



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 31st October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable half term break. As we return to school, we're excited to dive into a new half term full of learning, laughter, and growth. There are lots of exciting activities and opportunities ahead especially on the run up to Christmas and all the festivities.

Let's continue to support one another, celebrate our successes, and make the most of every moment together. Here's to a fantastic start to the second half of the term!

Mrs Oakes and all the Staff at St Mary's

Morning Drop-Off Reminder: Keeping Our Youngest Pupils Safe

Important Notice

As part of our ongoing commitment to pupil safety, we kindly remind families that children in **Year 3 and below** should be **accompanied into the school playground each morning by an adult**. Older siblings should not be responsible for escorting younger children into school, as this does not meet our safeguarding expectations.

We also ask that **no children arrive on school premises before 8.40am**, as staff supervision is not available prior to this time.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming start to each school day.

🎃 Keeping Your Children Safe This Halloween

Halloween can be an exciting time of year for children — dressing up, collecting treats, and enjoying the spooky fun after dark!

But while Halloween is meant to be full of frights and fun, there are some real-life scares that families will want to avoid.

Please use the link below for top tips on having a safe and memorable Halloween with your children. 🧛 🍂

[How to keep children safe this Halloween | 12 top tips](#)



A Huge Thank You from Melton Storehouse



Dear Staff and pupils

Thank you so much for your generous donations to Storehouse, which will be used to help the most disadvantaged people in Melton and the surrounding area.

As well as the provision of emergency food, household items, bedding, small electrical goods, and clothing, for people who are referred to us, we are also a drop-in centre, serving free drinks and hot snacks, where everyone is welcome. Storehouse is based at The Hope Centre on Nottingham Street, our opening hours are, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11am-1pm.

SEN Reviews

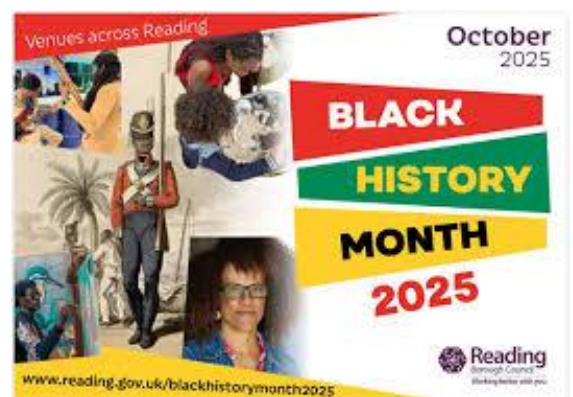
This week we have held our Autumn term SEN reviews. Your child's teacher will be sharing a copy of their SEN pupil profile with you in the next couple of weeks. This will have agreed targets that we will be working with your child on. This only applies to children on the SEN register.

Collective Worship-Black History Month

This week, we have been focusing on Black History month in our Collective Worship.

Black History Month is celebrated each year in October to remember moments in history, achievements, and contributions that Black people have made in the United Kingdom.

It was introduced in 1987 to celebrate the achievements of Black people and to eliminate discrimination and encourage racial equality. It was first celebrated in the USA as Black History Week in February 1926 and was introduced by historian and author, Dr Carter G Woodson. Dr Woodson worked hard to showcase the contributions of Black Americans and promote Black history in American schools.



Why do we celebrate Black History Month?

This year's theme for Black History Month is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride." Black people haven't always been recognised for their contributions to art, literature, business, sport, politics and more in the past.

This year's theme is about correcting historical inaccuracies and telling the untold stories of the achievements of Black people in the UK and around the world.

If you and your child would like to find out more then you can do via the BBC Bitesize link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z67ywsq#zmwh46f>

Anti-Bullying Week



We're proud to be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week 2025**, which runs from **Monday 10th to Friday 14th November**. This year's theme is "**Power for Good**"—a reminder that we all have the power to make a positive difference through kindness, respect, and standing up for one another.

To kick off the week, we'll be celebrating **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November**. Children and adults are encouraged to wear their brightest, silliest, or most mismatched socks to school as a fun way to celebrate what makes each of us unique.

If your child(ren) would like to take part, we can't wait to see their wonderfully odd socks!



ODD SOCKS DAY

You can find out more about it here: <https://youtu.be/7b11rdnQsI0>

Anti-Bullying Week Live Assembly

Children in Year 3-6 will also be taking part in the Anti bullying Week Live lesson on Monday 10th November. Hosted by Blue Peter's Abby Cook and Newsround's De-Graff Mensah, this curriculum-linked Live Lesson, aimed at pupils aged 7–11, is designed to inspire children to recognise their Power for Good, whether that's by speaking up, supporting others, or helping to create a kinder, more respectful environment in school and online.

Working in partnership with the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#), this interactive programme will encourage children to explore what bullying looks like, how it can make people feel, and how to take action when they see it happening.

BBC Children in Need



BBC Children in Need is taking place on Friday 14th November. BBC Children in Need is a charity that provides grants and funding to projects based in the UK that have the aim of helping disadvantaged young people. We are proposing to have a wear something spotty day on this date and are asking for donations of £1 which we will then donate on behalf of our school.

Attendance
of the week

Class 5 – 100%



Happy Lunchtimes
Class
of the Week

Year 2 & Year 5

Skateboarding & Scooter Festival

This morning, some of our Year 2 children took part in an exciting skateboarding and scooter festival at Longfield – and what a fantastic time they had! It was a real delight to see their confidence grow as the session went on, with smiles lighting up their faces throughout.

They learnt lots of new tricks, which they may be eager to show you at home, and every single child said, *"This is much more fun than school!"* The energy, enthusiasm, and determination they showed were truly inspiring.

Well done to all our budding riders – you made us proud!



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

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.

Tuesday 4 th November	Phonics Information Evening for EYFS Parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Monday 10 th November	Odd Sock Day
Friday 14 th 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 (details to follow)
	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!
Monday 5th January 2026	Back to School – Spring Term 1
Friday 13th February 2026	Inset Day – School Closed to all Pupils
16th – 20th February 2026	Half Term