



St Mary's CE Primary School

"Nurturing Success"

5th September 2025



Welcome to the 2025-2026 academic year at St Mary's! I hope the summer holidays have provided an opportunity for some rest, relaxation and enjoyable family time for everyone in our school community. It has been wonderful to see all of the children again this week and to welcome our new starters in the Foundation Stage to our St Mary's family.

The new term has got off to an excellent start with the children demonstrating our school values in lesson time and during playtimes and lunchtimes. It has been brilliant to see the children showing such enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning across the curriculum and to see them engaging happily with other children and staff throughout the school day.

Teachers have been working hard to plan for the new school year and you can find out more about what your child is learning this term by reading the curriculum information for your child's year group which is being emailed to you today. This is essential reading as it is also where you will find key information for your child's year group, for example in relation to homework arrangements and expectations and PE. Please contact the office if you would like a hard copy of this information.

We are looking forward to nurturing every child to achieve success this year and to working in positive partnership with you as parents and carers to enable your child to have the very best year possible. There are already some key dates in our school calendar so please see the 'Diary Dates' section of this newsletter to make a note of these. We will continue to add to this section as the year goes on. If you have any questions or would like any further information or support for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Laura Wallis

School Crossing Patrol

As you are aware, Mrs Shirley Andrews, our School Crossing Patrol left at the end of the summer term after many years of valued service.

East riding of Yorkshire Council has responsibility for the employment and recruitment of school crossing patrols and are now recruiting for this position. If you would like to apply for this, please copy and paste the link below for the relevant information.

https://www.eastridingcouncil.jobs/job-search/?entry=eryc006254&utm_source=erycgovuk&utm_medium=jobs_cta&q=patrol

Thank you





Huge congratulations to Harvey from Y5 for his fantastic achievements in the Taekwondo World Championships which took place in Glasgow this summer.

Harvey was the runner-up in his individual event, achieving a silver medal! He also competed in his team event and brilliantly, his team won, achieving gold!

Well done, Harvey! Everyone at St Mary's is very proud of you.

Mobile phones and other smart technology, including smart watches

Any pupil who brings a mobile phone to school must not use it on the school site. Pupils must hand it in on arrival to their class teacher and then collect it at the end of the school day. (For pupils attending Breakfast Club, pupils must hand their phones to a member of the Breakfast Club staff on arrival; phones will be returned to pupils who can then pass them to their class teacher on arrival in the classroom. For pupils attending After School Club, pupils must hand their phone to a member of the After School Club Staff on arrival at the club).

Pupils are not allowed to wear smart watches/other smart technology with similar functionality to mobile phones (for example the ability to send and/or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks or the ability to record audio and/or video/take or receive pictures). Pupils are allowed to wear activity tracker watches with the capacity to count the number of steps they make each day.



Parking

Please could we ask parents that when parking on the public roads around the school, that consideration for the surrounding neighbours is taken into account. Please ensure when parking, space is left for residents to access their driveways.

Stopping/Parking is also not permitted on the zig zags directly outside the school.

Thank you



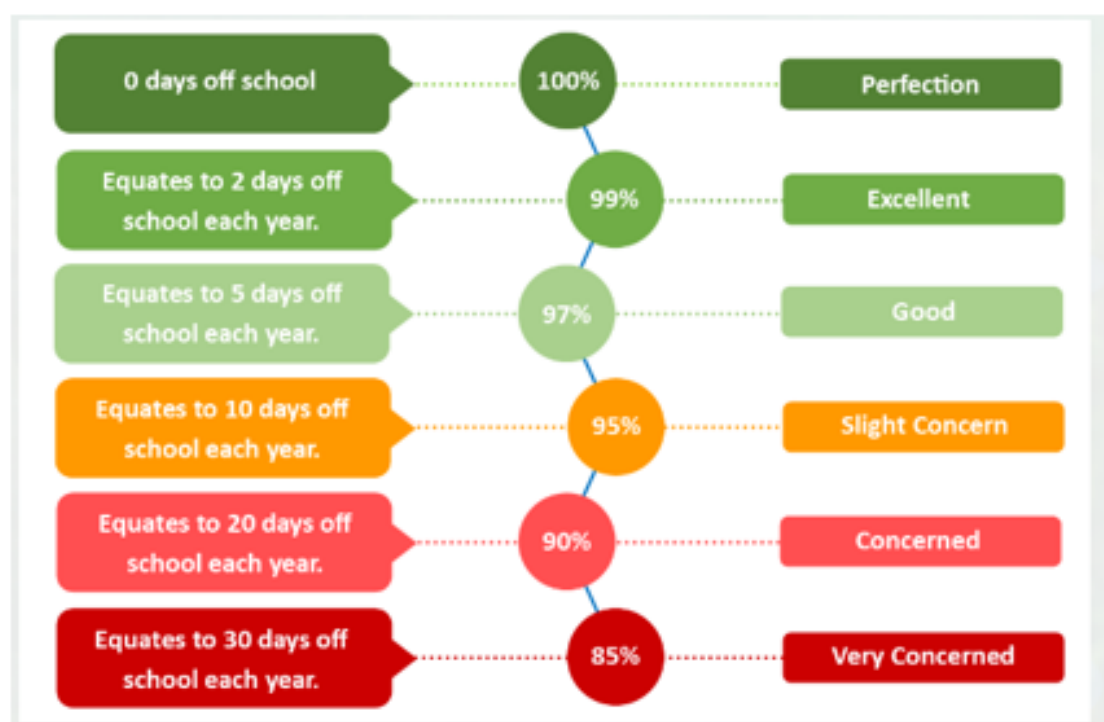
Attendance Matters "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow."

