



St Mary's CE Primary School

"Nurturing Success"

16th January 2026



The Spring Term is now well underway and both this week and last week have been productive and enjoyable weeks in school. The children are working hard and producing some excellent work across all areas of the curriculum. Our spring term clubs are up and running again and many of our pupil committees have held meetings in the last two weeks.

Last week, we sent all parents and carers a copy of year group 'Information for Parents' for this term which we hope is enabling you to have a clear understanding of the areas of learning being covered in the coming weeks. This term, our Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings will be held on Monday 16th March and Thursday 19th March, from 3:40 until 7:00. We will provide more information about these meetings in the coming weeks.

Please be aware that a number of dates for your diary for the remainder of the academic year are available in this newsletter. Our whole school Sports Activity Morning will be held on the morning of Monday 29th June, followed by our Sports Day for EYFS and Key Stage 1 in the afternoon. Key Stage Two Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 25th June. We also have dates for our remaining year group productions and church services.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Laura Wallis



Class photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 22nd January to take class photos.





We would like to wish the children in KS1 who had a birthday this week a very happy birthday! Birthday pencils will be given to the children in their next celebration worship.

Mrs Smith

Jack F

Miss Hughes

Floyd H

Bronze Award Certificates

Miss Hart

Oscar G

Jack H

Mrs Little/Mrs Johnson

Tommy H



Silver Award Certificates

Mrs Coombs

Zara C

Elodie W

Jack S

Grace B

Miss Townend

Norah H

Cherry B

Keita I

Ada L H

Roman N

Miss Hughes

Grace B

Harper D K

Jude C

Rosie H

Floyd H

Hugh E



World Book Day

World Book Day is possibly the most important day in the reading calendar and this year, it takes place on **Thursday 5th March**.

To celebrate this special day, we would like all children to come to school dressed up: a) as a character from a favourite book or b) in the clothes they feel most comfortable reading in (for example pyjamas). Children can also bring in their favourite book or comic.

On the day, the children will take part in a range of creative book-based activities. Your child will also receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token. This can either be exchanged for one of ten special £1.00 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more.

You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books.



East Riding Mental Health Support Team

We're pleased to invite parents to our upcoming **Parent Workshops**:

Understanding Your Child's Anxiety

This session will explore what anxiety can look like in children, understanding anxiety and strategies to support your child.

Workshop Details

- ☐ **Date:** Tuesday 20 January 2026
- ☐ **Time:** 1pm–3pm
- ☐ **Location:** Butts Close, Bridlington
- ☐ **Book your place:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mhst-parent-workshop-helping-your-child-with-anxiety-tickets-1967589194246?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Routines, Rhythms & Sleep

Do you ever feel like bedtime, mornings, or setting boundaries can be a challenge? You're not alone. Join our MHST team for a friendly workshop exploring:

- ☐ Why routines and boundaries matter
 - ☐ How sleep supports children's emotional wellbeing
 - ☐ Practical ideas you can use at home
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- ☐ Date: 9^h February 2026
 - ☐ Time: 1-3pm
 - ☐ Location: Beverley Children's Centre
 - ☐ Book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1967578713899?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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- ☐ Date: 12th February 2026
 - ☐ Time: 9:30am-11:30am
 - ☐ Location: Bridlington Children's Centre- Butts Close
 - ☐ Book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1967578234465?aff=oddttdtcreator>

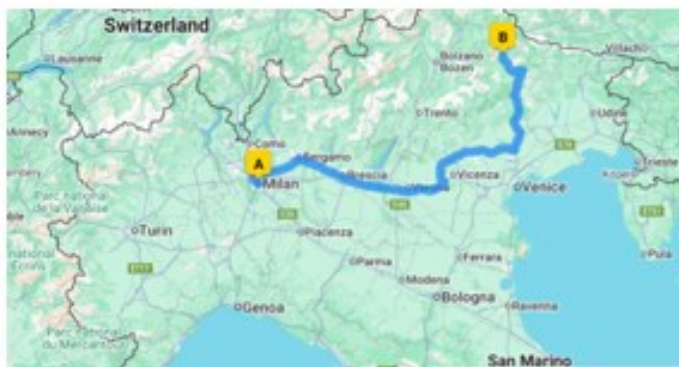
We look forward to welcoming you.

