

St Mary's Church of England Primary School



DREAM with all your mind

BELIEVE with all your heart

ACHIEVE with all you might

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that it is already the end of the first half of the summer term. Where does time go! This Summer Newsletter, as always, celebrates some of the incredible things that go on at St Mary's every week. It exemplifies our vision that where your children are concerned, only the best is good enough. This was recognised this week by Dr Luke Evans.

'Dear Mrs Ayres

I am writing to congratulate everyone at St Mary's Primary on achieving Gold in the School Games Mark for the 2024/25 academic year. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a clear reflection of your school's strong commitment to physical activity and sport.

This award recognises the dedication of your staff and pupils in ensuring that all children have the opportunity to be active each day. At a time when children and young people face a range of challenges, regular physical activity plays a vital role in supporting their wellbeing, development, and confidence.

Your commitment to PE, school sport, and inclusive opportunities is making a real difference and will have lasting benefits for pupils both now and in the future.

Congratulations once again to everyone involved and thank you for the positive contribution you continue to make to your school community.'

Emails like this fill me with immense pride that we continue to strive to give your children the best possible primary experience they could have, crammed full of inspiring moments and exciting activities which create memories that last a life time. I know next half term will be truly memorable in equal measure and I hope that you can join us in school for as many events as possible.

End of Key Stage SATs

Our Year 6 SATs have been and gone! I am so incredibly proud of the children who took the tests in their stride, with confidence and resilience. Our year 6 children are extremely talented mathematicians, future authors, amazing sportspeople and awe-inspiring artists. As well as, filmmakers, computer code whizz-kids, hilarious entertainers and fantastic dancers. Most importantly, they are happy young people who know the importance of being kind to each other, working hard, staying positive and looking out for their friends and younger school mates. The tests are just a small part of school life and our children have once again done us, and you, proud.

There is still lots of learning to be done over the next 6 weeks-we can't wait to see what else you can achieve.

New Dates

As always, the diary is at the back of the Newsletter, please check it carefully as there are lots of new dates!

School Uniform

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, is practical and smart and helps everyone feel like they belong.

Our uniform is low cost and easily available with the option for children to wear plain or logo/branded uniform. SMSC our PTA have set up Uniformly so uniform can be purchased on line to help with costs. Your child should be bringing a copy of their leaflet home with them. We have attached a comprehensive list outlining the uniform expectations overleaf. Please ensure this is referred to and followed. Skirt lengths must be close to knee length and leggings can only be worn on PE days not as part of normal school wear.

Warm weather

We are really looking forward to some sunnier weather next week. With this in mind, can I remind parents to send children to school with a sun hat for playtimes and lunch-time after half-term, as the sun is strongest when the children are playing outside. Ideally, children will have long lasting sun cream applied before school and please send your child with a water bottle.

Parental Feedback

Miss Tydeman has summarised the parental feedback that we received following our Spring Parents' Evening. The feedback is attached.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 1st June.

Best Wishes

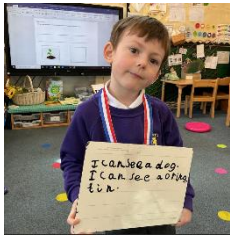


Mrs R Ayres
Headteacher

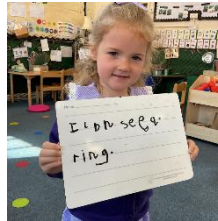
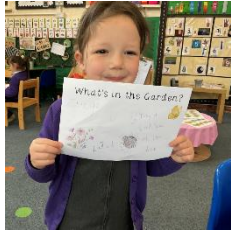
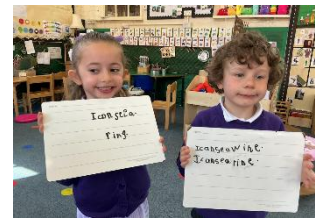
On Wednesday 24th June, we will be having an after school 'Work Celebration' where we will be inviting parents and grandparents into school to look at their child's work. We have had lots of visitors to St Mary's this term, including local Heads and our school and classroom environment is highly praised and something we are incredibly proud of.

Please save the date and join us to celebrate your child's achievements!

Foundation News



We are so proud of all the children; they are working so hard on their writing. Check out our wonderful independent sentences!



