



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

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St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the academic year, this final Friday Flyer offers a chance to pause and reflect on what has been another incredibly full and memorable year at St Mary's.

Over the past months, our children have continued to impress us with their determination, kindness and enthusiasm for learning.

Whether they are preparing to take their next steps within school or moving on to a new chapter, we are immensely proud of the progress they have made and the individuals they are becoming.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our parents and carers for the ongoing support you give to your children and to the wider life of the school. Your encouragement, partnership and trust play a vital role in everything we do, and we truly value the strong relationships we share.



To my staff team, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our children. Your professionalism, compassion and creativity shape St Mary's every day, ensuring that pupils feel safe, supported and inspired to do their best. I am extremely grateful for your dedication and care.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to welcoming our new EYFS children and their families in September. Beginning school is an important milestone, and we are excited to support them as they start their journey with us.

As the summer break begins, I hope it provides a chance for rest, happiness and precious time together. We look forward to welcoming many of you back at the end of August, refreshed and ready for a new year.

For those moving on from St Mary's, we send you our very best wishes for the future and every confidence in what lies ahead.

With my warmest thanks and best wishes for a happy summer,

Mrs Laura Oakes

End of year Reports



Just to remind you that your child's end of year report was sent home with them on Friday. It has been lovely reading all the wonderful comments from each teacher, and I am immensely proud of all the children this year and what they have achieved as I am sure you will all be.

FoSMS Summer fair

I would like to say a huge thank you to all FoSMS for their hard work and dedication in organising the Summer Fair this week. I am sure you will all agree that it was a wonderful event and it was great to know that it was so well attended.

EYFS Graduation



It was a real pleasure to watch our current EYFS children have their graduation this week. They have all made such good progress over the year and it has been lovely to watch them grow in confidence,

learning and height!

A huge thank you to Mrs Port, Mr Percival and all the EYFS staff in making this event truly memorable for parents.

Warning Zone



Year 6 will be visiting Warning Zone next week. This is a Leicester based charity dedicated to teaching life skills and safeguarding children. Their mission is to deliver life-saving messages to children aged 10-11, catching them on key transition in their lives as they venture into secondary schools, where they will meet new friends and introduced to new experiences. At this age, children are given more independence

and will be responsible for their actions, behaviours, and decisions they make; both in their day-to-day life online.

The children will visit the state-of-the-art facility, which aims to educate young people on understanding risks, peer pressure, anti-social behaviour, and consequences. With the internet and online presence being so widely accessed from an early age. The new E-safety zone there educates children on cyber-bullying, grooming, scammers and much more.

Year 6 Leavers Service

We will be having our Year 6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 8th July at 1.30pm. This will be a lovely opportunity for us all to come together and wish them all the best and say our goodbyes. Families are very welcome to join us.

All children must return to school on the coaches after the service. We will not be able to dismiss children until they are all safely back at school.



Year 6 Leavers

Year 6 Last Day



We will be holding a special table of awesomeness for our Year 6 on Thursday 9th July. The children have been invited to have chip cobs and other goodies. There will be time after lunch for children to get their shirts signed by other children and staff in school. Please ensure you have returned the slip and contribution of £2.50 to the office by Monday morning.

Sport Day

Sports Day was a fantastic success, with the weather staying kind to us throughout the morning! The children participated brilliantly in every event, showing great enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship. Staff commented on how wonderful it was to see all the children's hard work and practice pay off, with everyone giving their very best and growing in confidence.

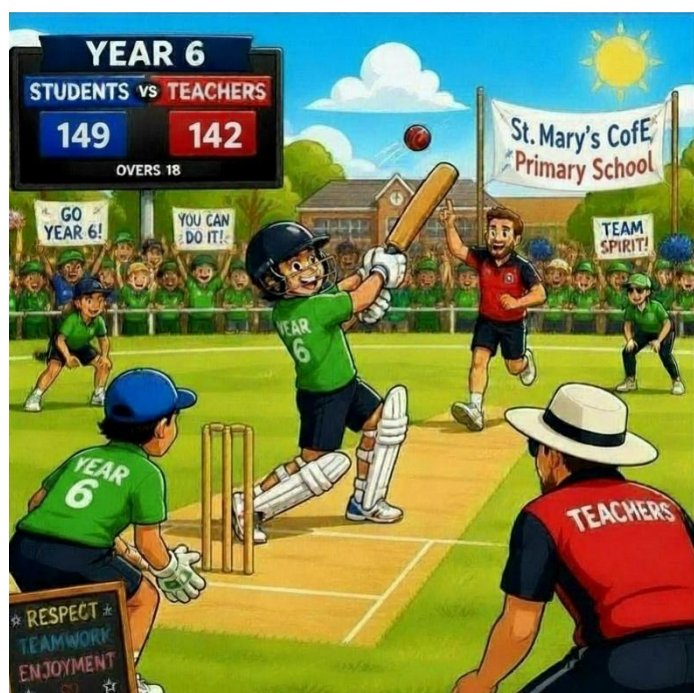
Despite not being in school, it was a pleasure to hear how the children cheered each other on and celebrated one another's achievements, helping to create a fantastic atmosphere and a memorable morning for all.

