



**ST MARY'S CofE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another extremely busy week, it's been wonderful to reflect on just how much has been packed into the past few days. With a calendar full of events and trips, the children have had some fantastic experiences both in and beyond the classroom

## Congratulations to Our Year 1 Children

We are incredibly proud of our Year 1 children for the hard work, perseverance and positive attitudes they have shown during the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

They approached the check with confidence and determination, applying all they have learned throughout the year.

Regardless of individual outcomes, every child should feel proud of the effort they made and the progress they have achieved. Thank you to our staff and parents for your continued support in helping our children grow as readers, it really does make a difference.



## KS2 Multi-Faith Day

This week, our children in Key Stage 2 took part in a Multi-Faith Day in school, run by the St Phillip's Centre in Leicester. The day provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn about and explore different faiths and beliefs in a respectful and engaging way.



Through discussion, activities and questioning, the children showed great curiosity, thoughtfulness and respect for one another. It was a meaningful experience that supported our work on understanding, tolerance and celebrating diversity within our school community.

**KS2  
Multi Faith RE  
Day**

## Year 5 & 6 Visit to Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Day

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to Knipton in the beautiful Vale of Belvoir, where they took part in the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Day.

Despite a very wet start to the morning at school, we were delighted that the weather improved and allowed the children to fully enjoy the day.

Pupils had the opportunity to develop their cricket skills while also learning more about the countryside, rural life, and the natural environment. It was a wonderful day filled with fresh air, teamwork, and hands-on learning experiences.

We are very proud of all the children, who were excellent ambassadors for St Mary's throughout the visit, demonstrating enthusiasm, excellent behaviour, and a positive attitude.



## Year 3 & 4 History Day

Our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a fantastic history-packed day this week, led by Jed Jaggard from *Up and At 'Em! History*. Through hands-on activities and engaging

storytelling, the children travelled back in time to explore life during the Roman, Saxon and Viking periods, bringing their learning vividly to life



## KS1 Mini Olympics Success

We are delighted to congratulate our EYFS and KS1 children on their fantastic participation in the KS1 Mini Olympics, organised by the Melton and Belvoir School Sport & Physical Activity Network.

On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed a fun-filled event, taking part in activities such as sprints, jumping, throwing, and balancing, after an exciting welcome parade.

A special thank you to our Year 4 pupils, who helped run the event, showing excellent organisation and teamwork.

The event was a great success, well done to everyone involved!



## Year 1 & 2 Football Sessions

All of the children in our Year 1 and Year 2 classes enjoyed a football session on Tuesday morning. The girls were coached by Asfordby Amateurs Ladies and Girls Inclusive Football Club, while the boys took part in a fun football session with Mr Priestley. They all had a fantastic time practising their dribbling skills and taking shots at goal. We look forward to a second follow-up session next week.



## Year 5 Orienteering Adventure

Our Year 5 children recently enjoyed a truly fantastic day taking part in an orienteering event, and what a memorable experience it was! From start to finish, the children embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, teamwork and determination, navigating their way around the course with great excitement.

The success of the day was made possible thanks to the time, effort and careful planning of everyone involved in organising the event. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Belvoir Castle and Belvoir Cricket Club for so generously hosting us in such beautiful surroundings. Their support helped create an inspiring and enjoyable setting for the children to learn and have fun.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to build confidence, develop problem-solving skills and, most importantly, enjoy being active outdoors together. A day to remember for all!



## Summer Fair – Next Friday



Just a reminder that our Summer Fair will take place next Friday from 3:30–5:00pm. We hope to see lots of families there for a fun afternoon!

Bring picnic blankets and spending money to enjoy stalls including a BBQ, hook-a-duck, and more.

Many thanks to FoSMS for organising this fantastic event. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

## Sports Day – Next Friday

Just to remind you that Sports Day will hopefully be taking place next Friday (weather permitting). We will aim to start at 9.20-9.30am.

Parents are invited to watch their child/ren, but we must insist 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 procedures as the school site will remain open and the children in school will need access to all toilets available in the school buildings.

Please can I remind you that parents and younger siblings should not enter the school during the event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Fingers crossed for some nice weather!



## Transition Days

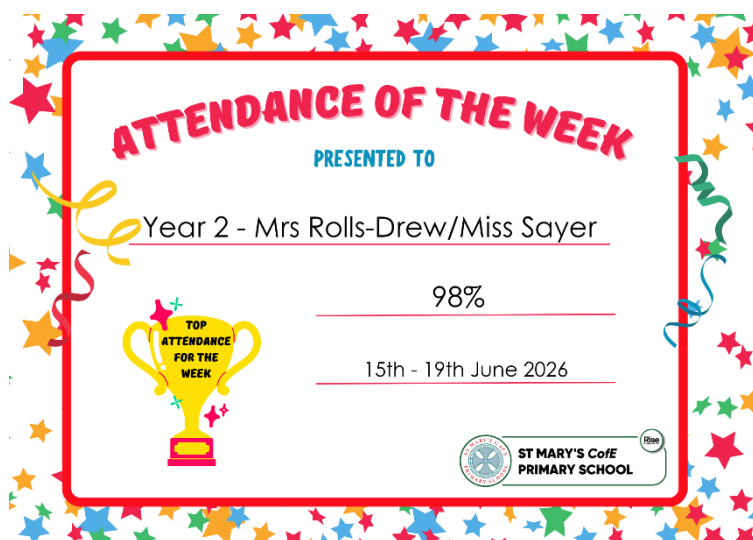
Year 6 pupils will be visiting their prospective secondary schools on Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June as part of their Transition Days. This is an exciting opportunity for them to experience their new schools and begin preparing for the next stage of their education.

