



St Mary's Church of England Primary School

DREAM with all your mind,
BELIEVE with all your heart,
ACHIEVE with all your might.

Summer Term Newsletter
July 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another year draws to a close, I would like to thank you as always for your continued support and hope that you are pleased with the progress your child/children have made this academic year. They have all done amazingly well and we are incredibly proud of them.

St Mary's continues to be a very happy school where we celebrate the individuality of all of the children and enjoy watching them grow and flourish within a Christian ethos. We have made so many memories this year through our exciting curriculum and extra-curricular visits and we plan to make many more as we continue to refine it.

Peter Pan

Last week, like many parents and Governors, I thoroughly enjoyed the Year 5 and 6 production of 'Peter Pan'. The children never cease to amaze me with their talents. What I loved most was watching the children confidently speak their lines, stand in for their peers and ooze a newfound confidence. I marvelled at every performance and I know that everyone who watched, loved it just as much as me!

Beyond Bullying Award

I am absolutely thrilled to announce that we have been awarded **GOLD** in the Leicestershire County Council Beyond Bullying Award! Our second **GOLD** following our Food for Life Award achieved in March 2025.

This award celebrates our unwavering commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all. Over the past year, our staff, children, and wider community have worked incredibly hard to promote kindness, stand up to bullying, and ensure that every voice is heard and valued. Achieving the Gold Award was no small feat- it required us to demonstrate sustained action, innovation, and dedication to anti-bullying initiatives across the school. From child-led campaigns and awareness events to staff training and policy development, we have done a huge body of work that reflects our whole school approach to tackling bullying. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this success and to Mrs Mosedale who has led this initiative in school.

Attendance

On Friday, we received a notification from the Local Authority that our attendance for this academic year is above the National Average. Thank you for sending your child to school everyday and working hard to improve your child's attendance. Being at school and making every second count really will ensure your child has the very best chance of academic success. Remember Mrs Perkins, our Family Support Worker is always on hand to support families in any way she can.



Message from the Headteacher (continued)

Keeping busy!

Whilst we are all looking forward to the summer holiday, six and a half weeks off school is a long time. For this reason, we have set the children a couple of challenges which are outlined below.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

This is a national initiative from the Reading Agency run by libraries across the UK and is celebrating its 25th year in 2025. It is aimed at children from the ages of 4 to 12 years old.

The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to keep on reading throughout the long summer holiday when many children can lose interest and reading skills. This ensures they are ready for a great start when returning to school in the Autumn term and is well supported by schools. This year's challenge 'Story Garden Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors', will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through the magical connections of books and nature. Hinckley Library has been running the challenge since it started and are keen for families to visit and join in with themed events. Look out for information on local Facebook pages or pop in to the library to find out more.

Doodle Maths

Mr Roper has spoken to the children about a summer holiday 'Doodle Maths Challenge' so please encourage your child to keep on top of their Maths learning over the holiday. This award-winning maths app is proven to boost confidence and ability in as little as six weeks and will help alleviate any bored moments.

Farewell Year 6!

As the academic year ends, we will certainly be sad to say goodbye to our amazing group of Year 6 children and their families. We will never forget them and the memories that we have created together! Although we are sad to see them go, we are also happy knowing that they are well prepared for the next stage of their educational journey. At secondary school, the children will have even more opportunities available to them, and I am sure they will continue to thrive. We look forward to hearing about their journey into the future.

Mrs Barrs

Today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Barrs, who is retiring from her Midday Supervisor role at St Mary's after 11 years. I know that there are a great many children and staff who are sad to see her go. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Finally, I hope that you all have a truly amazing summer with your friends and family and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 28th August ready for an exciting new term.

Best wishes

Mrs R Ayres
Headteacher

Foundation News

We had a fantastic session with Rhythmicity exploring rhythm and percussion through the story of Sammy the Spider.



The children had a great experience visiting West Lodge Rural Centre. The children enjoyed feeding the goats and lambs. Much fun was had on the adventure play area and we even had chance to watch the piglet race before heading back to school!



We have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine whilst hunting for mini beasts in our outside area.



Year 1 and 2 News

Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic end to the school year with lots of fun and great experiences this term. They have taken part in a skipping challenge, a drumming workshop and a visit to Hinckley library. The children really enjoyed exploring the library and choosing books to take home with them.



