



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



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 28th August 2026

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Our School Vision is:

"Be Courageous; be strong. Do Everything in love" 1 Corinthians 16 vs 13-14

Our Christian Values

To serve others (Love)
To be respectful (Respect)
To be thankful (Thankfulness)
To be kind (Kindness)
To be truthful (Honesty)
To Persevere (Perseverance)



I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and memorable summer break and have had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone back to St Mary's as we begin another exciting school year.

Whether you are returning to us or joining our school community for the very first time, we are delighted to have you with us.

As we start this new academic year, we look forward to a year filled with learning, discovery, achievement, and new opportunities. Our staff team has been busy preparing engaging experiences and enriching opportunities to ensure that every child feels supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential.

We are proud of the strong partnership we share with our families and thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can make this a happy, successful, and rewarding year for all of our children.

Warm regards,

Laura Oakes

Please continue to read the Friday Flyer each week to stay up to date with school events, important information, and everything that is coming up at St Mary's. We also share exciting news, reminders, and celebrations through Class Dojo and on our Facebook page [St Mary's C of E Primary School FB Page](#) so be sure to follow these channels to keep connected with school life.

New Starters



A very warm welcome to all of our new families joining us at St Mary's! We are absolutely delighted to have you as part of our school community. We look forward to getting to know you all and working together to ensure your child has a happy and successful start to their time with us.

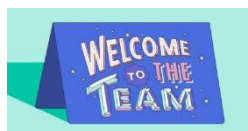
If you have any questions or need anything at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Staff Updates

We have some wonderful staff news to share! In August, Ms Tava welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world. We are thrilled to hear that both mum and baby are doing well and enjoying this very special time together as they settle into life as a family of three.



We are also delighted to welcome back Miss Mann from maternity leave. Miss Mann has returned to the classroom and is once again teaching Year 4, and we know both the children and staff are delighted to have her back.



Finally, a very warm welcome to the St Mary's family to Mr Goodsell, who has joined us as an LSA in Year 6, working alongside Mrs Rolls-Drew and Mrs Maxfield. We are excited to have him as part of our team and look forward to the contribution he will make to our school community.

We send our congratulations, best wishes and a warm St Mary's welcome to all!

Communication with School

Please can I remind all parents and carers that any emails or communication should be directed through the school office and not sent directly to individual staff email addresses or via ClassDojo. The school office will ensure that your message is forwarded to the appropriate member of staff and dealt with in a confidential manner.



Please allow up to 48 hours for a response. Staff do not access or respond to emails outside of school hours and will not respond to messages sent to personal email accounts or through ClassDojo.

If you need to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) regarding a safeguarding concern, please contact the school office and ask to speak to a DSL.

Alternatively, you may send an email to the school office and clearly mark it as URGENT so that it can be dealt with promptly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain clear and effective communication.

The school office email is office@stmarys.risemat.co.uk

Earrings and Jewellery

If your child has had their ears pierced, including during the summer holidays, please be reminded that only small stud earrings may be worn in school. Hoop earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

For PE lessons, earrings must either be removed by the child or covered with tape. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, parents and carers must provide suitable tape from home for use during PE sessions.

Please also note that no other jewellery, including rings, necklaces, bracelets, or other accessories, should be worn in school at any time.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices



To support a safe and focused learning environment, pupils in EYFS to Year 4 are not permitted to bring mobile phones or smart devices into school.

For Years 5 and 6, we expect pupils not to bring mobile phones or smart devices to school unless there is a clear and legitimate reason for doing so.

This may include:

- Travelling to and from school independently.
- An identified safeguarding need.
- Exceptional circumstances agreed in advance by the Headteacher.

Where a mobile phone is brought to school:

- It must be powered off before entering the school premises and not kept on standby.
- It must be handed to the child's class teacher/LSA immediately upon arrival.
- It must not be accessed during the school day.
- They will be handed back out at the end of the school day.

If any child is found with a mobile on their person or in the bag this will immediately be confiscated and this will have to be collected by parents from the school office at the end of the day.

In addition, smart watches are not permitted for any pupils from EYFS to Year 6. Smart watches can be a distraction to learning and may also present safeguarding concerns due to their communication and recording capabilities. Pupils should not wear or bring any type of smart watch to school.

