about a city of our choice. In maths, we are calculating angles of different shapes and expanding our geometry knowledge. We're looking forward to getting our ideas ready to build a fairground ride in DT and we are continuing building our website in computing.

In **Year 2** this week, we enjoyed continuing with our story 'Hodgeheg' to inspire our descriptive writing, learning about onomatopoeias – BOOM! Our fractions knowledge is coming along well, and we've been reciting our times tables ready to give speedy answers as we approach KS2. Our second clay creation of a fish was fun to make, and we began to learn about weaving towards the end of this week's art lessons. We especially enjoyed our computing lesson this week, making our own music with the use of technology.

What an amazing week **Year 4** have had. The Rise voices choral event was an absolute triumph. All their hard work finally came to fruition, and the children sang so beautifully, bringing a tear or two to mine and Mrs Fendell's eyes. Both of us could not have been prouder of our wonderful year 4 children: a late night but so worth it. The children all have some amazing memories to last forever of their time in year 4.

In **Year 5**, the class have impressed me with their first draft of a descriptive piece on biomes, building on their recent Geography learning. We are developing our skills in reading data from graphs. Also, while Wimbledon may be a long way off, our tennis skills are steadily improving. The pupils' iPad skills have also progressed well, with children confidently revisiting previous lessons to support and reference their learning.

# Dates to Remember 2025-2026

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handy!

Below are dates for this academic year. We will continue to add new dates, and these will be added in green.

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photos
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FoSMS Cake Raffle
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FoSMS Tuck Shop (after school)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re opens 8.40am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 Debate Competition – details to follow
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	FoSMS Cake Raffle & Disco
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 RE Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
	KS1 Mini Olympics
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 History Day in School – details to follow
	FoSMS Break the Rules Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 Bikeability Training – details to follow
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS/KS1 trip to Manor Farm – details to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
	FoSMS Summer Fair
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reserved Sports Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	School reports go home
	FoSMS Cake Raffle
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Life Education Visit for KS2
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 – Warning Zone Visit (details to follow)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term!!! 😊
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>	<b>Start of Autumn Term 2026</b> Year 1 – Year 6
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>