Daily Mile Competition



Congratulations to 6H who ran the most playground laps in the Autumn Term. We hope they enjoy their winner's treat. 😊

This term, we will be seeing how many times we can run between Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, a distance of 256.3 miles, in celebration of the Winter Olympics.



Fit Friday event is here again!

Join us on 23rd and 30th January at 8.30am – 8.40am

For:

- **10-minute workouts in KS1 playground with the Junior Travel Ambassadors and the Sports Council.**
- **Cycle, scoot or walk to school to start your day the energising way!**
- **Take part in the keep fit routines with the teams, running on the spot, star jumps, squats, twists and bends.**



There is something for everyone.



Enjoy starting your day the healthy way.

Active Pupils - Strong Pupils

Play dates

Please see the dates below for all of our year group productions:

Y2 - Thursday 5th February at 9:15am

Y3 - Thursday 26th March at 6pm

Y4 - Thursday 12th February at 6pm

Y5 - Thursday 21st May at 6pm

Y6 - Thursday 9th July at 6pm

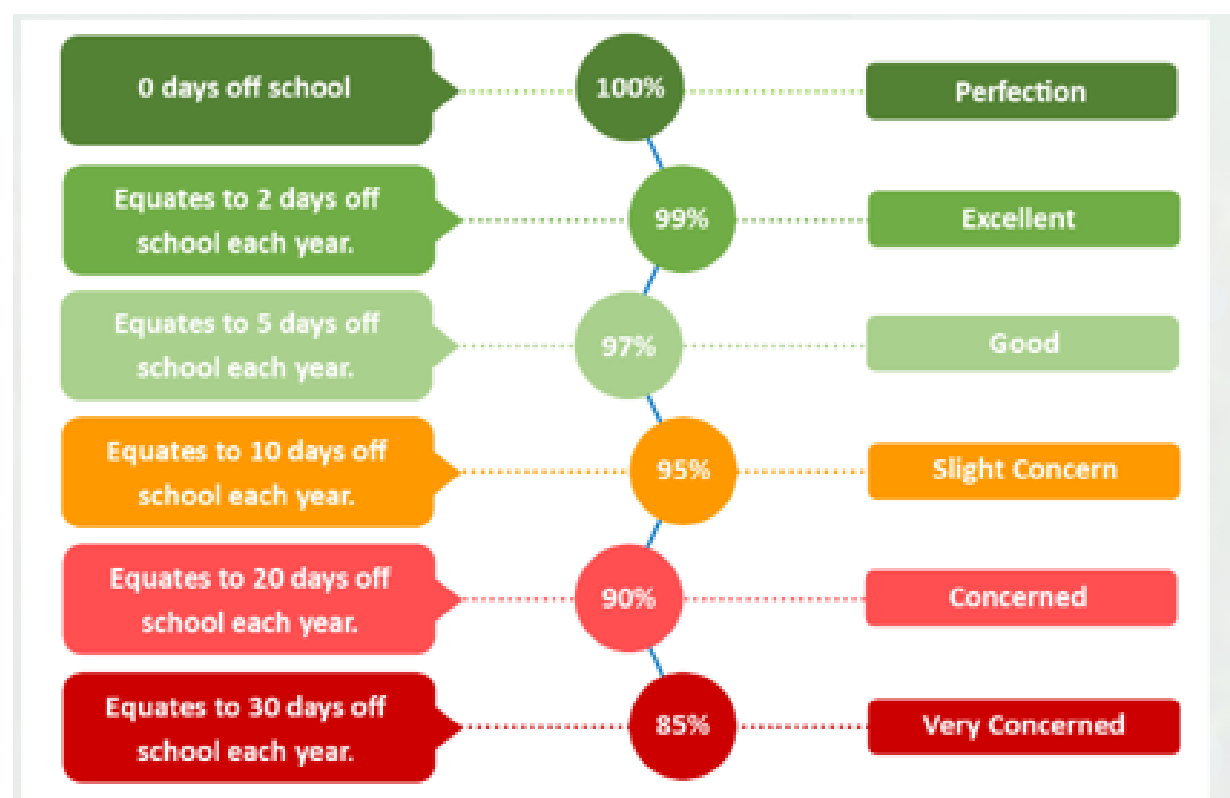
Attendance Matters "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow."

