



**ST MARY'S CofE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday and were able to enjoy some special time together as a family.

**Please be aware that Mr Galvin and I will be supervising the completion of the KS2 SATs next week and therefore will not be available to speak to you during the duration of the week. If you have any concerns and your matter is urgent then please ask for Mrs Rolls-Drew, Mrs Lilley or Mr Priestley at the office and they will be able to assist.**



There will also be no Friday Flyer next week due to the KS2 SATS with Year 6.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

*Mrs Oakes*

## Gentle Reminder Regarding Attendance



We do not authorise holidays during term time. Every day in school counts. Attendance is continually monitored by us and the Attendance Lead at the Trust.

Holidays during term time will be unauthorised and may result in a fine.

## SATs - KS2 Assessments

Next week our Year 6 children will be sitting their KS2 SAT's. The children have worked exceptionally hard to prepare for these and we wish them all the best.

Don't forget, that in preparation for their exams, children are offered an additional breakfast (toast, jam/spreads etc) first thing in the morning to make sure they are fully ready for the day. Therefore, we ask that all children are in school by 8.30am (via the office), regardless of whether they will eat.



Don't forget to also bring a water bottle and that the children are allowed to bring a healthy snack for playtime, ensuring they have the stamina that they will need for the day.



Can we also please ensure that all children have their necessary belongings such as glasses with them.

## ☀️ To our wonderful Year 6 pupils heading into SATs week ☀️

As you begin SATs, we want you to know just how incredibly proud we are of you. You've worked so hard this year, showing determination, resilience and a real desire to do your best – and that matters far more than any test paper 🧡

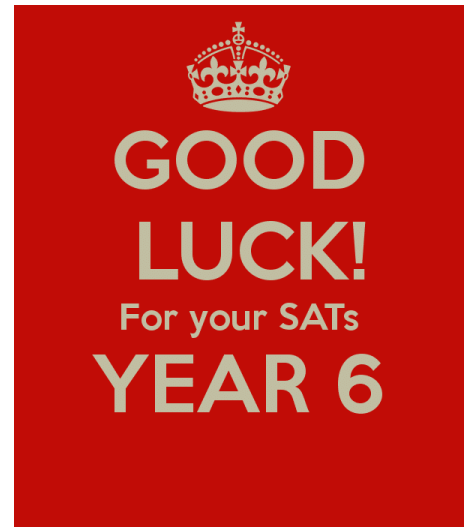
Remember, SATs are simply a chance to show what you already know. They do *not* define who you are or all the amazing qualities that make you *you*. Take your time, read each question carefully, try your best, and if something feels tricky, take a deep breath and move on.

Most importantly, believe in yourselves. We believe in you. Your teachers believe in you. And you should believe in yourselves too.

Whatever the outcome, we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

🍀 **Good luck – you've got this!** 🍀

From all the staff and pupils at St Mary's



## A Huge Thankyou

*thank you*

We would like to say a huge thank you to Carol Parker for coming in today and doing some outside prayer work with the children in Year 6 ahead of their SATs. This opportunity gave them a moment to think, stay still and reflect in silence.

## FoSMS Tuck Shop

Just a reminder that FoSMS will be holding a tuck shop after school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Don't forget your pennies!

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



## Warm Weather

We are getting to that stage in the year when we are beginning to see some warmer weather and rays of sunshine!

Please can I ask that all children have water bottles in school and a sun hat. They will also need sun cream applying before school. If it is extremely hot we will reduce the amount of time they are outside so that they stay safe.



## Sports Day – Provisional date



We are planning on holding Sports Day on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting). We will aim to start at 9.30am. Parents are invited to watch their child/ren, but we do ask that parents stay in the marked areas only.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any toileting facilities for spectators or younger children. This is due to safeguarding requirements as the school site will remain open and the children in school needing access to all available.

Please can I remind you that parents and younger siblings should not enter the school. We look forward to seeing you all there. Fingers crossed for some nice weather!

## A Prayer for Year 6

Dear God,

Thank you for each and every one of our Year 6 children.

Thank you for their hard work, their determination and the many gifts you have placed within them.

As they begin SATs this week, we ask that you fill them with calm minds and steady hearts.

Help them to believe in themselves, to do their best, and to remember that they are valued and loved, whatever the outcome.

