



ST MARY'S
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St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful week at St Mary's, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and the positive partnership we share in helping our children thrive.

If you have any questions, concerns, or information you would like to discuss, please speak to your child's class teacher at the beginning or end of the school day, or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. We greatly value working together with our families and appreciate the important role you play in supporting your child's learning, development, and wellbeing.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope you and your family enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs L Oakes

Living Our Vision and Values at St Mary's

At St Mary's, our vision, "*Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love*" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14), sits at the heart of everything we do. It guides our decisions, shapes our relationships, and inspires the way we approach learning and life together as a school community.



As a Church of England school, our Christian foundation influences the values we seek to nurture in every child. Developed in partnership with our pupils, staff, and governors, our core values help children understand how to treat others, face challenges with confidence, and contribute positively to the world around them. These values are evident each day through acts of friendship, perseverance, honesty, and compassion.

During this week's Collective Worship, we have been exploring the values of **Respect** and **Generosity**. The children have reflected thoughtfully on what it means to value others and share their time, talents, and kindness. It has been wonderful to see these discussions translated into everyday actions across the school.



We are immensely proud of the way our children embrace our vision and values, helping to create a caring, inclusive, and supportive environment. Thank you for the important part you play in reinforcing these values at home and for your continued support of our school community.

Friends of St Mary's (FoSMS)

At St Mary's, we are incredibly fortunate to have the support of our Friends of St Mary's (FoSMS). This dedicated group of parents work tirelessly behind the scenes to organise events, raise funds and bring our school community together.

Throughout the year, FoSMS arrange a range of activities and events that not only provide enjoyable experiences for our children and families but also raise valuable funds for the school. These funds help to enhance the educational experiences of our pupils by contributing towards resources, equipment, enrichment opportunities, transport and improvements to the school environment that may not otherwise be possible.

Whether volunteering at events, helping with fundraising initiatives or sharing new ideas, every contribution from FoSMS makes a real difference to our school. Their commitment, enthusiasm and generosity are greatly appreciated, and we are extremely grateful for all they do to support the children and staff of St Mary's.

FoSMS will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at school on Tuesday 29th September at 3.30pm. During the meeting, they will be planning this year's fundraising events and activities to support St Mary's. The committee would be delighted to welcome any new members who would like to get involved and help make a difference to our school community.

Lost Property

If your child is missing any belongings, please take a look through the lost property box in the KS1 porch.



Behaviour Curriculum and Policy



The Department for Education published advice and guidance for headteachers and school staff regarding behaviour in schools. DfE Behaviour in Schools Guidance.

The guidance comments that: 'Well managed schools create cultures where pupils and staff flourish in safety and dignity.'

'Pupils should be taught explicitly what good behaviour looks like.'

A copy of our updated Behaviour Policy is available for you to read on our website.

You can access it via the link below:

[St Mary's Church of England Primary School - School Policies](#)

Harvest Celebrations

As a Church of England school, celebrating Harvest is an important part of our calendar and ethos. It offers a meaningful opportunity for children to reflect on gratitude, community, and the importance of sharing with others. Through Collective Worship and classroom activities, pupils will be learning about the significance of Harvest and how we can support those in need.



Each year, we ask families to contribute donations of non-perishable goods, which will be passed on to Melton Storehouse, a local charity supporting individuals and families in our community.

We will begin collecting donations from the week commencing **28th September until Friday 11th of October** and your generosity will be appreciated.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The logo for Macmillan Cancer Support, featuring the word "MACMILLAN" in a bold, white, sans-serif font above the words "CANCER SUPPORT" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, all contained within a green rectangular background.

We warmly invite you to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 2nd October, from 9:00am to 10:30am. This event is especially close to our hearts, and we're proud to support Macmillan Cancer and the incredible work they do for families facing challenging times.

Throughout the morning, children from all year groups will be sharing Harvest performances-bringing joy, energy, and a real sense of community to the occasion. Whether you're popping in for a quick cuppa or staying for the full event, your presence will mean a great deal to us.

Performance times will be shared next week, so you'll know when your child is taking part. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special morning together.

If you're able to support the event with donations of cakes or biscuits, they would be *extremely welcomed* by Mrs Fendell, who is kindly organising the morning. Donations can be brought in before school on the day. Please remember no nuts!

Yr 4 Tennis Festival

The children in Year 4 took part in a tennis festival at Melton Tennis Club on Wednesday 16th September. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to learn new skills and play matches. A total of 189 children from 10 schools attended throughout the day, and it was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the experience.



Attendance of the Week (and last week!)