Good attendance is vital to ensure that our children are able to thrive in all aspects of both their social and emotional development and their academic achievements.

At St Mary's, we aim for all children to be in school, on time every day. We do appreciate that sometimes children are unwell and there are unavoidable absences. We aim to maintain above national levels of attendance as this allows our children to have the highest chance of achieving success. We work hard with our families to ensure this is achieved.

Why is attendance important?

Every day that children spend away from school has a significant impact on their academic progress. Missed learning opportunities quickly add up and can result in a huge amount of catch up needed across a number of subject areas.



Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website in the 'Key Information' section (Policies) <https://www.stmaryscofeprimarybeverley.co.uk/>

Punctuality

In addition to poor levels of attendance, being late for school can also have an impact on children's progress.

- Being 5 minutes late every day would equate to 3 days absence
- Being 10 minutes late every day would equate to 5 days absence
- Being 15 minutes late every day would equate to 8 days absence
- Being 20 minutes late every day would equate to 11 days absence
- Being 30 minutes late every day would equate to 16 days absence

Can I take my child out of school for a family holiday?

No – Headteachers cannot and will not authorise school absence purely for the reason of a family holiday. For further information, please see the link below:

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-attendance/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school/>

Consistent attendance at school plays a crucial part in enabling your child to make good progress in school in all of their subjects. Even a few days of absence can have a significant impact on your child's learning. Parents and carers are required under the Education Act 1996 to ensure their child attends school regularly.

How do I request authorisation from the headteacher to take my child out of school?

In order to acquire authorisation for you to remove your child from school, you must fill in the request form and return it to school before your child's period of absence. The request form can be found below. If you have any difficulties in accessing the form, please contact the school office.

<https://www.stmaryscofeprimarybeverley.co.uk/absences>

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-attendance/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school/>

There is a discretionary power held by Headteachers to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. In line with the law, the provision for Headteachers to authorise absence purely for the purpose of a family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.

How do we support good attendance?

Our breakfast club is available from 7:30am each morning.

Mr Frankish, our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, works closely with families to promote good attendance.

We encourage you to monitor your child's attendance percentage and to understand that it is our policy to contact you to discuss your child's attendance or punctuality if it becomes a cause for concern (in line with the information above). We wish to work with you to identify any potential barriers to your child's attendance and support you to enable your child to have good attendance all year round.

Illness

Think carefully before keeping your child away from school for medical reasons. Consider these three questions:

Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? Would I take a day off if I had this condition? **Do not keep your child off school 'just in case' when they could be in school, learning with their friends.**

If you decide that your child is unable to attend school due to illness, you must notify the school of the reason for the absence on the first day of an unplanned absence (and each subsequent day of absence where necessary) by 9am or as soon as practically possible by calling the school office on 01482 868149 from 8:30 am. Parents are expected to maintain contact with the school throughout the absence.

It is a school's decision whether to accept a reason for a child's absence and whether to authorise that absence. In the majority of cases a parental explanation that their child is unwell can be accepted without question. Further evidence of a child's illness may be requested if their attendance is an ongoing concern.



Medical and dental appointments

If your child requires a medical or dental appointment, these should be made outside school hours wherever possible. However, if your child has an essential appointment that cannot take place outside of school hours, please provide school with an appointment card or letter so your child's absence can be authorised.

If parents/carers do not inform school of the reason for their child's absence, an initial text message will be sent which parents/carers are expected to respond to as a matter of urgency. If contact isn't made, a second text will be sent. This will be followed up by a phone call if a reason still hasn't been provided. If contact cannot be made, the child's second contact will be contacted. If contact still cannot be made, a home visit may take place.

Thank you for your continuing support, working with us to give your child the best possible chance of success.]



