



**ST MARY'S
CofE PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 29th August 2025

Dear Parents/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)

Welcome Back to School!

I hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's a real pleasure to welcome you back to a brand new school year at St Mary's. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're delighted to have you as part of our school community.



This year promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, new friendships, and continued growth. Our dedicated staff have been working hard to prepare engaging lessons and a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make this year a fantastic one!
Warm regards,

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Please keep reading the Friday Flyer so that we are able to keep you up to date with events and let you know what is coming up.

VERY IMPORTANT

Parking around School

Please can we remind parents to drive and park with care within the surrounding roads.

Cars should NOT be stopping or parked across driveways, on zig-zags or double lines

Please be mindful and considerate of our neighbours.

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 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.

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. In order 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

Please can you update any change of address, telephone number or medical information as well checking your child's consents for things such as social media, photographs and other permissions are up to date.



School Dinners



Reminder that the cost of school dinners is now £2.95 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.

Please ensure you have read the letter that went out this week regarding the changes in ordering your school meals.

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.

Pupil Premium

For those parents who are in receipt of certain government benefits such as Income Support or Universal Credit you may be entitled to receive additional financial support for your child/ren. If you think you are eligible for Pupil Premium or you believe your child is entitled to receive free school meals then please speak to the office where they can provide you with more details. You can also call The Local Authority County Council on 0116 3055000 where they can talk you through eligibility and the application process or you can download and print off the form directly from the website below: <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/field/pdf/2021/6/25/The-Pupil-Premium-Information-for-parents-2021.pdf>

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 via the office even if you have already completed one the previous year as circumstances may well have changed. This has been sent out this week via email.

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.



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.

Dates to Remember 2025-2026

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!

Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 3 Sports Charter Event (details to follow)
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
Friday 17 th October	Inset Day – School Closed to all pupils
20th – 24th October	Half Term
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
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Coffee Morning
Monday 15 th December	EYFS/KS1 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Provisional Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 th December	KS2 Panto trip
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term!