



# *St Mary's CE Primary School*

## **"Nurturing Success"**

### **23rd January 2026**



This week has been the first week of our St Mary's 'Drawing Fortnight.' As a school, we are committed to providing all children with a rich, broad and balanced curriculum and believe that the arts form an essential part of primary education. Research has shown that art education in primary schools plays a valuable role in a child's development, helping to nurture children's creativity and problem-solving skills as well as developing their focus and confidence. We see these benefits in school each week, when children take part in their Art and Design lessons as well as when they participate in music and other imaginative and expressive activities.

Within our Art and Design curriculum, there are already many opportunities for children to develop their skills in drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, textiles, printing and digital media. Through our drawing fortnight, we are providing a further opportunity for children to develop key drawing skills and to apply these skills to produce their own independent pieces of artwork. This week, staff working in each year group have spent time modelling essential techniques as well as providing children with time to practise the skills they have been taught. Children have also begun creating their final black and white drawings. The theme for this project is trees within the grounds of our school and we will look forward to sharing photos of these pieces with you at the end of our drawing fortnight!

Thank you for your continuing support and have a lovely weekend.

Laura Wallis

#### Road Safety Update

Following the retirement of our School Crossing Patrol last summer, East Riding of Yorkshire Council has been recruiting for a new School Crossing Patrol to take on this role. Unfortunately, they have not had any success in appointing a suitable candidate.

This week we have been informed that a zebra crossing will be installed in the same area where our School Crossing Patrol used to work. We have also been informed that as a result of the decision to install a zebra crossing, they will no longer be recruiting for a School Crossing Patrol.

## **Pupil of the Week!**





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.

**Miss Hart**  
Frankie W

**Mrs Little/Mrs Johnson**  
Adeline H

**Miss Townend**  
Norah H

### Bronze Award Certificates

#### Mr Evans

Joey C



### Silver Award Certificates

#### Mrs Nixon/Miss Newton

Emily R      Florence K      Holly H-J  
Layla M

Mrs Gunby

Kian F      Charles W      Anex S

#### Mr Evans

Ruby M      Toby L  
Joan W

Miss Hodgson

Luca C      Sam L      Octavia W

#### Mrs McIntosh/Mrs Carrick

Harley-Rose S      Harry N      Theo B  
Penny B      Jack T



### World Book Day

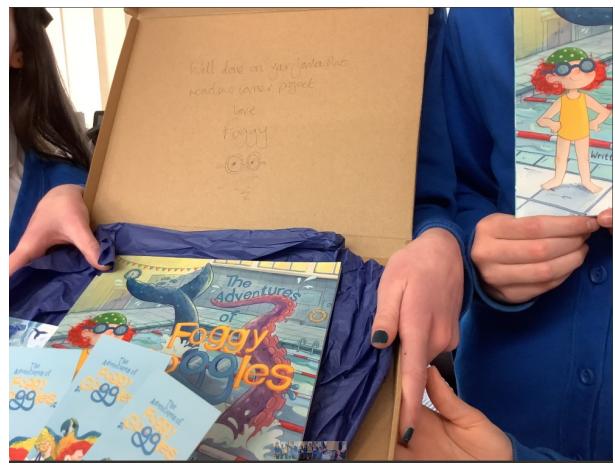
World Book Day is possibly the most important day in the reading calendar and this year, it takes place on **Thursday 5th March**.

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](http://worldbookday.com/books).





Following on from the article in the Hull Daily Mail which celebrated the achievements of some of our Year 6 children (who raised funds to enhance our reading provision), we were pleased to be contacted by a local children's author who had seen the article and offered to donate some copies of a book he has written. The children were delighted to receive copies of 'The Adventures of Foggy Goggles', written by Gavin Wynne and illustrated by Molly Paveley. The story follows Foggy, an adventurous 8-year-old girl, after her Grandad gifts her an old pair of swimming goggles. An ordinary day at the swimming pool transforms into an oceanic adventure. Are the goggles truly magical, or is it all just Foggy's vivid imagination? Our thanks go to Gavin for this very generous donation.



Eco Beavers would like to remind everyone that we are collecting plastic lids. This will allow us to collect Earth tokens to be able to purchase new recycled furniture for our school. We would like to recycle more plastic lids so that they don't end up in our oceans or in landfill. So far we have purchased 2 sets of tables and chairs for the EYFS and Year 1 areas.

We'd like to collect more tokens to purchase more things for our school. Please drop plastic lids into the school office into the SchoolCycled box.

Thank you very much from the Eco Beavers.





# School disco

**EYFS 3.30-4.15**

**YEARS 1 AND 2 4.25-5.25**

**MONDAY  
9TH**

**FEBRUARY**

**YEARS 3 AND 4 3.30-4.30**

**YEARS 5 AND 6 4.40-5.40**

**THURSDAY  
5TH  
FEBRUARY**

**TICKETS £4 EACH INCLUDES DRINKS AND SNACK  
PURCHASE FROM GATEWAY**

**PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP  
[FOSMBEVERLEY@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:FOSMBEVERLEY@OUTLOOK.COM)**