Children in Year 1 &2 and Foundation were asked to draw some pictures of what the NHS means to them. We had some wonderful drawings of doctors, nurses and paramedics. We took the photos to the new NHS Diagnostics Centre in Hinckley to be placed in their time capsule. It was very exciting being a part of Hinckley's history in the making!



We are so proud of the progress the children have made this year and we are especially thrilled with the Phonics Screening Check results that the children have achieved. Thank you so much for supporting your children with this. We really appreciate it and it has definitely made a positive difference..

More recently, we have been on a fabulous trip to Ryton Pools where the children took part in a den building activity. The children really showed their problem solving skills and displayed some great teamwork. They were also amazingly creative, especially with the added extras for their dens including camp fires, gardens and even a swimming pool! The children also had lots of fun on the adventure playground as well as enjoying a picnic lunch together. The weather was very kind to us too!



Year 3 and 4 News

We had an amazing time during our African drums workshop, using a variety of Instruments.

As part of our English topic 'Into the Pyramid', we experienced the process of mummification.

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we attempted several military style physical training activities.

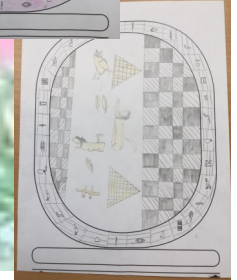
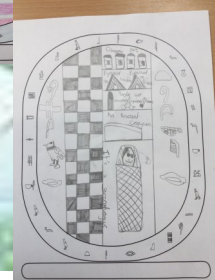
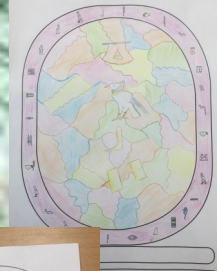
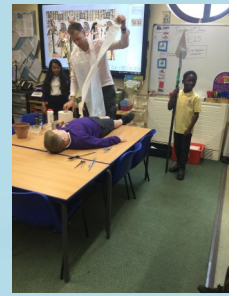
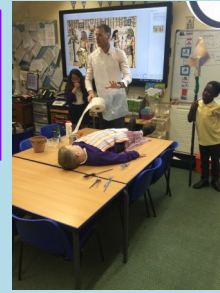
We used Now Press Play to experience daily life in Ancient Egypt.

Well done to our reading raffle ticket winners.

We challenged ourselves to do as many skips as we could in 2 minutes.

We created artwork using hieroglyphics to write our names.

In Commando Joe's, we have been completing missions based on the explorer Nellie Bly. We have created bridges inspired by Nellie Bly's visit to London and Tower Bridge and towers inspired by her visit to Paris and the Eiffel Tower.



Year 5 and 6 News

Year 5/6 have had a very busy but fun term. After completing SATs and internal assessments, we visited the ice cream van for a well-deserved treat.



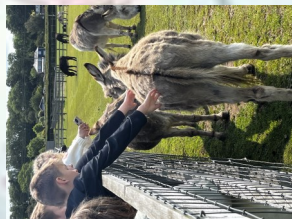
The sounds of the African Sahara drifted over the playground as year 5/6 took part in African Celebration drumming. It enhanced their knowledge of rhythm, timbre and beat linked with their music lessons and followed a conductor.



Skip2BFit was a sensation! Our children's skipping skills astounded John - the founder of this activity. A lot of children reached the amazing figure of over 300 jumps in 2 minutes! Wow! Some children have reached the heights of skipping in Double Dutch fashion! Well done - they have all improved since the beginning of the year where children couldn't skip to now all skipping like a boxer!



KS2 Isle of Wight Residential 'Oh we do like to be beside the seaside. Oh we do like to be beside the sea...' The pictures speak for themselves.



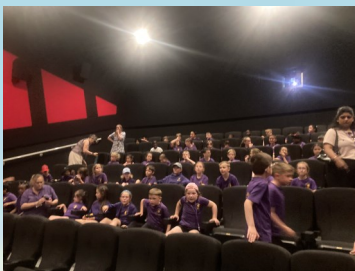
Parent Lunch

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers from Year to 3/4 to join us for lunch this term. The event was well supported and we hope those attending enjoyed spending time with their children.



Year 3-4 Cinema Trip

A fantastic time was had by all on our cinema trip to watch Lilo and Stitch.



Rags2Riches

Thank you to those who donated to Rags2Riches. From every 25p kilo we raised £25.52 to go towards school funds. Thank you.



