



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,



What a busy week we have had! This week the children have absolutely immersed themselves in the school routine and we have started our clubs this week, more information on that below.

It has been such a joy to see the older children taking such care of the new reception children as they started school full time. We had a couple of visitors from the Trust and local community who have commented on the school having 'such a positive and peaceful environment'...a true reflection of the incredible children here at St Mary's.

A Huge Welcome

We would like to give a huge St Mary's welcome to Ms Tava and Miss Chowdhury who have joined us this year. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them around school.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

End of the Day

Please can we remind all parents that they must be visible to the class teacher at the end of the day, so that we can dismiss the children safely. Yesterday we had issues that staff were unable to see parents easily.

This is especially important for our new EYFS starters and any other children that are new to the school, as we are still learning faces.

Please can we ask that EYFS congregate outside the classroom door on the playground. All other parents need to wait at the bottom end of the KS2 playground.

If you have a child in year 5 or 6 you will have been emailed the online form to complete if you wish them to walk home by themselves. No child will be allowed to walk home alone unless this has been completed.

After School Clubs



This week saw the start of our after-school clubs. We still have availability for Smile Club on Monday or Tuesdays. Please contact Mrs Sanders in the school office to book your child a place.

There are also spaces with Superstar Sports for the Lego Club on a Tuesday (EYFS, KS1) and Football Club on Thursdays (KS2). Please book these direct with them.



If your child is being collected by an after-school provision or another parent/friend/family member then you must have informed the school office otherwise we will be unable to release your child to them.

Last year we had several occasions when children were significantly late being collected from after school clubs. If your child is attending a club then please ensure that they are collected on time. If you have booked your child into a club and they are unable to attend that session, then please notify the school office as soon as possible.

Tapestry/Class Dojo



Please can we ensure that EYFS parents have signed up to the online platform Tapestry and Yrs 1 -6 have Class

Dojo as a matter of urgency.

Information from the individual class teachers is shared regularly and we are aware parents have missed vital information.

If you have issues accessing either platform, please speak directly with your class teacher or email the office directly.

Please ensure this is done by Monday 8th September.



ClassDojo

Collective Worship

Over the last fortnight, our collective worship sessions have been deeply rooted in reinforcing the core Christian values that define our school community. Each day has focused on a specific value—such as perseverance, kindness, and thankfulness—allowing pupils to reflect on how these principles shape their actions and relationships. Staff have been encouraged to revisit the meaning of each value with their classes, fostering thoughtful discussions and personal connections.



Something big is coming...!



We are thrilled to share that construction will soon be underway for our brand-new outdoor learning classroom...a space designed to enrich the educational experience for all pupils from EYFS to Year 6.

This initiative has been funded by school, FoSMS and other donations from within the community.

The classroom aims to create a versatile environment where children can engage with nature, explore new ways of learning, and enhance their wellbeing. Outdoor learning has been shown to boost confidence, motivation, and self-esteem, while also deepening pupils' connection to the natural world. The new classroom will offer a refreshing change from traditional indoor settings, allowing lessons to be delivered in a more dynamic and memorable way

We're incredibly grateful for the community's support and look forward to seeing the positive impact this space will have on our school. We will keep you updated with the progress and hopefully work will start this month, weather permitting!

New Starters September 2026 Open Events

We have share via social media our open events for any new prospective parents that would like a tour of the school by Mrs Oakes and Mrs Port.

We have attached the flyer to the email and would ask if you could share it around with any families that might be looking at school provision for their child starting next year.

Communication

If you need to contact the school, please contact the school office:

- **Phone** 01664 562500
- **Email** office@st-maryscofe.leics.sch.uk
- **Arbor In-App Message**



Please do not contact staff on Class Dojo as we do not check this daily.

If you need to speak to a teacher or a member of SLT then please speak to the school office to arrange an appointment or a phone call back. Please allow up to 48 hours for a response unless it is a safeguarding issue.

Staff are not expected to check emails during the school day, after 5.00pm or at the weekends.

Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks



Please ensure that children are only sent into school with water in their bottles. We ask that children only have a **fruit/vegetable** snack for playtime. The children do not have long to eat their snacks, so it just needs to be something simple and just **one** item. If your child brings their snack in a container then please ensure that these are clearly named.

Water bottles are not stored on classroom tables next to your child. This is due to space on tables and the potential for spillages.

Children's bottles are kept on the side within the classroom and children have many opportunities across the day to access them.



Daily 10 Reading Challenge

We are trying to encourage children to be reading as much as they can. Staff will be checking and recording how many minutes your child has read at home for and at school each week. Children will be rewarded with certificates for set time periods and these achievements will be celebrated in our assembly each Friday. Children **must** have their reading books and reading diaries in school with them every day.



Education Sunday

Education Sunday 2025 will be observed on Sunday 14th September, with the theme "Lost and Found", focusing on the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

Education Sunday is a special Sunday on which churches across England and Wales pray for all those who work in education and pray for all those who learn. It has been celebrated for over 100 years.

It is a time to think about how the Church can support education and a time to give thanks for the gift of education.

Start of the Day

School Timings Reminder



No children should be on the school site before 8.40am when the gates will be opened. We do not have the staff available to supervise them. You will be notified if your child is at school before the required time and it is your responsibility to ensure your child arrives at school at the time specified and not before.

Please ensure that children arrive promptly at school at 8.40am so that we can get them in, ready to start the school day at 8.50 am. Gates will be locked at 8.50am. If you are late arriving, then you **must** sign your child in at the school office. Late marks are recorded and monitored by the Trust Attendance Lead.

No parents must enter the school building at any point of the school day. This is for safeguarding reasons, and you will be asked to leave if you enter the school premises. Staff will lock all external doors. If you need to speak with your child's class teacher or a member of SLT then please request this via the school office.

Attendance
of the week

Year 3 – 100%



Happy Lunchtimes
Class
of the Week

Class 2 & Class 5

St Mary's Sports News

Children in Year 2 competed in the KS1 Inspire Tennis Festival at Melton Mowbray Tennis Club. The children took part in a variety of carousel activities and had a fantastic time and it was lovely that the weather stayed sunny for us!



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

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 (details to follow)
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 (details to follow)
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
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
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm (details to follow)
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need
Thursday 4 th December	Mayor's Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Friday 5 th December	Santa Fun Run
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	Provisional Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 th December	KS2 Panto trip
Friday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term!