We have been exploring and creating patterns in maths.



We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We used lollipop sticks to create different shapes. We copied and explored shape patterns.



We have been enjoying the spring weather and spending lots of time exploring and learning outside.



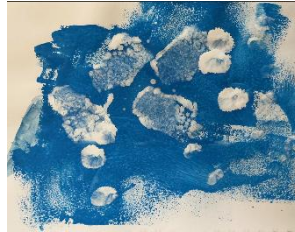
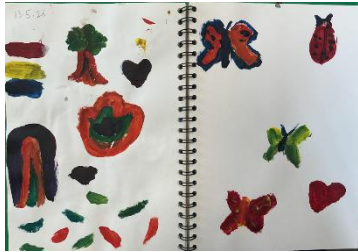
After reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, we planted our own bean seeds. We hope they will grow into



Year 1 and 2 News



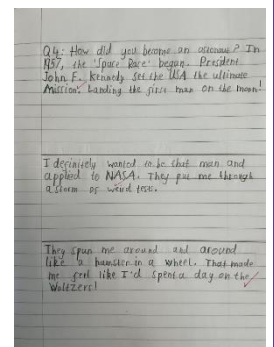
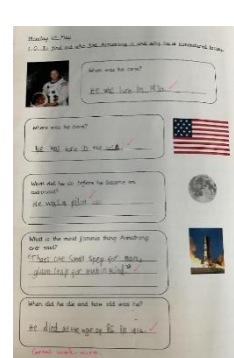
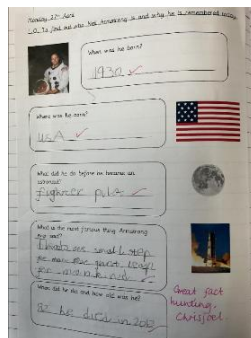
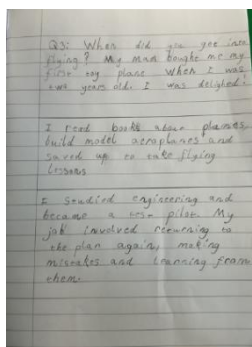
In Art, the children have been expressing themselves through painting. The colours and effects they have created with both poster paint and acrylic paint are fantastic.



Last week, we started our new Science topic on Identifying Plants by going outside and finding examples of living and non-living plant life. The variety of plant life that the children found in the walkway alone was amazing!



Year 1 and 2 have been very busy this term learning about different explorers in history. So far, we have learned about Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong. The children have enjoyed finding out more about their lives and how they became famous adventurers. We have also taken the opportunity to write a Question and Answer text for Neil Armstrong, in English.



Year 3 and 4 News



In English, we have read about the volcanic eruption at Mount Vesuvius and its impact on the nearby city of Pompeii. We experienced being a citizen of Pompeii with a Now Press Play experience and we also enjoyed a science experiment about chemical reactions to create our own volcanic eruption.



We loved experiencing various exciting science experiments during our Sublime Science workshop.

To celebrate World Book Day, we enjoyed dressing as a word and we visited TG Jones to use World Book Day vouchers to claim a free book.



We were visited by two specially trained police officers. They showed us various equipment which they use and explained the roles and duties of police officers.



During Earth Day, we took part in a BBC Live Lesson to learn about the importance of protecting our planet. We also created posters, to encourage people to avoid littering. As well as this, we researched how long it takes different types of litter to decompose.

Year 5 and 6 News

Year 5 have been working hard at team building. Each Friday afternoon, Year 5 have come together to complete a range of tasks. The tasks completed have been set so that the Year 5 children had to come together, working collaboratively to complete and achieve a successful outcome. The weather has been on our side so that we could complete the activities in the sunshine.



Year 5 have mastered the tricky task of using a protractor to measure angles. For some of the children it was the first time that they have accurately measured acute and obtuse angles. They were looking closely at angles and where to place the protractor.



Year 6 children had a busy week completing their SATs earlier this half term. Each child worked hard on English Reading, Grammar, Spelling, Arithmetic and Reasoning Maths papers. The children worked so hard and so on Friday we had a Fun Day. Part of the fun day was visiting the ice-cream van and eating a delicious treat. We then all went to the Mead, together with Year 5 and sat in the sunshine.