Summer Fair

A great school summer fair on Friday 27th June, supported by all the local community.

Thank you to our local community stall holders and young entrepreneurs for joining us today. We raised a huge £1,000 for much needed school funds. Thank you.



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you*

Tesco Stronger

We need your help! We're delighted to announce that St. Mary's have again been shortlisted for a Tesco Stronger Starts Grant to further improve our school playground environment. We will use the grant to create more green spaces and wildlife areas around the school to enhance our pupils knowledge and love of nature. The green areas we have already created are really appreciate by our children and the local wildlife! Additionally our region's stores have a Golden Grants initiative where a lucky customer is given a golden token worth £5,000 for their chosen project. So please keep your eyes peeled and vote for us!



**Stronger
Starts.**

Governor Message

Dear Parents/Carers

As the 2025 Academic year draws to a close may we wish you all a very happy and healthy summer.

Every year the question arises. Where did that year go? So many accomplishments, trips, visits, matches played, lessons learnt, books read and worship together in church.

School asks a lot of your children and they never fail to rise to the challenge!
Superstars!!

Governors continue to oversee the school on your behalf. We hold the Headteacher to account for educational performance and the performance management of staff. Overseeing the finance ensures that the money is well spent. A value added outcome for the children is our aim. Working on your behalf, we agree to the Seven Nolan Principles of Public Life, ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

This all leads to a better education for all children in the school.

Having spoken to many children this year, we were impressed with how confident, resilient and motivated they are. They are proud to be at St Mary's and enjoy coming to school.

It's wonderful to see your children flourish and we hope they all year 6 pupils leaving continue to hold St Mary's in their hearts as they go onto their new school, with more exciting things to learn, friends to be made and new opportunities.

Thank you for entrusting us to look after your children, educate them and share our love of learning.

Please encourage your child to read over the summer. It is the access to all education and opportunities.

Judy Williams
Chair of Governors.
July 2025

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th July 2025	School closes for the Summer Holidays
Thursday 28th August	School opens for the Autumn 1 term
Friday 19th September	Air Ambulance Assembly at 9.10am
Monday 22nd September	Year 1 & Year 5 Fire safety presentation with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Wednesday 1st October	Rock Kidz
Friday 17h October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 27th October	School opens for Autumn 2
Friday 19th December	School closes for Christmas holidays (normal time)
Tuesday 6th January 2026	School opens for Spring 1 term
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 23th February	School opens for Spring 2 term
Friday 27th March	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	School opens for Summer 1 term
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	School closes for half term break
Monday 1st June	School opens for Summer 2 term
Friday 10th July	School closes for Summer holidays

Card Machine

We now have a card machine and can accept contactless payments.

Christian Values

The Christian Value we are focusing on next half term is Friendship

Friendship

Disclaimer

You will notice that from time to time the school circulates information provided by outside groups, regarding the services they offer or about local events in the area. Whilst we are happy to circulate the information for these parties, in the interests of offering our parents a varied picture of what is available outside of school, we in no way endorse them. We therefore recommend that Parents/Carers should satisfy themselves that the group or event runs the necessary checks and precautions to safeguard themselves or their children before participating.

St Mary's Church, Hinckley
Everyone Welcome



**Tuesday 15th July, Tuesday 22nd July
& Wednesday 13th August
11am-1pm**

@ St Mary's Church Hall

Toys, Messy Play, Craft and Chat

£1.50 per Child and £1 per Adult

Drinks & Biscuits Provided

Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch we eat at 12.15pm

**Essential Early Booking,
Limited Spaces Available**

via email or text bevfrethsome@hotmail.com
07973830668

When booking please give your name and ages of children



HINCKLEY & DISTRICT MUSEUM SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS

CRAFTS AND FUN ACTIVITIES WITH A HISTORIC TWIST

MONDAYS 10.30am - 3.30pm

Entrance - £4 adults, £2 children, under 5s free

28th JULY

STONE AGE PERIOD

With

**JOHN WEBSTER AND TOM, the TALE
TELLER**

4th AUGUST

ROMAN PERIOD - Life of a Roman soldier

With

JED JAGGARD

11th AUGUST

TUDOR PERIOD - Life on the Ocean

Wave

With

JED JAGGARD

18th AUGUST

VICTORIAN PERIOD - Work and Play

With

JED JAGGARD