



**ST MARY'S CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St Mary's Friday Flyer

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest

Next week, we will be celebrating Harvest in school. During this time, we will explore how Harvest is celebrated both here in the UK and around the world by Christians.



Harvest is a time to give thanks for the crops that have been safely gathered. As Christians, we thank God for the food we receive during this season.

Christians believe that God created the world and everything in it. This special time of year gives us the opportunity to show gratitude for the wide variety of food we enjoy and for everything that helps it grow.

Many Christians celebrate with a Harvest Festival in church, which includes praying, singing, and decorating the space. Baskets of food are brought as offerings to thank God, and these are often donated to those in need.

Harvest Donations



storehouse

We will be asking for donations of food cupboard items (non-perishable) to be sent into school the week commencing Monday 6th October. We will collect these throughout the week and will distribute them to Melton Storehouse. Melton Storehouse support people and families by providing food, clothing, bedding, baby equipment and household appliances. Your donations will directly help people who are struggling or vulnerable.

Harvest Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the sunshine and the rain,
For the seeds that grow into food again.
Thank you for apples, pumpkins, and wheat,
For all the good things we can eat.

Thank you for farmers, fields, and trees,
For buzzing bees and gentle breeze.
Help us to share with those in need,
And always be thankful for each good deed.

Amen.



Children's Possessions



Please ensure that your child's possessions are ALL labelled clearly with their name and class. This includes coats and water bottles, as well as lunch boxes. Thank you.

Lost Property Reminder

As we approach half term, we will be donating all unclaimed lost property to charity. The box is already full, so if you'd like to check for any missing items, it can be found just inside the doors off the KS1 playground.



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 2026 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 in Year 6 you **must** have applied for a secondary school place by the 31st of October 2025.



Open Sessions for New Starters for 2026



It was so lovely to see so many of you at the open sessions this week for EYFS. Just a reminder that we are holding another two sessions on Monday 13th October and Tuesday 14th October for those who have not been able to make the ones this week.

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 will go live on Wednesday 8th October at 6.00pm on Arbor.



For parents of children in Year 2 we will organise a separate parent evening, when possible, due to Mrs Rolls-Drews absence and Mr Galvin covering the Year 6 class. Many thanks for your understanding.

Children's Cycles and Scooters



Please can I ask you to remind your child/ren that they must not ride or scoot when they are on the school grounds. We have also been made aware by members of our community that some children in years 5 and 6 have been spotted riding dangerously on the nearby roads. Please can you talk to your child/ren about the importance of keeping themselves safe.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of you who attended our MacMillan Coffee Morning today. We hope you all had a wonderful time. We were so proud of each class during their wonderful Harvest performances. We will let you know as soon as possible how much money we have raised for this fabulous charity.



Parents Opens Session & Relish Taster Evening

We warmly invite you to our Parents' Open Session on Wednesday 8th October, from 3:30 to 4:00pm.

This informal session will give you the opportunity to look through your child's books together and celebrate the joy of their learning. We hope you'll enjoy seeing the progress they've made and sharing in their achievements.



Our school meal provider, Relish, will also be holding a taster session in the school hall. You are all warmly invite to try some of the dishes that are served to the children and some new ones.

Hello Yellow

On Friday 10th October, St Mary's will be joining thousands of individuals, schools, and communities across the country to support World Mental Health Day.

Right now, more than 1 in 4 young people have a probable mental health condition. Many aren't getting the help they need, when they need it. Some don't even know where to turn, who to talk to, or if anyone else feels the same. But we can change this.



By wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day, we can show young people that they are not alone and that things can get better.

At St Mary's, students are invited to wear something yellow alongside their normal school uniform—this could be a T-shirt, badge, socks, jumper, or any other yellow accessory. There is no pressure for students to take part; participation is entirely optional.

Please note, this is an awareness event, not a charity fundraiser. Our aim is to foster understanding, compassion, and open conversations around mental health.

Design Our St Mary's Christmas Card



We're inviting children to design this year's St Mary's School Christmas Card, which will be sent out to members of our community and volunteers in December.

There's no set theme, so children are encouraged to let their creativity shine! The only requirement is that the design must be no larger than A5.

Closing date for entries: Friday 21st November. Please make sure your child's name and class are clearly written on the back of their design.

We can't wait to see the festive magic they create!

Water bottles/Toileting

It has been brought to my attention that there are concerns from some parents that children may not be accessing their water bottles during the school day. I would like to clarify our approach to this.



Children have designated times throughout the day when they are encouraged to drink water and use the toilet. These times are carefully planned to ensure minimal disruption to their learning.

While we actively encourage children to stay hydrated, we are unable to supervise individual drinking routines. We trust that children will take advantage of the opportunities provided and develop independence in managing their own needs.



Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a focused and healthy learning environment.

Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football Tournament

Twenty of our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic day at Mowbray Rangers FC this week. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school—with enthusiasm, respect, and teamwork.

Their outstanding behaviour didn't go unnoticed, and we're thrilled to share that they were awarded the Spirit of the Games Award—a wonderful recognition of their sportsmanship and positive attitude.

Well done to all involved!



Attendance
of the week

Year 1 – 99.13%



Happy Lunchtimes
Class
of the Week

EYFS and Year 4

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

Dates to Remember 2025-2026

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keep me
handy!

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

Wednesday 8 th October	Classroom Open Session for all parents 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Friday 10 th October	Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day
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 (details to follow)
Wednesday 29 th October	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 4 th November	Phonics Information Evening for EYFS Parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm (details to follow)
Friday 21 st 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!