



**ST MARY'S CofE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 22nd May 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 and Carers

## A Message from Mrs Oakes

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to take a moment to thank all my staff, parents and children for your continued hard work, support, and commitment to our school community here at St Mary's.

The children have worked incredibly hard and shown such resilience, kindness and perseverance throughout the term, and our staff have gone above and beyond to support them every step of the way.

I am also extremely grateful to our parents and carers for the ongoing support you give to the school, it truly makes a difference.

I hope you all have a lovely, well-earned half term break, filled with rest, time together and moments to recharge. I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half term ahead.

Warmest wishes,

*Mrs Oakes*



## A Huge Well Done to Our Year 6 Children



We would like to say a huge *well done* to all our wonderful Year 6 children for completing their SATs this half term.

You have approached the week with maturity, resilience and determination, and we could not be prouder of the way you conducted yourselves throughout. From staying focused and positive to supporting one another, you showed just how much you have grown during your time at primary school.

SATs are just one small part of your journey, but the effort, perseverance, and confidence you have shown say so much more about you than any test ever could. Whatever comes next, you should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

From **all the staff and pupils**, well done Year 6, you truly are an amazing year group!

## Updating your Parental Consents



A paper consent form has been sent home with all children within the past week. The office staff are currently reviewing Arbor to ensure that all parental consent details are complete, as there are several missing entries for some pupils. This process is essential in supporting the safeguarding of all children.

If you have not yet done so, please return the consent form as soon as possible, ensuring you have completed all sections outlining your permissions for your child. Spare copies can be obtained from the school office if needed.

## Uniform

As the warm weather arrives, we start to find unclaimed uniform. It will always get back to the owner if it has a name tag within it. Please ensure that you check all uniform over the half term break and write your child's name clearly on all items of clothing and footwear.



## 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!

## Just a Reminder

Throughout the course of June, our Year 1 and Year 4 children will also be undertaking checks in Phonics and Multiplication, so please try and make sure that your children are in school and well rested. The children will be unaware that they are being assessed.

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 (piece of fruit/veg) for playtime. This will ensure all our children have the energy and stamina they will need for the day.

## FOSMs Disco

Letters regarding the FoSMS disco were sent out at the beginning of this week. Please make sure you return the form and make payment via Arbor before the cut off date of 12noon 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.



## Year 6 Residential Trip to Rock UK Frontier Centre

Our Year 6 pupils recently returned from an unforgettable residential visit to the Rock UK Frontier Centre, and what a fantastic few days it was!

Over the course of three days and two nights, the children had the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, and create lasting memories with their classmates. From exciting outdoor challenges to team-building activities, every moment was filled with enthusiasm and adventure.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils for the way they conducted themselves throughout the trip. Their behaviour was outstanding, and they always represented the school brilliantly. They embraced every activity with positivity, resilience, and a real sense of determination, supporting one another along the way.

The experience offered so many highlights - from trying new physical challenges to developing independence while staying away from home. It was wonderful to see the children growing in confidence, strengthening friendships, and enjoying such a wide range of experiences in a beautiful outdoor setting.

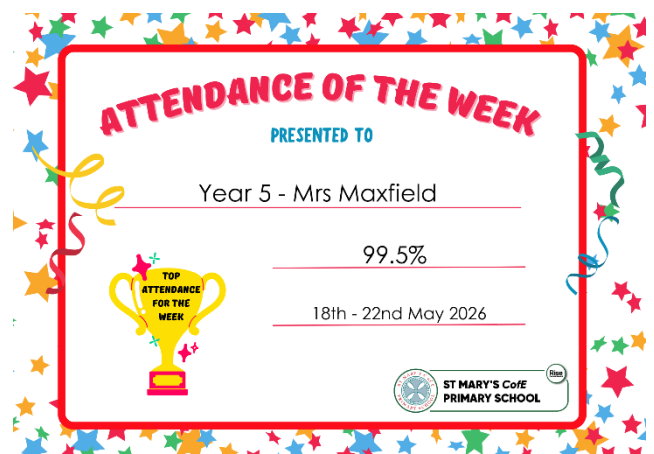
We have included a small selection of photos to give you a glimpse into their time away. So many pictures were taken, and it has been so hard to choose between them all. Please follow this link <https://canva.link/1hfwca91kqgr2yd>

A huge well done to all of Year 6 for making the trip such a success, it was truly a pleasure to spend this special time together.

*Mr Galvin, Mrs Maxfield, Mrs Rolls-Drew, Mrs Sisson and Mrs Cliffe*

## Attendance of the Week

Well done to Year 5 for achieving Attendance of the Week with an excellent 99.5% attendance! A fantastic effort - keep it up!



# classroom



We have been using The Hungry Caterpillar as our theme this week in **EYFS**. The children imagined that they were a caterpillar and wrote sentences about what they would eat! The class have created their own caterpillars from playdoh and painted amazing butterflies by printing symmetrical patterns. The sunflower plants are almost ready to take home which is very exciting! Another great week in EYFS. they grow up, which was a lovely conversation to have.

In **Year 1** this week, we've been writing poetry this week! Looking at the poem 'If I Were King' by A.A Milne (Author of 'Winnie the Pooh', along with many other great poems) and writing some of our own verses in the same style. Maths has been all about position and direction this week, forwards, backwards, left, rights, etc. In Science, we're now onto animals, learning about the differences between mammals, fish, birds and reptiles (as well as getting side-tracked by looking at many pictures of cute baby animals).

This week, **Year 2** have worked hard in their unit on time. They can tell the time to 5 minutes and understand that there are 24 hours in a day. They have completed another independent write linked to our class novel Hodgeheg. They have imagined that the main character, Max, visits a school and have written a description all about it! Also, they have been comparing different areas of the world and understanding how some settlements become cities whereas others remain as small villages. They have had lots of fun with their tennis and fitness

**Year 3** have had a busy and exciting week! In Writing, the children have been looking at features of a persuasive speech using their iPads, showing great enthusiasm. In Maths, we have started a new unit on Time, where the children have been focusing on telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks. In Geography, we have completed our Weather and Climate unit, with the children creating thoughtful pledges about how they can help save our planet. What a busy but fun end to the term!

In **Year 4** this week it has been busy week, still practicing on TT Rockstars and tackling our new science topic - Sound. We have learnt all about how sound is made and how our ears work. We were however, all disappointed to learn that the booms and bangs on some of our favourite space-based films, have been tricking us as we learnt that space can't actually carry sound as its vacuum! Not sure how.

The big space film trilogy would have been received as a silent movie! Luckily, the other 'Sound' experiments cheered us up, watching the tuning fork splash water all over the desk and the beads dancing on the drum and many others. We all really enjoyed this science unit!

A short week in **Year 5**, but full of achievements. We completed our Science unit on Properties of Materials—ask your child how they could turn salt water into drinking water on a desert island! They also produced a fantastic short burst write with rich descriptive language. Our Year 5 debate team has been practising hard for the Rise Pupil Charter event on 3rd June, and we ended the term with a brilliant trip to the Frontier Centre.

This week in **Year 6** in our post-SATs haze, we have started a writing unit on discussion texts (ask your children the difference between epizeuxis and diacope!) We have started building our model fairground rides in DT and generally looking forward to our residential trip to the Frontier Centre.

# 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.

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re opens 8.40am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 Debate Competition
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
	KS1 Mini Olympics
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 History Day in School
	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>