Give them courage when things feel tricky, patience when they need to think carefully, and peace when they feel unsure.

Remind them that they are never alone and that we are all so proud of them.

Bless them with rest, confidence and happiness this week.

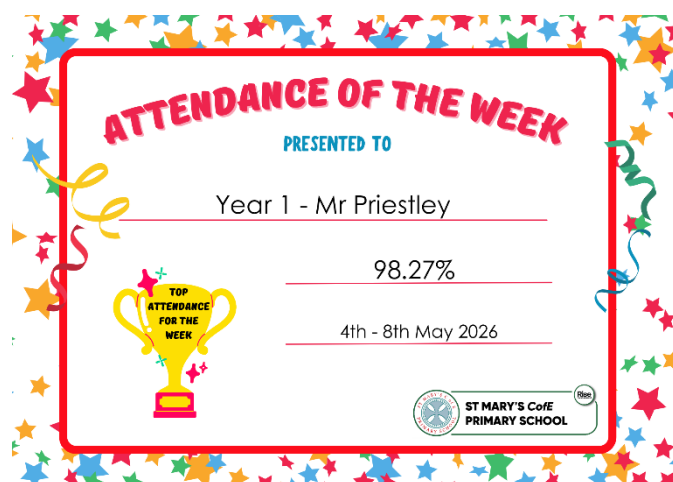
Amen.



## Attendance of the Week

Huge congratulations to Year 1, who have topped the attendance chart for the second consecutive week with an impressive 98.27% attendance.

Well done to all pupils and families for such a great effort!



# classroom



In **Year 1** this week, we've been learning all about plants. The children have started growing their own beanstalks and are testing whether plants can grow without light, water or soil. We also used food colouring to explore how water moves through a plant. In maths, we've been learning about quarters of numbers and shapes, and in computing we created block graphs and bar charts using 2Graph to show pets and favourite colours.



In **EYFS** it has been all about Jack and the Beanstalk this week in EYFS. The class were asked to imagine what would grow if they had their own magic bean! They wrote some lovely descriptions, full of imagination. The children have also been keeping a close eye on their sunflower plants which are growing nicely on our windowsill. We have also been learning about the different parts of plants and learnt how to label a diagram. When Miss Sayer taught the children on Tuesday morning, they all talked about what they would like to be when

In **Year 2** we have continued to work hard on writing a setting description based on the 'Hodgeheg'. We are excited to see the children's progress as they have a go independently next week. In maths, we've moved on to telling the time on analogue clocks—please support this learning by reading clocks at home. In science, we've been learning about seeds, bulbs and plant features and created mini greenhouses; feel free to share photos of your seedlings on Class Dojo.

This week in **Year 3**, the children have continued developing their money skills in Maths by learning how to find and calculate change using pounds and pence. In Writing, we are developing our skills and learning the features needed for persuasive speech writing. In Geography, we explored the climate of the UK and for Computing, we began our new databases unit by investigating the difference between open and closed ended questions to help collect information. For PE, we have started learning the rules, skills and teamwork involved in handball. What a short yet busy week!

This week in **Year 4** we have started two new topics this week! Our new writing topic is around writing to persuade, and we are looking at holiday brochures, certainly giving Mrs Lilley and Mrs Fendell wonderful ideas of places to visit for a holiday! In maths, we've finished our money topic and started learning about time. We've also practised for the MTC using the real format, giving all children the opportunity to see what it will be like in June – and they did brilliantly!

In **Year 5** the new writing topic has begun well, with pupils demonstrating strong skills in writing sentences that include non-finite clauses. In mathematics, we are close to completing our unit on shape and have worked efficiently through calculating missing angles. The class are thoroughly enjoying their new reading book, *Boy at the Back of the Class*, which continues to stimulate thoughtful discussion after each reading session.

This week in **Year 6** we have completed all of our maths units for the year, so after SATs we will move onto more project-based work in maths. In our writing we have completed our work on city descriptions and will next move onto discussion texts. Other than that, we have been keeping things nice and calm, ready for the hubbub that is SATs week. To help us, we would appreciate it if children could be well rested for next week - it's going to be a busy one!

# 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.



<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
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
	Relish Parents Tasting Afternoon
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>