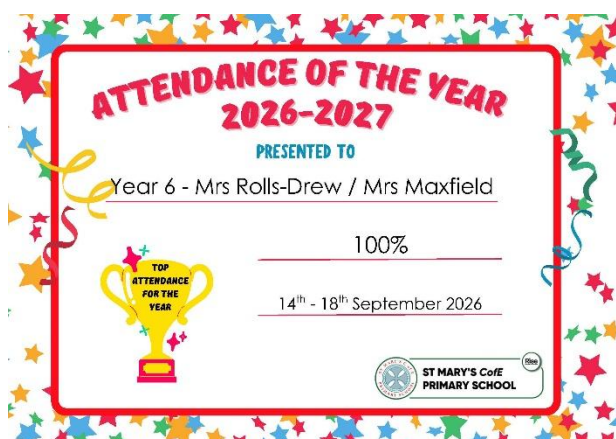
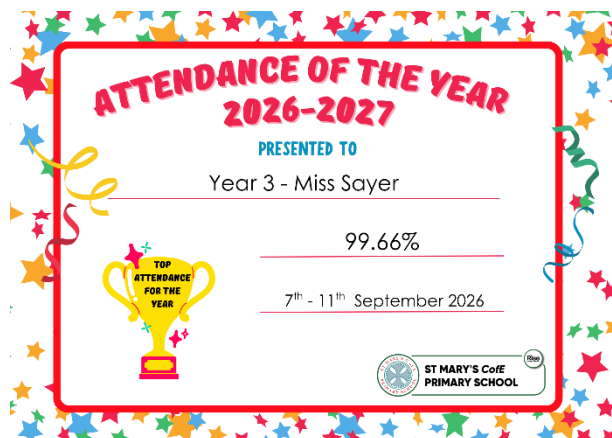
A huge well done to everyone for their excellent attendance over the past two weeks.

Last week, a special shout out goes to Year 3, who achieved an outstanding 99.66% attendance.



This week, we are celebrating our first two classes to join the 100% Club. Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 6 for their perfect attendance!

Wonderful achievements all round and thank you to all our children and families for supporting excellent attendance every day.



classroom



This week, **EYFS** have had a fantastic time exploring the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. The children thoroughly enjoyed going on a real-life bear hunt around the school, which was great fun and sparked lots of excitement and imagination. In RE, the children used the iPads to take photographs of amazing things they discovered in the school grounds, helping them to appreciate the beauty and wonder all around them. It has been a wonderful week full of learning, adventure and smiles! 😊

This week in **Year 1** we've been doing lots more geography – we've been looking at the 4 points on a compass, giving directions using left and right, and drawing our own maps. In our 'senses' unit in music, the class have also enjoyed getting out all the percussion instruments and experimenting with the length of notes (and making lots of noise in the process!)

In **Year 2** we have finished our unit in maths on place value and are about to begin the new one all on addition and subtraction. We are looking at habitats in science and how animals can survive by adapting to the different environments such as a camel having a very long intestine to store food and water for its journeys in the desert. We also were wowed by finding out the fact that we ourselves have intestines that measure several meters !

We have had another busy week in **year 3**. The children have just completed their investigation into why St Mary's moved location and wrote a wonderful explanation about this. We have now moved on to looking at the stone age! In French, they have been learning how to say how they are feeling which I have heard them including in their everyday conversations. In English, we have just started writing a scaffolded version of our legend narratives. We will move on to writing this independently next week.

Year 4 have had another super busy and exciting week! We have been looking at examples of diary entries to gather ideas and inspiration for our own writing. We also had a fantastic time taking part in the tennis festival — everyone had lots of fun and did a brilliant job! In Maths, we have started learning how to round numbers and have been developing our understanding through lots of practice. We have now come to the end of our science unit, and we are looking forward to starting our new Geography topic next week. Well done, Year 4, on another fantastic week!

In **Year 5** this week, we are writing a structured version of a persuasive speech in our Writing lessons. In Reading we are really enjoying our class novel, *Kick*. In Maths, we are moving onto addition and subtraction. In Science we have started our unit on Earth and Space. In PE we are continuing with our lessons on football and OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) and in RE we are in the middle of our unit about 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is loving and holy?'

Year 6 have had another busy week. In English, the children produced some excellent writing that they should be very proud of. In Maths, we explored prime, square and cube numbers. Geography saw us create exciting posters advertising the Windrush voyage to the UK in 1948, while in PE the children were challenged through a range of team-building activities.

Dates to Remember 2026-2027

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keep me
handy!

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

Wednesday 23 rd September	Severn Trent Water Assembly – Whole School
	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 25 th September	Year 3 Rise Sports Charter
Tuesday 29 th September	FoSMS AGM and Meeting
Thursday 1 st October	Census Day (details to follow)
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival
	Macmillian Coffee Morning
Monday 5 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 16th October	School Closed – Inset Day
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd 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
Friday 27 th November	FoSMS Disco – All year groups (details to follow)
Monday 7 th December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Tuesday 8 th December	KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
Wednesday 9 th December	EYFS Nativity (details to follow)
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Autumn term
21st December 2026 – 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January 2027	School Open – Spring Term starts
Friday 12th February	School Closed – Inset Day
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	Half Term

