



**ST MARY'S CofE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be a brief Friday Flyer as I was out of school on Thursday and Friday.

Many thanks for all your support while I have been attending the DBE Headteacher Conference this week. I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.



## **Rise SEN Review Follow Up**

On Monday, we were pleased to welcome Mr Dylan Murphy, one of the Trust's Inclusion Leads, who visited the school to carry out a follow-up SEND review. Mr Murphy worked closely with Mrs Lilley and I, focusing on SEND provision, interventions and how pupil progress is tracked.

He also visited each class to see how pupils with SEND are supported through effective adaptive teaching. Mr Murphy was particularly excited to see the new iPads being used in Years 5 and 6 to support teaching and learning for pupils with SEND. He also spoke with a selection of KS2 pupils and commented very positively on how confident they were in talking about the support they receive at St Mary's.

## **Rise Pupil Premium Review**

Mrs Oakes recently worked with Mr John Keech, Deputy Director of Education for the Trust with a lead on Inclusion, to review the school's Pupil Premium strategy. The review focused on the attainment of Pupil Premium pupils across the school, attendance and behaviour, as well as the range of enrichment opportunities available to support these pupils.

It was a very positive review and highlighted the strong support the school provides for Pupil Premium pupils and their families.

## **Red Nose Day**



Don't forget next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is red Nose Day and that at St Mary's we will be holding a **non-uniform day** on to raise money for this worthwhile charity.

We are asking that children donate £1 via our Just Giving Page here [St Mary's Just Giving Page](#) which will be given directly to Comic Relief

## 🌙 World Sleep Day – Why Sleep Matters for Children

Today is World Sleep Day, a great reminder of how important sleep is for children's health and learning. A good night's sleep helps children concentrate in class, remember new information, manage their emotions, and stay healthy and energised.

Most primary-aged children need around 10–11 hours of sleep each night to feel their best.

Top tips for better sleep:

- Keep a regular bedtime
- Reduce screen time before bed
- Create a calm, cosy bedtime routine

A well-rested child is a happier, healthier learner - today is the perfect day to make sleep a priority!

**World Sleep Day**  
Friday 13 March 2026

**NHS**  
Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

### Sleep well, live better

World Sleep Day encourages people worldwide to promote the importance of healthy sleep. It's an opportunity to highlight how **quality rest supports mental well-being, physical health and overall quality of life.**

#### Why sleep matters?

- Supports mood and emotional regulation
- Improves concentration and memory
- Reduces stress and burnout

#### Healthy sleep habits

- Stick to a regular sleep and wake time
- Limit screen usage before bedtime
- Quiet, dark and calming environment

#### Need more support with sleep?

**My Self Referral** - My Self-referral is a website available to young people up to the age of 18 who want advice and support for their mental health. It enables young people to self-care and access a broad range of advice, resources and services.

**Health For Teens** - Health for Teens is a fantastic resource for young people to find out more about health, covering the likes of feelings, growing up, health, lifestyle, relationships and sexual health.

**Health For Kids** - Find top tips and advice on all aspects of children's emotional and physical health, from keeping kids active and eating well, to building their confidence and equipping them to cope with specific health issues.

**Support for parents and carers** - Head to the website [lptnhs.com/SupportForParents](https://lptnhs.com/SupportForParents) for clear, practical guidance and resources for families with children of all ages.

Scan this QR code or visit the link for more about our support services:  
[leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health](https://leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health)

**Mental Health Support Teams in Schools**



## Year 3 Tennis Festival

This week, our Year 3 children had an amazing time at the Tennis Festival held at Melton Tennis Club! 🎾 The sun was shining, spirits were high, and the children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm. They showed great teamwork, fantastic energy, and had an absolute blast out on the courts. A brilliant day all round!



## Year 2 Rise Charter Art Festival



Don't forget that Year 2 will be holding their Art Exhibition on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 artwork will be on display in Sainsbury's from the afternoon of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, so if you are shopping, please do take a look.



## SEN Pupil Profiles



Many thanks to those of you who booked a SEN phone call with your child's class teacher. We hope you found the discussion around your child's SEN pupil profile, targets, classroom support and interventions helpful. Please take time to discuss your child's targets with them at home.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Save the Dates - KS2 SATs Information Session for parents

Mr Galvin will be holding a KS2 information session for Year 6 parents regarding the KS2 SATs Assessments that your child will be sitting during the week commencing 11 May 2026.

The session will explain which assessments the children will be undertaking and how you can support them at home.

**The session will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 at 3.30pm in the Year 6 classroom.**



## Save the Date - Year 4 MTC information Session for parents

Mrs Lilley will be holding an MTC (Multiplication Times Tables Check) information session on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 3.30pm in the Year 4 classroom. This session will give you information on what the check involves and how you can support.

## classroom



**EYFS has had a wonderful week of learning!** The children have been exploring the *Zones of Regulation* to help them understand and recognise different emotions. In Art, they created beautiful spring flower paintings using watercolours, and in Literacy they imagined life as royalty, writing lovely descriptions of what they would wear.

We also waved goodbye to Baby and Mummy Dragon as they set off on their new adventure!



**This week has been lots of fun in Year 1** In R.E., the class have been diving into the Christian Easter story and discovering all the important events that led up to Easter Day. In P.E., we finally made it onto the field, hooray! and everyone has been showing off their football passing skills. We've also had lots of fun learning about amazing ocean animals and talking about why it's so important to look after our wonderful planet!

### **Year 3 has had a fantastic week!**

We enjoyed a brilliant time at the tennis festival on Tuesday, where the children took part in a range of fun activities with great enthusiasm. In Maths, we have begun our new unit on Mass and Capacity.

In History, we wrapped up our Anglo-Saxons unit, and the children loved presenting their group projects. For Writing, we focused on extending sentences using three subjects. In Computing, the class explored changing their sprite's costume using the coding blocks they've been learning.

What a wonderful week of learning!

### **Year 5 has had a busy and creative week!**

We've been tackling decimals and building on our fractions and percentages work. Year 5 are becoming real maths stars! In Writing, the children added *personification* to their figurative language skills, bringing their ideas to life.

They also worked hard on assessments. In Art, they loved trying out screen printing, and in PE they enjoyed both yoga and hockey, especially when we made it outside.

A fantastic week all round!

### **Year 2 has had a very busy and productive week!**

We finished our history unit on the Great Fire of London, and the children did brilliantly on their end-of-unit quiz. In Science, we've started learning about materials, where they come from and why certain materials are chosen for specific objects based on their properties.

In English, the children continued their diary writing and produced fantastic independent diaries about an adventure with a giant chameleon! In Maths, we focused on mass and capacity, which has been tricky, but the children showed great perseverance and made excellent progress.

### **Year 4 has had an exciting week!**

The children have been exploring all the amazing things they can now do in lessons using their iPads, and they are very enthusiastic about using them more to support their learning.

We have also started our new Maths topic on decimals and, of course, have been busy practising for the upcoming Rise choral event, which is fast approaching!

### **Year 6 has had an action-packed week!**

In Maths, we've been tackling the area of rectilinear shapes - lots of right angles to keep us thinking! In Writing, we've polished our sentences by mastering hyphens, commas, and adventurous adverbials.

In History, we explored alliances and the Treaty of Versailles in our World War I and II unit, and in PE we kept active with fitness and gymnastics.

Next week is SATs practice week, a great chance for Year 6 to show just how far they've come!

# 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 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
	Year 4 Rise Voices filming in School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mary Barr to lead Collective Worship
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 March	Year 2 Art Exhibition
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents 3.30pm – 4pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter at 3.20pm
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens 8.40am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 MTC Meeting 3.30pm – 4pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 4 Rise Voices
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photos
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mary Barr to lead Collective Worship
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re opens 8.40am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 Debate Competition – details to follow
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	FoSMS Disco – TBC
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 RE Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
	KS1 Mini Olympics
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 History Day in School – details to follow
	FoSMS Break the Rules Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 Bikeability Training – details to follow
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS/KS1 trip to Manor Farm – details to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
	FoSMS Summer Fair
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reserved Sports Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	School reports go home
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Life Education Visit for KS2
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 – Warning Zone Visit (details to follow)