



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 1st May 2026

Vision- Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."
1 Corinthians 16 vs 13-14

Values- Love, Respect, Thankfulness, Kindness, Honesty, Perseverance

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

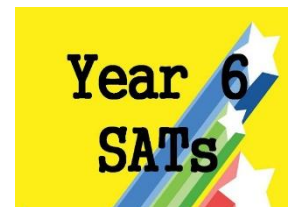
I will also be out of school on Thursday 7th May. Mr Galvin will oversee the school in my absence.

We would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. We hope you enjoy some special time together and, if possible, a well-earned chance to relax. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school refreshed after the break.

Mrs Oakes

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.

FoSMS News

FoSMS have kindly organised a disco for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 on Friday 4th of June. More information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time. Please save the date.

They are also holding a tuck shop after school on Friday 15th May. Don't forget your pennies!

All money raised from these events goes directly back into supporting the children at St Mary's.

Life Education Leicestershire



We will be having a visit on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June from the Life Education Leicestershire. Life Education Leicestershire delivers education workshops throughout Leicestershire and Rutland covering the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education curriculum throughout the primary school years. Their expert educators deliver sessions covering topics including drug use, safe and unsafe relationships, and mental health.

Transition Days



Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June -Year 6 transition day to secondary schools.

All other year groups will transition for the morning after registration in their current year group.

Team Teach Staff Training

Mr Priestley and Mrs Brightwell will be out of school on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th of May completing Level 2 Team Teach.

Team Teach is a nationally recognised approach that focuses on keeping children and adults safe, promoting positive behaviour, and reducing the need for physical intervention wherever possible.

Level 2 training is designed for staff who may need to support children with additional needs or behaviours that can place themselves or others at risk. The training emphasises de-escalation, relationship-based support and understanding children's individual needs, with physical interventions only used as a last resort and in line with strict guidance.

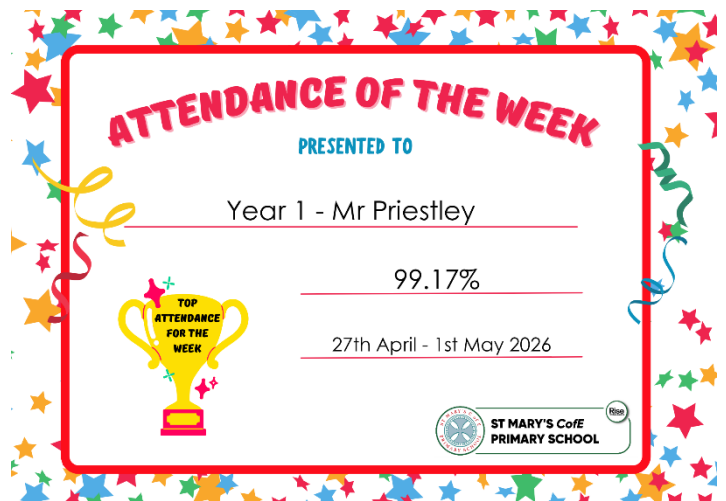
The purpose of this training is always to support children calmly, safely and with dignity, ensuring their wellbeing is at the centre of everything we do.

We have sourced a supply teacher to cover Mr Priestley in his absence.

Attendance of the Week

A big well done to Year 1 for achieving the highest attendance this week with an amazing 99.17%.

Your excellent commitment to coming to school every day really shows and helps your learning shine. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 1. You should be very proud! 🌟👏



The Case of the Vanishing Tennis Balls

It began as an ordinary lesson, the kind that starts with a tidy basket of tennis balls and ends with a familiar whistle. Nothing seemed unusual, until it was time to pack away. As we counted and recounted, a troubling truth emerged: an astonishing number of tennis balls had disappeared.