At the same time, pupils in Years 1–6 will be taking part in their own transition sessions during the mornings, spending time in their new classes and getting to know their teachers for September.

We are also delighted to welcome our new starters, who will be joining us for these sessions and beginning to settle into school life at St Mary's.

## Attendance of the Week

Year 2 have proudly achieved Attendance of the Week with an excellent 98%, a fantastic effort! Their commitment to coming to school every day has really paid off, and they should be very proud of themselves.



As one pupil said, "We love being in school every day because we don't want to miss out on the fun!" As the saying goes, "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

Well done, Year 2, keep up the great work!

# classroom



**EYFS** have been full of energy this week. They've been practising for Sports Day, enjoyed a tennis coaching session, and taken part in the Mini Olympics. Alongside all the physical fun, the children have been shining in their maths and working hard on their phonics, producing some wonderful independent writing. They're now excited for next week's farm trip, where we'll be making predictions about the animals we might spot.

It was touch and go with the weather, but **Year 1** managed to have a lovely time with the mini-Olympics this week; it was a close contest but well done to the UK who were worthy winners out of the 7 competing countries. In class we've got lots done - puppets have been sewn, discoing has been done, we've been counting coins in maths, and we've created some lovely seascape sounds in music (with some expert dog-barking and seagull sounds produced by the children).

**Year 2** enjoyed a busy and very active week despite the threat of dark skies! We've been in our PE kits nearly every day, with athletics rehearsals going well, a fun football session on Tuesday, mini-Olympics on Wednesday, and target games activities on Thursday. In between all of that, we have almost finished our math unit on direction and movement, worked on the skills needed for our recount writing, continued our work on special places in RE (focusing on synagogues this week), and developed our coding skills on the computers by experimenting with different designs and action buttons. Phew!

This week has been a very busy one in **Year 3!** In Writing, the children have been creating sentences using adverb (how), when and where openers in preparation for writing a recount.

The children have worked hard completing their assessments and should be very proud of their efforts. We also enjoyed an exciting RE Day, where the children explored different faiths and beliefs. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm during History Day by learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Romans and other periods from the past, asking thoughtful questions throughout the day.

Where has the week gone! **Year 4** had an amazing day on Tuesday when we had 4 visitors come to talk to us about their faiths. The class learnt so much from the day and had some interesting questions for all our speakers. On Wednesday several of the class took part in the KS1 Olympics and represented our class wonderfully helping the younger children with the sporting activities. We also had an online lesson with Andy Stanton, the author of the Mr Gum books who made the class laugh and inspired the class to think about writing their own stories! Then finally, today we have had the wonderful people from 'Up an' at 'em history' bringing history to life for year 3 and 4. We learnt all about the Anglo-Saxons, Romans and Vikings. They really brought the history to life and placed us all right there, almost like our own time machine!

In **Year 5**, it's been a very busy week both in and out of school. The RE multi-faith day was informative and enjoyable, with our four visitors inspiring some excellent, thoughtful questions from the children. Our trip to Knipton cricket ground was equally rewarding, packed with engaging activities for Years 5 and 6—and we were lucky with the weather too. Back in class, the iPads were used effectively for maths revision, with pupils completing the revision pages I created with great success.

**Year 6** have had a great week – we are nearing the completion of our writing unit on discussion texts, with the children writing their own pieces on topics such as 'Should social media be banned for children?' or 'Should everyone be made to recycle by law?' We have also really enjoyed our RE multi-faith day, with the children being very inquisitive and asking a lot of questions. On Wednesday we had a great day out in Knipton for our countryside and cricket day.

# 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.



Friday 19th, Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd June	<del>Year 5 Bikeability Training</del> Postponed until Sept 2026
Wednesday 24th June	EYFS/KS1 trip to Manor Farm
Friday 26th June	Sports Day
	FoSMS Summer Fair
	Relish Parents Tasting Afternoon
Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June	Transition Day - Year 6 Secondary School & EYFS-Year 5 in school
Thursday 2nd July	Reserved Sports Day
Friday 3rd July	School reports go home
	FoSMS Cake Raffle
Monday 6th July & Tuesday 7th July	Life Education Visit for KS2
Tuesday 7th July	Year 6 – Warning Zone Visit (details to follow)
Wednesday 8th July	Leavers Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Thursday 9th July	FoSMS Break the Rules Day (details to follow)
	Last Day of Term!!! 😊
<b>Monday 24th August 2026</b>	<b>Start of Autumn Term 2026</b> Year 1 – Year 6 only
Tuesday 25th August	New Starters EYFS - Group A (½ day)
Wednesday 26th August	New Starters EYFS - Group B (½ day)
Thursday 27th August	New Starters EYFS - Group A (½ day)
Friday 28th August	New Starters EYFS - Group B (½ day)
<b>Monday 31st August</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 1st September	New Starters EYFS - Group A (½ day)
Wednesday 2nd September	New Starters EYFS - Group B (½ day)
Thursday 3rd September	New Starters EYFS in school full time 8.40am – 3.20pm
Friday 4th September	New Starters EYFS in school full time 8.40am – 3.20pm