

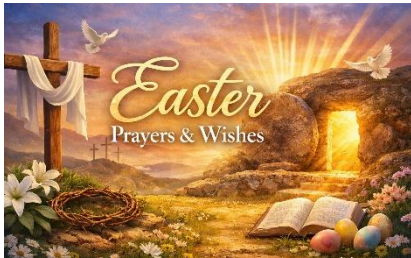


**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Rise

St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 20th March 2026



An Easter Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for giving us such good gifts.

For our families who love us.

For so many different beautiful animals.

For parks with tall trees and soft grass.

And thank you for your son, Jesus.

He taught his disciples about you.

He healed people who were sick.

He walked on water,

And even died and came back to life.

Help us to remember all the things he did

And celebrate him on this special day.

Amen.



A Message from Mr Paul Galvin - Deputy Headteacher

In Mrs Oakes absence, the staff and I would like to wish all our children and families a very enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. We hope you take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the holiday.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the new term, on **Monday 13th April at 8:40am.**

Year 2 Rise Charter Art Festival

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us after school on Tuesday for the Year 2 Art Exhibition. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and we hope you enjoyed celebrating the children's fantastic artwork as much as we enjoyed sharing it with you.



A big thank you as well to FoSMS for providing the refreshments and helping to make the event extra special.

Don't forget, the artwork will be on display in Sainsbury's from **Friday 27th March** until **Saturday 11th April**. We hope you will have a chance to visit and admire the children's creativity on show in the community.



FoSMS Easter Bonnet Competition

A huge thank you to everyone who entered this year's FoSMS Easter Bonnet Competition! The creativity, effort and imagination that went into every bonnet was truly egg-cellent, we were blown away by the fantastic designs.

Our wonderful Young Governors judged the competition, and they found it incredibly difficult to choose because every single entry was amazing.

There were 2 winners from each year group who were presented with their prize during our Celebration Assembly this afternoon.



FoSMS Easter Raffle



A HUGE Easter thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the FoSMS Easter Raffle!

Your support has been absolutely *egg-cellent*, and we're so grateful for every ticket purchased.

The raffle was drawn during our Celebration Assembly today, and there was plenty of excitement as the winning tickets were revealed! We hope the lucky winners enjoy their prizes, and that they've got plenty of chocolate to keep them going!

Thank you once again for helping to make the FoSMS Easter fundraising such a cracking success. Your support means so much to us and to the whole school community.

Tesco Stronger Starts – Blue Token Scheme

Just a reminder that we are currently taking part in the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme across both Tesco stores in Melton.

We're pleased to share that the deadline has now been extended to 26th April, giving everyone a little more time to support our project.

If you are shopping in Tesco, please do pop your blue token into our slot — every token truly makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

The logo for Tesco Stronger Starts, featuring the word 'TESCO' in red and 'Stronger Starts' in blue. Below it, the text 'St Mary's School New Sensory Room' is written in green. The graphic is surrounded by various sensory items like a lava lamp, a beach ball, a fan, a fidget spinner, and a hand holding a coin.

We are developing our Sensory Room, that is accessible to all students at St Mary's, for when they need that little extra support

You will be able to vote for our project by using the blue tokens when you have shopped at either

- Tesco Express, Nottingham Road
- Tesco Superstore, Thorpe Road



Thank you for your support



KS2 SATs Information Session for parents

Thank you all the parents that came along on Wednesday evening. We hope that you found the presentation informative and helpful.

Year 4 MTC information Session for parents

Mrs Lilley will be holding an MTC (Multiplication Times Tables Check) information session on Monday 20th April 2-26 at 3.30pm in the Year 4 classroom. This session will give you information on what the check involves and how you can support.

Easter Word Search

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eggs	spring	hunt	gift
bunny	April	candy	sun
rabbit	Sunday	vacation	duckling
chick	basket	lamb	holiday

Easter Facts

Easter, also called Resurrection Day, is a holiday that is celebrated every spring. Among Christians, it is a celebration of Jesus Christ being raised from the dead. Christians believe that it is the most important day of the year. Some people who are not Christians celebrate Easter as the beginning of Spring. Many people attend a church service at Easter, even if they do not regularly attend church.



How do we celebrate Easter?

Many Christians spend time in church in thought, in prayer and in celebration of Jesus Christ's life and resurrection. They get together for a special meal with friends and family.

