

## St Mary's Church of England Primary School

**DREAM** with all your mind,  
**BELIEVE** with all your heart  
**ACHIEVE** with all you might



**Spring 2 Term Newsletter**  
**April 2026**

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another term comes to an end, the staff and I wanted to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful feedback that we have received following Parents' Evening. We were delighted to find that 98% of children are happy at school, 99% of children feel safe and that 98% of parents feel that their children receive the right support to enable them to learn. We have worked really hard as staff to create an inspirational learning environment for your children and are proud of all aspects of the curriculum offer that we have worked hard to build. Thank you for your trust in us, it means a lot.

Over the next half-term, we will be responding to your comments. We appreciate the time taken to write them and will take on board any comments made that can help us to improve.

Our links with the local community continue to strengthen. Years One and Two visited NWSLC yesterday to watch a wonderful production of 'Blossom and the Fairy Kingdom'. This was our fifth visit to the college. The production was especially planned for our children as part of the students' course work. Their energy and enthusiasm were lovely to see. The children thoroughly enjoyed the production and had lots of opportunities to sing and dance.

With summer fast approaching and the warmer weather appearing on the horizon, it will be lovely to see the children return to school in their summer uniform if they wish. Summer dresses are lemon or lilac and tailored shorts can be worn by boys or girls. Plain black school shoes **MUST** be worn on non-PE days and **LEGGINGS** can only be worn as part of the PE kit. White, black or grey socks are the only coloured socks permitted if they can be seen. This is a link to the uniform policy <https://www.stmarys.leics.sch.uk/policies>

Just a reminder that SATs week for current year 6 will take place in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Please ensure that your child attends regularly after the Easter break so that they are well prepared and able to do their very best.

Next term, we are really looking forward to the opening of our Before and After School Club, 'Early Birds and Night Owls'. We are excited to be providing our children with the very best care and working parents with the flexibility they need. Please ensure you have booked your places through Arbor.

It was lovely to see so many of you in Church this afternoon. What a wonderful way to end the term! The Easter Bonnet Parade was fantastic and it was really hard to choose a winner when so much effort has gone into each and every one. The Easter baskets were incredible too – so many prizes! Thank you to all of our parents for supporting with this.

We wish you all a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Let us hope that the rain stops and we see some sun-shine.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



Rachel Ayres  
Headteacher

## Early Birds and Night Owls



### Wraparound Provision Morning Provision

Times	Cost per child
7.30am – 8.40am	£8.60 fixed fee per session

Breakfast will be provided

### After School Provision

Times	Cost per child
3.15pm - 6.00pm	£15.50 per session
3.15pm – 4.30pm	£8.60 per session

Healthy snacks will be provided

Contact details:

Telephone 01455 637477, Option 5

Email: [wraparound@stmarys.leics.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@stmarys.leics.sch.uk)

Contact: Kellie Wightman  
Manager

## Reception National Offer Day

Reception National Offer Day is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

You will be sent an email by 10.00am on National Offer Day informing you of your decision, if you applied online. Decisions will also be available on the Parent Portal by 10.00am on the day.

Please follow the link for full details <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place/offer-day-for-school-places>

## Parents' Governor Positions

### *Can you help shape the future of our school?*

We need parents of pupils registered at the school to make a difference in our school's community by volunteering to become **parent governors**.

We currently have two vacancies for a parent governor on the governing body. Your voice as a parent is very important to our school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation by our parents among its membership.

We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask questions, attend training and be able to actively contribute at meetings. If you can spare approximately ten hours or more a month then please consider nominating yourself for this interesting voluntary role.

## SMSC

SMSC are selling St Mary's Preloved uniform and is available online to purchase by scanning the QR code below. More items will be added after Easter. Once payment has been received, orders can be collected from the office 48 hours later.



It is not too late to take part in the SMSC Easter Treasure Hunt. A pack can be picked up from the church and payment of £4 made through Parent Pay.



# Parent Lunches

The children have really enjoyed having their parents join them for lunch.



# World Book Day

During the week of World Book Day, all classes visited TJ Jones, who had kindly set up an area in the shop for our pupils. Each child had the opportunity to choose a book and spend their voucher, making the experience both exciting and memorable.



## Parents' Feedback

Everyone spoke clearly and with confidence. You should all be very proud! Lovely performance

Great performance from the children

Great to see all the kids and listen to all the facts they have learned

Brilliant!  
Fantastic Show

My child feels happy and her teachers really care about her.

Excellent reading and confidence in the children

Fantastic assembly like always

Fabulous! They all did absolutely amazing! So proud.

The school provides a safe and welcoming environment for children. The teachers are supportive and caring and they encourage children to do their best. Communication with parents is good and we appreciate the effort the school makes to support our child's learning and development.

Kind, caring teaching staff. Lots of extra-curricular activities, especially at Christmas time.

My children are very happy at school and enjoy attending

Excellent focus on preparation for key national tests. Extra homework in year 6 has been useful consolidation of knowledge. I have also appreciated the variety of clubs and other activities – helpful for confidence and social development. Assemblies are great occasions to the children's achievements.

Lots of lovely experiences for the children, especially over Christmas. Opportunities for sports/music etc

The school has a caring approach that you can see, hear and feel.

## Dates for the Diary

13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
15 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 pm Year 3 Parents Dinner
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day Dinner Menu
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Pantomime – Cinderella
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Shakespeare Dinner Menu
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Police Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> April	F/KS1 Gold Award
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Teresa Assembly @9.10am in the Hall
30 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2 Gold Award
1 <sup>st</sup> May	8.45 am Residential London Trip Parents' Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Tuck Shop
6 <sup>th</sup> May	12.00pm Year 2 Parent Dinner
11 <sup>th</sup> May 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
20 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Roving Bookshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Road Safety Education Programme for all pupils
3 <sup>rd</sup> June-5 <sup>th</sup> June	London Residential
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Kahlo Class Assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	12.00pm Year 1 Parent Dinner
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuck Shop
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Rock Steady Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00pm Foundation Parent Dinner
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Elizabeth Class Assembly @9.10am in the Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Rock Steady Concert @2.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service @1.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term

The Christian Value for next half term is



### 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.