Year 5 attended a maths morning at The Hinckley School. They worked in teams alongside some of the Year 7 and 8 students to 'buy' shapes. All of the children who attended enjoyed constructing 2D shapes and taking them to a Year 7 student to check for accuracy. If the shape was accurate that team could accrue some money. The team with the most money was the winner. The children really enjoyed themselves and even came away with a goodie bag each.



Victorian Day

Years 3 and 4 had many amazing experiences during our history topic on Victorian Hinckley, such as being shown historical photos of Hinckley during a visit from Hinckley Past and Present. We also explored the local area to look for evidence of Victorian housing and Victorian factories. A highlight of the topic was experiencing a day in the life of a Victorian school child.



Doodle Maths











Congratulations to all of these children for successfully completing the Doodle Maths Spring Challenge.













Congratulations to the Doodle Maths stars for April!



St Mary's School Uniform Requirements

Item	Optional or required	Branding	How to acquire	
Regular School Uniform				
Purple Sweatshirt		Any Required	School logo	Branded sweatshirts are available from the school supplier or preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC.
Purple Cardigan			School logo	Branded cardigans are available from the school supplier or preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC.
Purple Fleece			School logo	Branded fleeces are available from the school supplier or preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC.
White Polo Shirt		Any Required	School logo <i>(optional)</i>	Branded white polo shirts are available from the school supplier or preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded white polo shirts can be purchased from regular retailers
Lemon Polo Shirt			School logo <i>(optional)</i>	Branded lemon polo shirts are available from the school supplier or preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded lemon polo shirts can be purchased from regular retailers
Plain Black / Charcoal Grey trousers in a conventional style (no jeans or jean style, cords, leggings etc.)		Any Required	No branding	Unbranded trousers preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded trousers can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black / Charcoal Grey Shorts / Culottes			No branding	Preowned shorts from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded shorts can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black / Charcoal Grey Skirt			No branding	Preowned skirts from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded skirts can be purchased from regular retailers. Skirts must be close to knee length.
Plain Black / Charcoal Grey Pinafore Dress			No branding	Preowned pinafore dresses from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded pinafore dresses can be purchased from regular retailers.
Lilac Gingham Dress			No branding	Preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded lilac dresses can be purchased from regular retailers.

Item		Optional or required	Branding	How to acquire
Lemon Gingham Dress			No branding	Preowned from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC Unbranded lemon dresses can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black / White Socks			No branding	Plain black / white socks can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black / Charcoal Grey Tights			No branding	Plain black / white tights can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black Sensible Footwear			No branding	Plain black sensible footwear can be purchased from regular retailers.

PE Uniform				
PE Shirt		Required	School logo	Branded-shirts are available from the school supplier or preowned uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC.
Plain Black Shorts		Any Required	No branding	Plain black shorts are available from the school supplier or from uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC. Unbranded black shorts can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black Skort			No branding	Unbranded black skorts can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black Cropped Leggings (knee length)			No branding	Plain black cropped leggings (knee length) can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Black Joggers		Optional	No branding	Plain black joggers can be purchased from regular retailers.
Plain Purple P.E. Hoodie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-drawstring • Non-zip 		Optional	School logo	Branded hoodies are available from the school supplier or preowned uinformerly.co.uk run by SMSC.

Plain Black Pumps		Required	No branding	Plain black pumps are available from the school supplier. Plain black pumps can be purchased from regular retailers.
Black Sports Trainers		Required	No logos on the trainers	Sports trainers can be purchased from regular retailers.
PE Bag		Optional		Branded bags are available from the school supplier

Jewellery

For safety reasons children should not wear jewellery in school. Wristwatches and stud earrings are the only items permitted. These must be removed for all PE, games and swimming lessons. With stud earrings children must be able to take them out and put them back themselves. If this is not possible then they must be removed before the child comes to school. Children's ears should not be pierced during term times, as children must be able to remove their studs for games and PE lessons.

Book Bags

A book bag can be purchased directly from the school. Payment will need to be made via ParentPay. A book bag is very useful for carrying books, homework and other home-school communication items.

Other Information

Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum, extravagant fashion items are not allowed. Please ensure that hair is an appropriate colour/style for school. Make up and nail varnish are not permitted.

