



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding week at St Mary's, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher at drop-off or pick-up, or contact the school office to arrange a meeting. We value your input and look forward to continuing our work together to support every child's learning and wellbeing.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs L Oakes



Living Our Vision and Values at St Mary's

At St Mary's, our school vision- "*Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love*" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14) is more than just words on a wall. It's something we strive to live by every day, in every classroom, playground, and corridor.

As a Church of England school, we are proud to be rooted in Christian values that guide how we learn, grow, and care for one another. Our six core values-chosen by our pupils, staff, and governors are woven into the fabric of school life. Whether it's showing kindness to a friend, being brave in trying something new, or helping others in need, we see these values in action all around us.

This week, our focus on *Respect* and *Generosity* in Collective Worship has been a beautiful reminder of how these values shape our community. From thoughtful conversations to small acts of giving, the children have shown us just how powerful these values can be when lived out with intention.



We are incredibly proud of the way our children embody our vision and values, and we thank you for supporting them in doing so-at school and at home.

New Outdoor Learning Space

You may have noticed that work has begun on the construction of our new outdoor learning space. We're extremely excited about this development and hope it will be completed next week.

Outdoor learning plays a vital role in supporting children's wellbeing, creativity, and engagement with the world around them. This new space will provide opportunities for hands-on exploration, collaborative learning, and quiet reflection – enhancing our curriculum and helping children thrive in a natural environment.



Safeguarding

We have had reports recently that parents are using the back of the school as a short cut from one playground to another. Please can we politely remind you that if you have children to drop off at both playgrounds, to walk back through the car park and not around the rear of the school.



Parking Incident and Ongoing Monitoring



**Leicestershire
Police**
Protecting our communities

This week, we received a report from a local neighbour whose driveway was blocked by a parent's vehicle during school pick up. Sadly, this obstruction caused them to miss a vital medical appointment they had been waiting for.

We take this matter extremely seriously. In collaboration with the local police, a joint letter was issued electronically yesterday and distributed in paper format to all parents today. We kindly urge all families to be mindful of parking regulations and respectful of our neighbours' access needs.

The police will be monitoring the situation going forward to ensure that no further incidents occur. Continued disregard for parking rules may result in enforcement action being taken by the Police.

Let's work together to maintain a safe, respectful, and considerate environment for everyone in our community.

Important – Labelling Personal Items



During my visits to classrooms this week, I have observed a considerable number of unlabelled items, particularly during PE sessions. To help us ensure that lost belongings can be returned promptly, we kindly ask that *all* items of clothing- including school uniform, PE kits, coats, and bags-are clearly marked with your child's name. Please note that we are unable to take responsibility for returning unnamed items. If your child has misplaced any clothing, we encourage you to check the lost property box located 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 Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum is available for you to read on our website.

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 6th October, and your generosity will be appreciated.

Student Leadership Elections



We're delighted to share that elections for Young Governors and Collective Worship Leads have taken place across Years 2 to 6. It's been inspiring to see so many pupils step up with enthusiasm and ideas to help shape our school community. These roles are a vital part of pupil leadership, and we look forward to seeing our new representatives make a positive impact in the months ahead.

Welcome to Our:



Young Governors



Collective Worship Leads

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We warmly invite you to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 3rd October, from 9:00am to 10:30am. This event is especially close to our hearts, and we're proud to support Macmillan Cancer Support and the incredible work they do for families facing challenging times.



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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 gratefully received by Mrs Fendell, who is kindly organising the morning. Donations can be brought in before school on the day.

Miss Mann



We're thrilled to share the joyful news that Miss Mann welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Oscar, into the world on Wednesday.

Both mum and baby are doing wonderfully, and we know you'll join us in sending your love and congratulations to Miss Mann and her family during this special time.

We can't wait to meet little Oscar and wish them all the happiness in the world!

**Attendance
of the Week**

Class 3 & 5 – 100%



**Happy Lunchtimes
Classes of the
Week**

Classes 2 & 5

Dates to Remember 2025-2026

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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.

Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 3 Sports Charter Event
Monday 29 th September	Prospective New Starters Tour 3.30pm
Tuesday 30 th September	Prospective New Starters Tour 3.30pm
Wednesday 1 st October	Flu Vaccinations - all year groups
Friday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival & Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15am
Friday 17th October	Inset Day – School Closed to all pupils
20th – 24th October	Half Term
Wednesday 8 th October	Open Session for all parents 3.30pm – 4.15pm
	Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents 3.30pm
Monday 13 th October	Prospective New Starters Tour 3.30pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Prospective New Starters Tour 3.30pm
Monday 27 th October	Start of Autumn term 2
Tuesday 28 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm (details to follow)
Wednesday 29 th October	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 4 th November	Phonics Information Evening for EYFS Parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm (details to follow)
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need
Friday 28 th November – Tuesday 2 nd December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church
Thursday 4 th December	Mayor's Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Friday 5 th December	Santa Fun Run
	FoSMS Disco – To be Confirmed
Monday 8 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm (1 st showing)
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm (2 nd showing)
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity 2pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Coffee Morning 9.15am
Monday 15 th December	EYFS/KS1 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 th December	KS2 Panto trip
Friday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term!