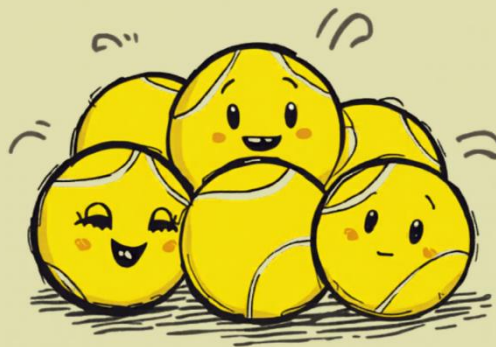
If you were to ask a random person how many tennis balls a class could possibly lose in a single session, their guess would almost certainly fall far short of reality. Yet there we were, staring into a basket that felt far too empty for comfort. When the final tally was revealed, the reaction was unanimous: disbelief, followed by laughter, and a collective sense of wonder. *How, everyone wondered, could so many tennis balls vanish in one lesson?*

Theories quickly emerged. Perhaps they were hiding under benches, wedged behind equipment, or gathered in secret corners of the playground. Another, more adventurous idea suggested that they may have staged a daring escape – squeezing under the school gates and rolling off down Brampton Road, beginning new lives as runaway tennis balls.

While the missing tennis balls may never be found (particularly if they are now enjoying the open road), their story will live on, as a reminder to count carefully, check under everything, and always expect the unexpected.



MISSING **Beloved Tennis Balls**



Last seen on the KS2 playground, the missing tennis balls may now be rolling around the staff car park at St Mary's CofE Primary School, or have possibly continued their journey down Brampton Road. Responds to the sounds of racquets and eager hit swings



classroom



EYFS have been very busy this week. They have been using the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' to inspire some imaginative writing in literacy. They had to imagine what would be at the top of a magic beanstalk if they planted their own. We had lots of amazing ideas such as unicorns, monsters and even a Lamborghini! In Understanding the World, the children planted their own sunflowers by carefully following the instructions of Mrs Brightwell. In Maths, the class have been learning to count objects beyond ten and to recognise patterns in groups of objects. It has been a lovely week, full of science, maths and writing! Well done EYFS.

In **Year 1**, we've been looking at fractions in maths this week, finding halves of shapes and numbers. In our writing lessons we've been writing a recount of A Day In The Life of Bob – The Man On The Moon. In P.E we've been working on our tennis skills, and in history we've learned about the unfortunate ending of Charles the First, and some of the rules Oliver Cromwell put in place when he took charge, many of which were not looked upon too favourably by the class!

Year 2 have impressed us this week with their knowledge of what makes a great piece of descriptive writing - we're looking forward to seeing their independent pieces over the next few weeks. We're nearing the end of our fractions topic in maths and may have indulged in a biscuit (or two!) to check our understanding of quarters - albeit with lots of accidental fifths, sixths and sevenths! Our PE lessons have been fun in the sunshine, with our tennis skills coming along nicely and our fitness levels getting a boost as we worked on our skipping skills.

This week in **Year 3**, we have been developing their writing skills by exploring the use of 'will' for future tense and beginning to use linking adverbs to support cohesion. In Maths, we have started a new unit on Money, while in Geography the children enjoyed learning about climate zones around the world and discovered that the UK has a temperate climate! We also did a lot of teamwork out on the field during our cricket session and for Reading, we finished a chapter on an exciting cliffhanger, leaving the children eager to continue the story next week.

This week in **Year 4** we have begun our new class text 'Planet Omar' and we are really looking forward to reading more of this amusing novel and following Omar's funny adventure in our future reading lessons. Year 4 have also undertaken their summer 'OUMTC' through TT Rockstars this week (a practice for the actual MTC in June). The improvements from the start of the year are amazing and a real credit to all the classes hard work on their multiplication facts. Keep practicing year 4! We are nearly there!

Year 5 continue to impress me with how consistently they develop and refine their writing. They deserve real credit as their confidence grows, and listening to one another's work in class has had a positive impact. In maths, we have begun our new topic on shape, focusing on angles and using degrees as a unit of measure. Tennis and cricket have also been very popular, made even more enjoyable by being able to make the most of the glorious sunshine.

This week in **Year 6** we have been consolidating our learning in the build up to the SATs in a couple of weeks. In maths we are finishing our geometry unit and starting our shape and space unit. In writing we have produced some wonderful descriptive pieces of cities around the world. In computing we have been adding to our websites. In DT we have been looking at different fairground rides and their component parts.

Dates to Remember 2025-2026

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keep me
handy!

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

Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 15 th May	FoSMS Tuck Shop (after school)
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
Friday 5 th June	FoSMS Cake Raffle & Disco
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
	Relish Parents Tasting Afternoon
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
	FoSMS Cake Raffle
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