



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term Thank You

As we reach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and partnership. It has been a busy and rewarding few weeks, and we are incredibly proud of how the children have settled into their routines and embraced their learning.

From engaging lessons and creative projects to outdoor activities and community initiatives like our Harvest donations for Melton Storehouse, the children have shown kindness, curiosity, and a real sense of teamwork. These moments remind us of the strength and spirit of our school community.



I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment to ensuring every child feels supported and inspired. Their efforts make a real difference every day.

Please note that there will be no Friday Flyer next week.

As we head into the half term break, I hope you all enjoy a restful and refreshing time with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 27th October, ready for another exciting half term ahead.

Just a reminder:

We have an INSET Day on Friday 17th October – No school for pupils.

and

We reopen on Monday 27th October at 8:40am.

Warm regards,

Laura Oakes

Harvest Donations – Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has kindly donated items for Melton Storehouse this week. We've set up a table in the hall where donations are being added as they arrive. It's been wonderful for the children to see the growing collection and to feel part of a meaningful community effort.



We are continuing to collect non-perishable food cupboard items throughout next week. All donations will be delivered to Melton Storehouse before we break up for half term.

Melton Storehouse supports individuals and families in need by providing essentials such as food, clothing, bedding, baby equipment, and household appliances. Your generosity will make a real difference to those who are struggling or vulnerable.

Thank you again for your support.

Parents Opens Session



It was absolutely lovely to see so many parents and children at our open session on Wednesday. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and it was a real joy to see the children proudly sharing all their incredible work. Thank you for taking the time to join us and for your continued support – it means so much to our school community.

Applying for a place in Reception for September 2026

Everyone must apply for a school place, as there is no automatic entry for any school.

- Online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception class for children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st of August 2022. You can apply online and on time. Applying online is secure and is the quickest and easiest way to apply.
- The application window for children seeking to start school for the first time from Autumn 2025 is now open until the national closing date of midnight on Monday 15th January 2026. You will find out if your child has been offered a place on 16th April 2026.



Leicestershire County Council have created a one-page checklist to help you with the admission process.

[School admissions checklist](#)

Apply online at:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Important Reminder

If your child is currently in Year 6, it is essential that you apply for a secondary school place by the national deadline of **31st October 2025**. There is no automatic transfer to secondary school, and late applications may result in your child not being offered a place at your preferred school.



Applying on time gives your child the best chance of securing a place at a school that suits their needs and is within reasonable distance.

You can apply online via the <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>. The process is secure, straightforward, and allows you to list multiple preferences. We strongly encourage you to use all available preferences and to include your catchment school to maximise your chances.

Parents Evenings



Our Parents Evenings for this term are being held on Tuesday 28th October 3.30-6.00pm and Wednesday 5th November 3.30-6.00pm. The booking system went live on Wednesday 8th October on Arbor. **If you have not yet booked then please do this as soon as possible. We are unable to offer alternative dates and times.**

For parents of children in Year 2 we will organise a separate parent evening, when possible, due to Mrs Rolls-Drews absence. Many thanks for your understanding.

Hello Yellow

Today, St Mary's students and staff joined thousands of individuals, schools, and communities across the country to support World Mental Health Day.



Year 1 Gymnastics Festival

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic opportunity this week to visit Little Springers Gymnastics in Melton as part of their PE lesson.

They took part in a variety of activities designed to help develop their core skills, and had great fun using the inflatable tumble track, vault, trampette, and a wide range of other equipment.

A big thank you to Little Springers for hosting us—our children thoroughly enjoyed their time and came away buzzing with excitement!



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our coffee morning in support of Macmillan.



It was lovely to see so many of you there, and we were truly spoilt by the wonderful class performances throughout the morning.



We're proud to share that, as a school, we raised an outstanding £854 – a fantastic achievement that will go a long way in supporting Macmillan's vital work.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Sandra Fendell for organising the event, along with all the amazing helpers who made the morning such a success.

Attendance
of the week

Year 5 – 100%



Happy Lunchtimes
Class
of the Week

EYFS & Year 6

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 13 th October	Prospective New Starters Tour 3.30pm
	Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Prospective New Starters Tour 3.30pm
Friday 17th 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
Wednesday 29 th October	Individual School Photos
Thursday 30 th October	FoSMS AGM & Meeting 3.30pm
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 – details to Follow
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need – details to follow
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