Class Leaders

2T

Oliver C

2H

Harper D-K

3AC

Maddison R

3NN

Elsie S

4G

Olivia S

4B

Jacob C

5BC

Griff B

5E

Nell K

6CM

6H

Megan E

Spelling Shed



Top Class Spellers



1C



6H



4B

Top individual spellers in the whole school this week

1 1S Summer H

2 6H Sam L

3 4B Cerys R

4 4B Jacob C

5 6H Jessica B





Cuppa & Chat Wednesday 21st January 11.30am-1.00pm

Please come and join us at our new satellite hub in Bridlington for a relaxed and informal cuppa and chat. We will be co-hosting this event alongside

The Well to offer advice, support and signposting to parent carers of children and young people with SEND in the Bridlington area. We will also be joined by members of the Local Authority involved in Short Breaks and the Local Offer. This is the first of our co-hosting sessions so it would be great to see as many of you as possible. Please support us and book using the link below.

<https://buytickets.at/eastyorkshireparentcarerforumeypcf/2022056>



EYPCF can cover the cost of any childcare or travelling expenses on proof of receipt

Sport Calendar

Tuesday 20th January	Y4/5 Zoneball at Longcroft School
Tuesday 3rd March	Basketball at Beverley Grammar School
Tuesday 28th April	Y3/4 Golf at Longcroft School
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 Quad Kids at Longcroft School

Diary Dates

Friday 13th February	Children break for February half-term
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - To celebrate this special day, we would like all children to come to school dressed up: a) as a character from a favourite book or b) in the clothes they feel most comfortable reading in (for example pyjamas). Children can also bring in their favourite book or comic.
Monday 16th March	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
Thursday 19th March	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
Friday 27th March	Easter service at St Mary's church at 9:00am. Children to be taken straight to church for 8:40 on this morning. Children at breakfast club will walk to church with school staff. All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us for the service. Children break for the Easter Holiday
Tuesday 14th April	Children return to school
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—Children not in school
Friday 22nd May	Children break for May/June half-term
Tuesday 2nd June	Children return to school
Thursday 25th June	KS2 Sports Day (PM)
Monday 29th June	Sports Activity morning EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (PM)
Tuesday 30th June	Moving Up Morning
Thursday 9th July	Moving Up Morning 2
Monday 13th July	Open Evening (3:30—5:00pm)
Friday 17th July	Leavers' service at St Mary's church at 9:00am. Children to be taken straight to church for 8:40 on this morning. Children at breakfast club will walk to church with school staff. All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us for the service. Leavers' Worship at 11:00am. Parents/carers of Y6 children and newly elected House and Vice Captains are invited to attend End of Year family picnic 12:00—1:00pm on the school field Children break for the Summer holidays



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN/WINTER 25/26 (WEEK 1 MENU)

Week 1: 3 rd Nov, 24 th Nov, 15 th Dec, 19 th Jan, 9 th Feb, 9 th Mar.	
Monday	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (GF option) K Or Protein Power Balls in Tomato Sauce (v/vs option) K Pasta (GF option) Mixed Vegetables (vs) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vs/GF Options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Lemon Drizzle Sponge (v/vs/GF options) K
Tuesday	Cheese Pizza (GF/vs options) Potato Wedges, Beans Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vs/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Crunch with Custard (v/vs/GF options) K
Wednesday	Roast Dinner with stuffing (v/vs/GF options) K Chicken or quorn fillet (v/vs/GF options) Mashed potatoes, Gravy (v/vs/GF options) Broccoli, Baby carrots (vs) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vs/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Frozen Yoghurt or Strawberry Smoothie and Fruit (v/vs options)
Theme Day* Thursday	Italian Style Chicken with cheese and tomato (GF option) K Or Italian Style Quorn with cheese and tomato (v/vs options) K Steamed Rice, Mixed vegetables (v/vs/GF options) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vs/GF options) K Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vs options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Vanilla Cheesecake and Fruit v/vs/GF options) K
Friday	Fish Star (GF options) Or Ocean Friendly Fingers (v/vs) Chips (v/vs/GF options) Peas (v/vs) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vs/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Sponge with Custard (v/vs/GF) K

HEALTHY EXTRAS: FRESH SALAD BAR SELECTION DAILY

(e.g. sweetcorn, bread, cucumber, pineapple, carrot batons, apple)

K: dishes made in the kitchen *subject to change for special themes