To round off the event, the children enjoyed a well-earned ice lolly, kindly provided by FoSMS – the perfect way to finish a wonderful Sports Day.



Year 6 v Staff Annual Cricket Match

The annual Year 6 vs Teachers Cricket Match was once again a highlight of the summer term, providing plenty of excitement, friendly competition and memorable moments. Both teams demonstrated great skill, determination and teamwork, with some impressive batting, bowling and fielding on display throughout the match.



The teachers set a challenging total of 142 runs, but the Year 6 team rose to the occasion and successfully chased down the target, finishing on an impressive 149 runs to secure victory. Remarkably, this is only the second time that a Year 6 team has won the annual fixture, making the achievement even more special.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 players, not only for their excellent performance but also for the outstanding team spirit, sportsmanship and humility they showed in victory.

Year 6 Leavers Message

Dear Year 6,

As your time at primary school ends, I want to take a moment to tell you how proud we are of every one of you.

You've grown into thoughtful, capable, and resilient young people. You've made us laugh, made us think, and made our school a better place simply by being part of it. Whether you've been here since Reception or joined us along the way, you've left your mark, and we'll miss you.

Secondary school is your next big adventure. It may feel exciting, it may feel a little scary, but remember, you are ready. You carry with you all the learning, friendships, and memories from your time here, and they will help guide you as you take your next steps.

Be kind. Be curious. Be brave. And always be yourself.

We'll be cheering you on every step of the way.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Oakes and all the staff at St Mary's

Year 6 Leavers Poem – "Off You Go!"

From tiny shoes and nervous smiles,
To confident strides down classroom aisles,
You've grown so much, in every way,
And now it's time to fly away.

You've read your books, you've learned your sums,
You've painted rainbows, beat the drums.
You've made us laugh, you've made us proud,
You've stood out brightly in every crowd.

You've faced your fears, you've tried your best,
You've passed each challenge, every test.
You've shown us kindness, strength, and grace,
And left your mark on this special place.

Now off you go to pastures new,
To make more friends and learn things too.
But don't forget your roots, your start—
This school will hold you in its heart.

So, here's a cheer, a wave, a smile,
For every step, each extra mile.
We'll miss you more than words can say—
Go shine your light in every way!

Break the Rules Day

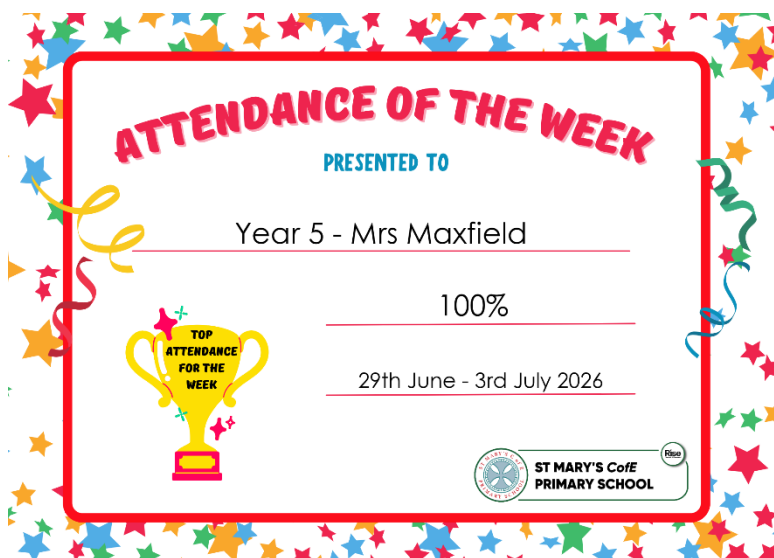
We will be having a Break the Rules Day on the last day of term (Thursday 9th July). This is a great opportunity for children to break as many rules as they can at 50p a rule break and raise lots of money for FoSMS. All money raised goes directly back into supporting the children.