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>

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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.

Do I need to keep my child off school?					
HSC Public Health Agency					
Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

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



Be ready	Be respectful	Be safe
• We come to school on time and begin lessons calmly • We wear the correct uniform and PE kit • We show that we are listening and want to try our best • We start our work straightaway • We complete and hand in our homework on time	• We listen quietly when other people are speaking • We use good manners at all times • We speak politely and keep our voices at an acceptable level • We take care of all school property and equipment • We value people's differences and treat everyone equally and with kindness	• We move around school in a calm manner • We tell an adult if we have a worry or concern, including if this is online • We use equipment appropriately • We use our hands, feet and words kindly • We follow instructions the first time they are given • We make wise choices in our play and online

Kind hands, kind feet, kind words

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd September	Y6 Information evening. 4:45pm in the KS2 hall
Friday 3rd October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church - <i>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. We are asking for children to bring a donation of food for the East Yorkshire Foodbank. Donations should be taken straight to church.</i>
Monday 6th October	Parent/Carer consultation evening 3:40—7:00pm
Thursday 9th October	Parent/Carer consultation evening 3:40—7:00pm
Friday 10th October	Hello Yellow Day - <i>Children can wear non-uniform on this day (yellow clothes and/or yellow accessories)</i>
Wednesday 22nd October	Y6 Residential visit to Kingswood
Thursday 23rd October	Y6 Residential visit to Kingswood
Friday 24th October	Y6 Residential to Kingswood Children break for October half-term
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Tuesday 4th November	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 11th November	Service of Peace and Remembrance at St Mary's Church - Parents/carers and family members are all welcome to join us for service at St Mary's Church <i>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.</i>
Friday 19th December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church: <i>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.</i> <i>Children break for the Christmas holidays</i>
Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school
Friday 13th February	Children break for February half-term
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27th March	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
Friday 17th July	Children break for the Summer holidays



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SPRING/SUMMER 25 (WEEK 3 MENU)

Week 3: 5 th May, 2 nd Jun, 23 rd Jun, 14 th Jul, 8 th Sep, 29 th Sep, 20 th Oct	
Monday	Hot Dog in a Bun (GF options) Or Quorn Dog in a Bun (v/vg/GF options) Potato Wedges, Beans (v/vg options) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Wellington Fudge and Cream (v/vg options) K
Tuesday	Chicken Korma (GF options) K Quorn Korma (v/vg/GF options) K Steamed Rice, Naan bread (v/vg/GF options) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vg/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Vanilla muffin or Banana Bread muffin (v/vg/GF options) K
Wednesday	Roast Dinner with stuffing (v/vg/GF options) K Chicken or quorn fillet (v/vg/GF options) Roast potatoes/ Gravy (v/vg/GF options) Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots (v/vg) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Orange shortcake and chocolate sauce (v/vg/GF options) K
Thursday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Pocket (GF/vg options) K ½ Jacket Potato, Beans (v/vg options) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vg/GF options) K Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Mango or Strawberry Smoothie (v/vg options)
Friday	Jumbo Fish Finger (GF options) Or Quorn nuggets (v/vg/GF options) Chips, Peas, Tomato Ketchup (v/vg) Or Jacket potato with Cheese or tuna (v/vg options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Crackle (v/vg options) K

HEALTHY EXTRAS: FRESH SALAD BAR SELECTION DAILY

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

K: dishes made in the kitchen



PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL

