



Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Mary's Sky School Challenge Team Shine in the Finals

We are delighted to share the fantastic achievements of our **St Mary's Sky School Challenge Team**, who performed brilliantly in last night's final. The children secured a well-earned **3rd place**, showcasing outstanding teamwork, confidence and dedication.

In addition to their overall placing, the team were honoured with two special awards:

- **Most Polished Dance**
- **Best Choreography**

These awards recognise the exceptional creativity, precision, and hard work the children put into their performance. We are incredibly proud of each member of the team for representing St Mary's so beautifully.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to **Frisby CofE Primary School**, from within our Trust, who achieved an impressive **2nd place**. It was wonderful to see such talent and enthusiasm from both schools.

A huge well done to all pupils and staff involved, your commitment and school spirit continue to shine!



World Book Day

World Book Day took place on Thursday 5th March. The children and staff had a great time dressing up as their favourite book characters and sharing their favourite stories with each other. Your child will have been sent home with a World Book Day token which they can use to get a free book or get money off a book. Please follow the link below for more information as to how you can use your child's token.

[Free £1/€1.50 World Book Day Books & Tokens - World Book Day](#)

Reminder that Sunday 15th of March 2026 is the last day to swap a £1/€1.50 book token for a free £1/€1.50 book.



Parents Evenings



Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 17th and Monday 23rd of March-3.30-6.00pm. Online bookings are open on Arbor.

Red Nose Day

It feels like we could all do with a bit of a laugh right now, doesn't it? Well, luckily, Red Nose Day is on the way with a mission to give you the best day ever! In 2026, Red Nose Day will be returning on Friday the 20th of March. This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.



At St Mary's we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 20th March** to raise money for this worthwhile charity. We are asking that children donate £1 via our Just Giving Page which will be given directly to Comic Relief. Please keep this date in your diary. We will remind you nearer the time.

Senior Leadership Team

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I will be out of school on **Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March** to attend the DBE Headteacher Conference. During my absence, Mr Galvin will be overseeing the school.

Please only request to speak with him in the event of an emergency, as he will also be teaching in Year 6 during this time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Year 4 Rise Choral Event

Some of the Rise Central team will be visiting school on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th March to film with the Year 4 children. Each school will have its own segment during the choral event, focusing on the school and how our values link to the songs the children will be singing.

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform on that day.

A promotional poster for the "A World of Wonder" event. The poster features a central image of a fairytale castle with blue roofs and golden spires, set against a night sky filled with colorful fireworks and stars. The castle is reflected in a body of water in the foreground. The text "Rise Voices Presents" is written in a gold, serif font at the top. Below the castle, the title "A World of Wonder" is written in a large, elegant, gold script font. Underneath the title, it says "A celebration of music, imagination and young voices" in a smaller, gold font. At the bottom of the poster, there is a yellow banner with the text "Thursday 23rd April | Doors open from 5:15PM | Event starts at 6.15PM". Below this banner, there are two QR codes and the text "Tickets cost £12.50 each, either scan the QR codes or follow the link below: https://tinyurl.com/RiseVoices2026". A yellow diagonal banner in the top right corner of the poster reads "Majidi Arena Leicester".

Year 2 Rise Charter Art Festival



Don't forget that Year 2 will be holding their Art Exhibition on Tuesday 24th March in the hall from 3.30-4.15pm. FoSMS will also be serving tea, coffee, juice and biscuits for you to purchase at the exhibition so you can sit down afterwards and talk to other parents. This exhibition is open to all.

Exciting news...The children's art work will be on display in Sainsbury's from the afternoon of Friday 27th March until Saturday 11th April, so if you are shopping, please do take a look.

Safeguarding Visit

It was so lovely to welcome Dr Julia Pointon our Chair of Governors into school on Monday. She really enjoyed having lunch with some of our pupils and finding out about how we keep your child safe in school and support them.



SEN Pupil Profiles

If your child is on the school's SEND register or has an EHCP, their SEN Pupil Profile will have been sent home today. This document includes the SMART targets that your child's class teacher will be working on with them in school. Please take some time to read through it.

We will be holding SEN parent phone calls during the week beginning Monday 9th March. These 10-minute conversations will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's profile and the provision in place to support their SEN needs. **Please ensure you have booked an appointment via Arbor.**

These calls are in addition to your usual parents' evening appointment.