Year 5 Achieve 100% Attendance Again!

A huge congratulations to Year 5, who have once again secured their place in our 100% Attendance Club. Their fantastic commitment to attending school every day has allowed them to make the most of every learning opportunity and has set a wonderful example for the rest of the school.

As Michael Jordan famously said, "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." Year 5 have certainly shown this determination through their excellent attendance and positive attitude towards learning.



classroom



Our **EYFS** children have really enjoyed their transition mornings in Year One, showing great bravery and confidence as they explored their new classroom and met their new teachers. We are so proud of how positively they approached this exciting change. They also shone on Sports Day, taking part with enthusiasm and determination, and were brilliant performers at their leavers' service, showcasing their confidence and teamwork beautifully.

Year 1 have assured me that they had a lovely time in Year 2 on their transition morning, so I will take their word for it! We're writing our new stories based on *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* this week, and we've had all sorts of strange and wonderful ideas. In art we've been creating portraits in different styles, and the class have been using mirrors to create self-portraits.

Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their transition mornings in Year 3. They are all ready for the more independent world of Key Stage 2 and can't wait to have their own iPads to support their learning. We've been working hard on our final writing piece, recounting our fabulous day at Manor Farm. We've inspired the children's minds during our final science unit on Living Things and wholly enjoyed grossing them out with a demonstration of the digestive system! Sports Day was a blast — they all tried hard and did us proud!

Our **Year 3's** really enjoyed their transition mornings, where they had the opportunity to spend time as Year 4 pupils and meet their new teachers! Sports day was a huge success, as it was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, trying their best and celebrating each other's achievements. Their excitement and enthusiasm throughout made it an even more memorable day. In History, we have continued our learning about Ancient Greece. The children enjoyed learning about the city states and the Battle of Marathon where they created storyboards

What a wonderful week **Year 4** have had. They have thoroughly enjoyed their transition days with Mr Galvin and Mrs Maxfield and the buzz when they came back into the year 4 classroom, just showed how excited they all are to be moving up to year 5. We've been continuing with the Vikings this week and learnt about the impact they have had on our local area including many of Leicestershire's towns names! With the warm weather, we also watched an important video from Leicestershire Fire service, about water safety and explained to the children about safe places to swim and how to float. Finally, we had our sports day too, that everyone took on all the races with huge enthusiasm and all had fun competing.

What a fantastic week **Year 5!** The children have really demonstrated how ready they are for the exciting step into Year 6. They enjoyed two brilliant transition mornings with Mrs Rolls-Drew and me, where they absolutely shone with their iPad skills and produced some truly amazing pieces of artwork. It has also been a very sporty week, with the children enjoying cricket and, of course, Sports Day. They took part with great energy, confidence, and team spirit, making us incredibly proud.

Our **Year 6's** have really enjoyed their two days at their new secondary schools and have come back full of excitement, ready to tell us all about it.

We are revising some tricky maths (fraction, percentages etc.) to fill their memory banks before leaving us. We are also continuing to learn about biographies in our writing lessons.

We have also been feeling very sporty, with a cricket specialist session on Wednesday, sports day on Thursday and the now legendary Staff vs Year 6 cricket match on Friday morning.

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

Monday 6 th July & Tuesday 7 th July	Life Education Visit for all Years
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 – Warning Zone Visit
Wednesday 8 th July	Leavers Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Thursday 9 th July	FoSMS Break the Rules Day
	Last Day of Term!!! 😊 Finish at 3.20pm
Monday 24th August 2026	Start of Autumn Term 2026 Year 1 – Year 6 only
Tuesday 25 th August	New Starters EYFS - Group A (½ day)
Wednesday 26 th August	New Starters EYFS - Group B (½ day)
Thursday 27 th August	New Starters EYFS - Group A (½ day)
Friday 28 th August	New Starters EYFS - Group B (½ day)
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 1 st September	New Starters EYFS - Group A (½ day)
Wednesday 2 nd September	New Starters EYFS - Group B (½ day)
Thursday 3 rd September	New Starters EYFS in school full time 8.40am – 3.20pm
Friday 4 th September	New Starters EYFS in school full time 8.40am – 3.20pm