Health and Safety

For health and safety reasons, long hair should always be tied back for PE.

The school reserves the right to require pupils to change any items of clothing, headgear or footwear, which are considered unsuitable for school wear.

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.

Dates for the Diary

1 st June 2026	School opens for the Summer Term 2
Monday 1 st June – Friday 12 th June 2026	Multiplication check window opens for Year 4
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Road Safety Education Programme
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	Kahlo Class Assembly
Wednesday 3 rd June – Friday 5 th June	London Residential
Friday 5 th June 2026	Tuck Shop
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June 2026	Phonics Screening Week
Monday 8 th June 2026	Police talk to Year 6 regarding transition from primary school to secondary school
Monday 8 th June 2026	Ocean Dinner Menu
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Year 1 Parent Lunch @12.00pm
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	New Starters 2026/27 Parents Induction Meeting @ 6.30pm
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Area Sports
Monday 15 th June, Thursday 18 th June & Friday 19 th June 2026	SMSC selling Fathers' Day gifts @1.30pm. Details to follow
Tuesday 16 th June 2026	Foundation Educational visit to Ash End House Children's Farm
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	Kahlo Class Parent Lunch @12.00pm
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	Reading with Parents @2.45pm F-Y4
Friday 19 th June 2026	Fathers' Day Dinner Menu
Friday 19 th June 2026	Rock Steady Concert in the Church @2.30pm
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Work Celebration from 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Football Development Schools
Friday 26 th June 2026	Tuck Shop
Friday 26 th June 2026	Summer Fair 3.30pm-5.00pm
Monday 29 th June 2026	Year 1/2 'Meet the Teacher' @9.10am in the hall
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 3/4 'Meet the Teacher' @9.10am in the hall
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 5/6 Production @1.45pm
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 5/6 Production @6.00pm
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Elizabeth Class Assembly @9.10am in the Hall
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	New Starters 2026/27 Taster morning 9.30am-10.30am (Group 1) 10.45am-11.45am (Group 2)
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Year 5/6 Production @1.45pm
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Reports home
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Year 5/6 'Meet the Teacher' @9.10am in the hall
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Year 6 transition to Hastings
Thursday 2 nd July – Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 6 transition to The Hinckley School, Redmoor and St Martins
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	School Meals Taster afternoon for Kahlo class and Year 1 parents @2.30pm. Details to follow
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Whole School Transition Afternoon @1.15pm

Monday 6 th July 2026	Sports Day (Times to be confirmed) AM – Y3/4 PM – Kahlo/Years 1/2
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Y1/2 & Y3/4 School Trip to Coombe Abbey
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Y5/6 Sports Day AM (Times to be confirmed)
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Leavers' Service @1.30pm in the Church
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Year 6 Prom. Details to follow
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Tennis Dinner Menu
Friday 10 th July 2026	School Closes for the Summer Holidays

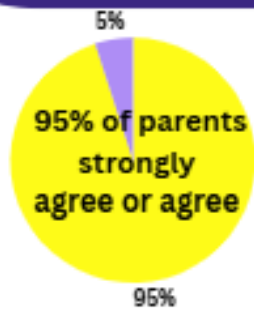


Thank you, parents! Your feedback celebrates our school

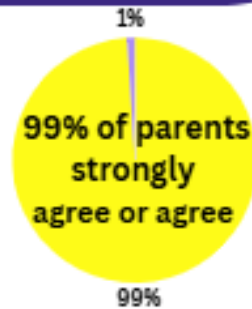
Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey.
Your feedback is **overwhelmingly positive** and means so much

Your views help us to celebrate what we do well and plan for an even brighter future

Parents would recommend this school to another parent



My child feels safe at this school



OUR REAL STRENGTHS



BEHAVIOUR

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved



CARING & SUPPORTIVE

The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well



DECISION

When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart



HAPPY

My child is happy at this school

WHAT PARENTS SAID

Safety, teaching, academic success and learning is all above and beyond

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

Everything! St Mary's is the best primary school I have ever encountered

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 see childrens' achievements. Honestly, cannot suggest anything!

The teachers are very dedicated, caring and communicate well. My daughter feels happy, safe and motivated to learn, which is very important to me. I am very impressed with overall quality of teaching and support for the students.