These arrangements help us to safeguard all pupils and ensure that personal devices do not distract from learning. Thank you for your support in maintaining a safe, focused, and positive school environment.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, then please can you complete an asthma card from the school office. These need to be signed by a GP at your child's regular asthma review appointments so that we have the correct information in school.



Please can you check to make sure that any inhalers we have for your child in school are in date and that they are clearly named.

Medications and Illness



If your child requires any medication to be given including creams to be applied, then please complete a medical consent form from the school office. We will be unable to administer any medication without this. Please do not send any medication into school in your child's bag. This must be handed to a member of our office staff.

Reminder

Government guidelines require all children to be in school for 32.5 hours a week.

As a school we are compliant with our start and end times. For children to be in school and ready to start at 8.50am we will be asking children to line up by 8.45am.



Children are not allowed onto the school grounds before 8.40am. If your child is late arriving to school then they will need to sign in via the school office.

Updated Information



Arbor

Please can you update any change of address, telephone number or medical information as well as photograph, video permissions.

School Dinners

Reminder that the cost of school dinners is now £2.90 per day. All orders and payments should be made on Arbor by midnight the night before a meal is required. If you are having any difficulties accessing Arbor then please speak to a member of the office team.



Healthy Snacks



Please ensure that children are only sent into school with water in their bottles. I would like to remind you that children **must** only bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for their healthy snack.

The children do not have long to eat their snacks, so it just needs to be something simple and just one item.

Walking Home

If your child is in Years 5 or 6 and you wish them to walk home from school unaccompanied by an adult, then you must complete a consent form even if you have already completed one the previous year as circumstances may well have changed. Please follow this link [Year 5 & 6 Home Time Arrangements 2026-2027 – Fill out form](#)



KS2 Reading Curriculum



We are passionate to develop and instil a real love of reading for our children throughout the school, whilst still teaching them the important skills of phonics, de-coding, fluency, and comprehension. These reading skills are a gateway to develop other life-long skills - from the ability to be creative to improving vocabulary and communication. As a school, we have worked hard to ensure that our new reading curriculum reflects the progression of these skills

We teach all the children a range of genres in carefully sequenced lessons that have been planned with the guidance of Rise Multi-Academy Trust. Across the school, we have collated lists of quality texts that will support the fluidity and progression of the essential reading skills, enabling all children to flourish.

All children in KS2 will bring their class reading book home with them each week. There will be a homework expectation that children will read chapters from the book, as directed by the class teacher in their weekly homework. Parents can support this. It is essential that children complete this reading in preparation for the following week's reading lesson.

We would appreciate your help in supporting children to commit to their reading homework and to take care of these books, prompting them to return them back to school on their reading day.

Scooters and Bikes

If your child is arriving to school on either a bike or scooter, then they must have a helmet. Please can you remind your child that they must not cycle or scoot on the school grounds at the start and end of the school day. All bikes and scooters must be placed in the bike rack on the KS2 playground.



Dates to Remember 2026-2027

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

Print me and keep me handy!

Monday 31 st 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
Monday 7 th September	Mr Haggatt (Long Field Academy) to meet with Year 6
Monday 14 th – Wednesday 16 th Sept	Year 6 Bikeability Training
Thursday 17 th September	Rev'd Mary Barr Collective Worship
Wednesday 23 rd September	Severn Trent Water Assembly – Whole School
	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 25 th September	Year 3 Rise Sports Charter (details to follow)
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival (details to follow)
	Macmillian Coffee Morning (details to follow)
Tuesday 6 th October	Parents Open Classroom Event (details to follow)
Friday 9 th October	SEN Profiles to Parents
Monday 12 th October	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
Tuesday 13 th October	SEN Calls to Parents (details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th October	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
	SEN Calls to Parents (details to follow)
Friday 16 th October	School Closed – Inset Day
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd October	Half Term
Monday 26 th October	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 27 th October	Individual Pupil School Photos
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Monday 9 th November	Prospective New Starters 2027 Event
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Monday 16 th November	Anti Bullying Week
	Odd Sock Day (details to follow)
Thursday 19 th November	Rev'd Mary Barr Collective Worship