FOSMs Easter Bonnet Competition

FOSM will be running an Easter Bonnet Competition to raise funds for the school. This will be judged by our Young Governors on Wednesday 25th March and the winner of each class will get a prize. Please can you ensure that names are underneath the bonnets so that they can be judged fairly. An email has been sent out with full details.

Reminder

Just a reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday 27th March and return back on Monday 13th April.**

classroom



EYFS have had a fantastic week! The children discovered a dragon's egg in the Eco Area and brought it back to the classroom, inspiring wonderful writing and predictions about what might be inside. They'll care for it until returning it on Thursday.

In Maths, they've been practising their measuring skills, spending a morning measuring objects around the classroom.

We also enjoyed a visit from Ms Tava, who shared how she celebrates Eid and Ramadan, along with photos from her own family celebrations — a special experience for the children.

In Year 1 the children had a wonderful World Book Day, enjoying dressing up, sharing their favourite stories, and writing a book review. In Maths, they've been using balance scales to compare weights and measure items in cubes. In Music, they've begun their new unit based on *The Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns.

In **Year 3**, we continued our work on fractions, focusing on placing them on a number line. In Computing, the children enjoyed coding programs that made different instrument sounds using a sprite. In Writing, they practised extending sentences by using three verbs for added detail. We also began a new PE unit on ball skills, with activities to develop controlling, passing, and moving with the ball.

This week, **Year 5** have been improving their writing by using metaphors to create vivid imagery, and they've risen to the challenge brilliantly. In Maths, we continued our work on decimals and rounding to the nearest tenth, before moving on to fractions and percentages. The class have also enjoyed using their iPads to annotate work and have adapted to them quickly.

In Science, we explored forces and how we use them every day, from riding a bike to opening a tin of beans. PE introduced our first Yoga session, which was wonderful to see—the whole class calm, focused, and relaxed. And of course, World Book Day was a highlight... everyone looked fantastic!

This week, **Year 2** continued their Great Fire of London topic, learning what people did during the fire and how it was finally put out. In English, they have been exploring exclamation sentences and apostrophes for contractions. In Maths, they finished their unit on height and moved on to measuring mass, as well as enjoying times tables practice on Times Table Rockstars. In RE, they discussed the Easter story, and they ended the week by dressing up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day. A fun and busy week in Year 2!

Year 4 have had a very busy week! We are finishing our Fractions unit—tricky at times, but the class persevered and made great progress. We've also started new topics in History and Writing. Mrs Lilley is excited to begin our new History topic on the Romans, and in Writing we are learning about explanation texts and using stacked fronted adverbials to add interest.

World Book Day caused great excitement in Year 4. With so many keen readers, the costumes were fantastic—Isadora Moon even made an appearance! It was certainly an amusing day for Mrs Lilley teaching a room full of storybook characters, and she was relieved that none of the creatures from *The Nothing to See Here Hotel* showed up!

Year 6 have had a busy week! In PE, they've been practising forward rolls and other challenging movements. In Science, they used their circuit knowledge to design an electronic toy. In English, they've begun their descriptive writing unit and continued reading *Murder Most Unladylike*. In Maths, they've been converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. The class have also been using their iPads daily and are quickly becoming experts with the Showbie app.

Dates to Remember 2025-2026

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

Tuesday 17 th March	Parents Evening – details to follow
	Year 4 Rise Voices filming in School
Thursday 19 th March	Mary Barr to lead Collective Worship
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 rd March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 March	Year 2 Art Exhibition
Friday 27 th March	School closes for Easter at 3.20pm
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School opens 8.40am
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 4 Rise Voices
Tuesday 28 th April	Class Photos
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 14 th May	Mary Barr to lead Collective Worship
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd May	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Monday 25th – Friday 29th	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	School re opens 8.40am
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 5 Debate Competition – details to follow
Thursday 4 th June	Year 3 & 4 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
Friday 5 th June	FoSMS Disco – TBC
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
Friday 19 th June	Year 3 & 4 History Day in School – details to follow
	FoSMS Break the Rules Day
Friday 19 th , Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 5 Bikeability Training – details to follow
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS/KS1 trip to Manor Farm – details to follow
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
	FoSMS Summer Fair
Monday 29 th & Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Reserved Sports Day