# Fit Friday event is here again!

**Join us on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am**

**Y3 - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**

**Y4 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm**

**Y5 - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm**

**Y6 - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**

# Spelling Shed



## Top Class Spellers



4B



1C



3NN

Top individual spellers in the whole school this week

1 4B Daphne B

2 4B Jacob C

3 5E Harper HB

4 3NN Grayson R

5 6H Adam M





## Class Leaders

**2T**

**Norah H**

**2H**

**Thomas C**

**3AC**

**Ella H**

**3NN**

**Charlie K**

**4G**

**Elly A**

**4B**

**Charley M**

**5BC**

**Dip R**

**5E**

**Ariana E**

**6CM**

**Ethan B**

**6H**

**Daige U**

## Sport Calendar

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

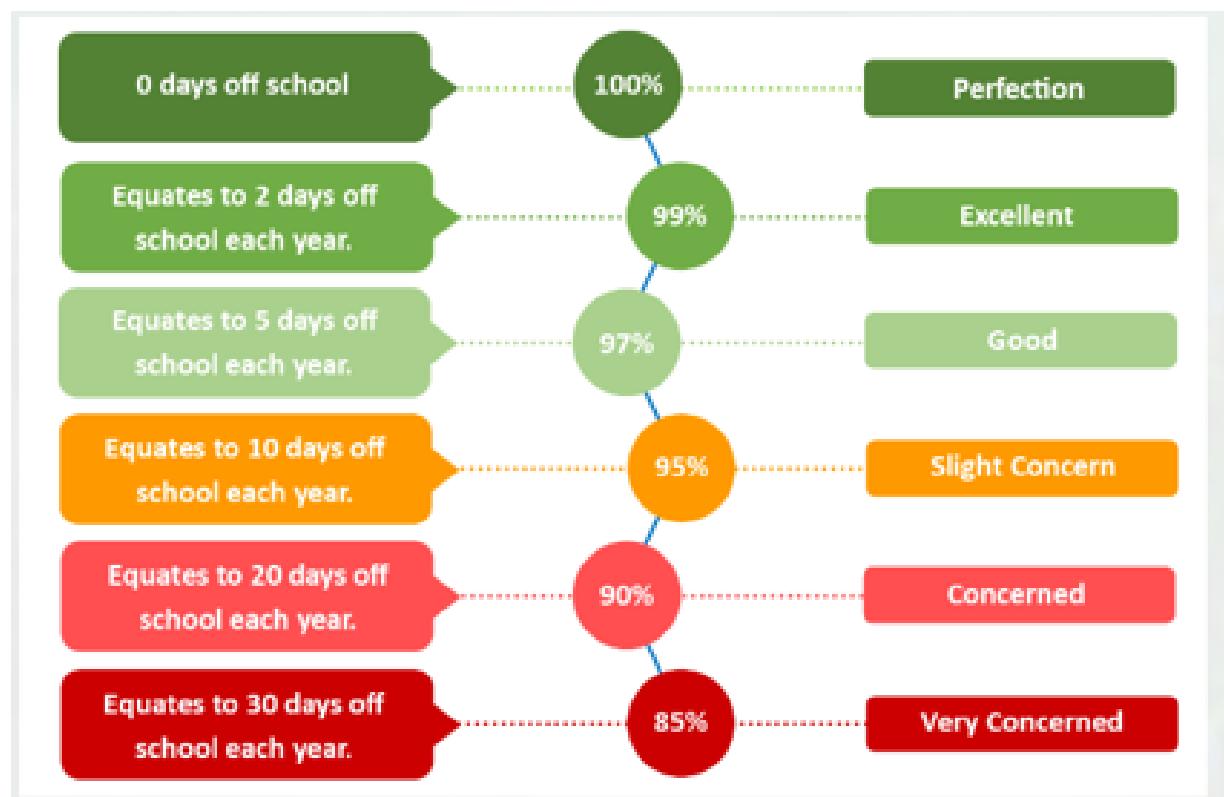
## Attendance Matters "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow."

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

# Diary Dates

<b>Friday 13th February</b>	Children break for February half-term
<b>Monday 23rd February</b>	Children return to school
<b>Thursday 5th March</b>	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.
<b>Monday 16th March</b>	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	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
<b>Tuesday 14th April</b>	Children return to school
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	Bank Holiday—Children not in school
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	Children break for May/June half-term
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>	Children return to school
<b>Thursday 25th June</b>	KS2 Sports Day (PM)
<b>Monday 29th June</b>	Sports Activity morning  EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (PM)
<b>Tuesday 30th June</b>	Moving Up Morning
<b>Thursday 9th July</b>	Moving Up Morning 2
<b>Monday 13th July</b>	Open Evening (3:30—5:00pm)
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	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 2 MENU)

Week 2: 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb, 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	
Monday	Ham, Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta (v/ve/GF options) K Or Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta (v/ve/GF options) K Crusty Bread, Sweetcorn (v/ve/GF options)  Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Blueberry Muffin (v/ve options) K
Tuesday	Cheese Pizza (ve/ GF options) Potato Wedges and Beans  Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF Options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Crackle (v/ve/GF Options) K
Wednesday	Roast Dinner with Stuffing (v/ve/GF options) K Chicken or quorn fillet (v/ve options) Roast Potato / Gravy (v/ve options) Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots (v/ve)  Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Ice Cream Roll and Fruit Cocktail (v/ve options)
Thursday*	Beef Burger in a Bread Bun with Tomato Sauce (GF options) Or Vegetable Burger in a Bread Bun with Tomato Sauce (v/ve) Potato Wedges, Baked Beans (v/ve)  Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF options) K Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options)  Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Marble Sponge and Custard (v/ve) K
Friday	Fish Star (G/F Options) Or Quorn Nuggets (v/ve/GF Options) Chips, Peas, Tomato ketchup (v/ve)  Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options)  Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Raspberry Bun and fruit (v/ve options) 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

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**WE ARE A NUT  
FREE SCHOOL**