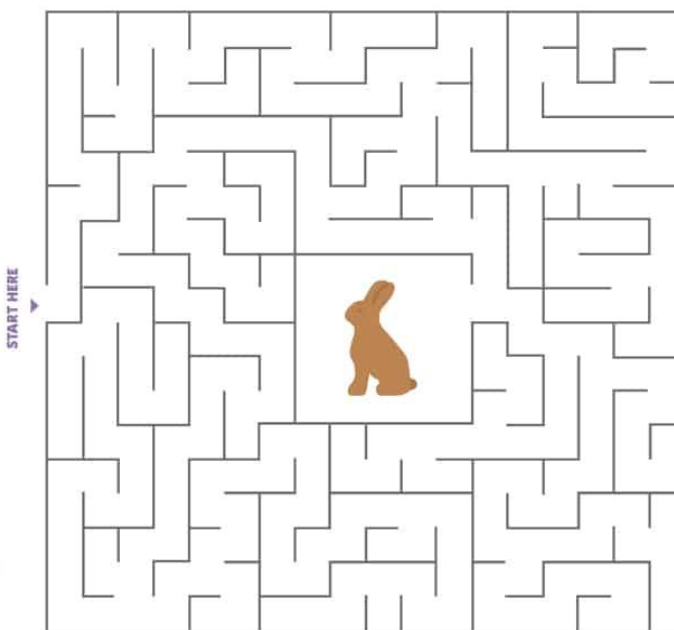
Easter is celebrated around the world with special church services, music, flowers, ringing of church bells, exchanging gifts, Easter baskets.

There are also lots of fun things to do at Easter such as Easter Egg hunts, eating hot cross buns and of course lots of yummy chocolate eggs!

EASTER MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the chocolate bunny in the center.

Happy Easter!



classroom



EYFS have had a fantastic week! The children produced some wonderful Easter writing and showed brilliant imagination. They were especially excited when Carol Parker visited to help them plant sunflower seeds to take home. We also enjoyed lots of Easter crafts and baking—a lovely end to a busy spring term. We are so proud of the children and pleased to have shared their progress with you at parents' evening.

In Year 1, we have finally finished our windmills – hooray! After a few false starts and challenges (mostly mine!), we found a working solution, and the children had great fun making them. We also completed our own version of *The Hare and the Tortoise* after weeks of planning, with some wonderfully imaginative character choices—including several sea urchins! In P.E., we've moved on from football skills and have been practising passing and dribbling in basketball.

Year 3 have had a wonderful week! The children are becoming increasingly confident using iPads in Writing as they work on their non-chronological reports this term. In Maths, we have completed our Mass and Capacity unit and are all set to begin a new topic after half term.

On Thursday, the children had great fun designing and creating Easter shell-structure packaging in DT, showing fantastic creativity and teamwork throughout.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break—and I am delighted to end the term by sharing some special news I simply couldn't wait to tell you!

Year 5 have had a brilliant week! We've been developing our descriptive writing skills, and the children have been eager to share their wonderfully creative ideas. In maths, we've moved from calculating perimeter to exploring area, showing great confidence with the new concepts. In Geography, our work on ecosystems has sparked lots of thoughtful discussions, with plenty of curious questions that really showcase the class's enthusiasm for learning. The children also produced some fantastic Easter bonnets for the competition — well done, Year 5!

Wishing everyone a very lovely Easter break!

Year 2 have had a wonderful week! In English, the children completed two fantastic diary entries—one on the Great Fire of London and another about their trip to Beaumanor. In maths, they finished their unit on mass and capacity and spent some time recapping previous learning.

In PE, the children really enjoyed their team-building activities, especially helping each other navigate the hall while blindfolded! They also had great fun playing a final game of rounders in their striking and fielding unit. We are incredibly proud of the children and loved sharing their brilliant learning and progress with you during parents' evening. Well done, Year 2!

Year 4 have had a great week exploring the Romans in History. The children were fascinated to learn that visiting the Roman Baths was a real community event—people didn't just go to relax, but also to meet friends and even hold business meetings there!

We also continued having fun with our iPads in Computing. This week, the children used an app called Turtle Academy and really enjoyed programming the little turtle to move around their screens. It was a fantastic way to build their coding confidence and problem-solving skills.

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week. In Writing, they have been analysing and producing excellent descriptive pieces, confidently using the features we have learned over the past couple of weeks. In Maths, we have moved on to our unit on statistics, exploring a range of visual ways to present and interpret data.

In History, the children have shown great interest while learning about the causes and effects of World War II, engaging in thoughtful discussion and asking insightful questions. We are also getting to grips with our new SATs Companion online tool, which the children have approached with enthusiasm and determination. Year 6 have worked extremely hard this half term, as always, and they are definitely ready for a well-deserved and restful Easter break.

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.



Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School opens 8.40am
Monday 20 th April	Year 4 MTC Meeting 3.30pm – 4pm
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
Tuesday 16 th June	KS2 RE Day
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 Cricket & Countryside Day – details to follow
	KS1 Mini Olympics
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
Friday 3 rd July	School reports go home
Monday 6 th July & Tuesday 7 th July	Life Education Visit for KS2
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 – Warning Zone Visit (details to follow)
Wednesday 8 th July	Leavers Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Thursday 9 th July	Last Day of Term!!! 😊
Monday 24th August 2026	Start of Autumn Term 2026 Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday – School Closed