



St Mary's CE Primary School

"Nurturing Success"

18th September 2026



The children are enjoying learning their new topics and staff have been impressed by the work they are producing. It has also been an active week in school. On Wednesday, it was National Fitness Day and classes have gained 'Power Up points' by choosing to engage in a range of physical activities this week. Year 3 children (in Mrs Nixon and Miss Thompson's class) have also begun their swimming lessons.

We value the importance of providing opportunities for children to develop wider skills and confidence through additional responsibilities and involvement in our many committees. Some of our ambassadors and committee members have begun to be chosen and these opportunities will continue to be offered over the coming weeks. Our Year 6 children are all involved in contributing to wider school life in different ways and particularly enjoy supporting our younger children in school.

We have continued to focus on our school value of 'Friendship' this week and that we all belong to our St. Mary's family. We have reflected on each of us being an important part of the jigsaw that makes up our school and that all of our contributions are valued.

We hope that you enjoy talking to your child about the varied learning opportunities they have engaged in this week (including physical activities). We hope that they share with you the contributions they are making to their classrooms and the wider school, through special jobs or roles.

Further events have been added to the 'Diary Dates' (including this term's Church services) so please check this section of the newsletter and make a note of these dates.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Chris Frankish and Leah Carrick





Fairtrade Stall



Thursday 24th of September 3.30pm

KS1 Playground

Coffee, tea, chocolate



Household goods



Various gifts available:

- small trinkets
- large trinkets
- bracelets
- glitter pens
- wooden letters
- small animals with nodding heads
- keyrings
- leather bracelets
- pencils

Cash only
Please remember to bring cash
with you if you would like to
make purchases at the stall.



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 including the bus bay area.

Thank you



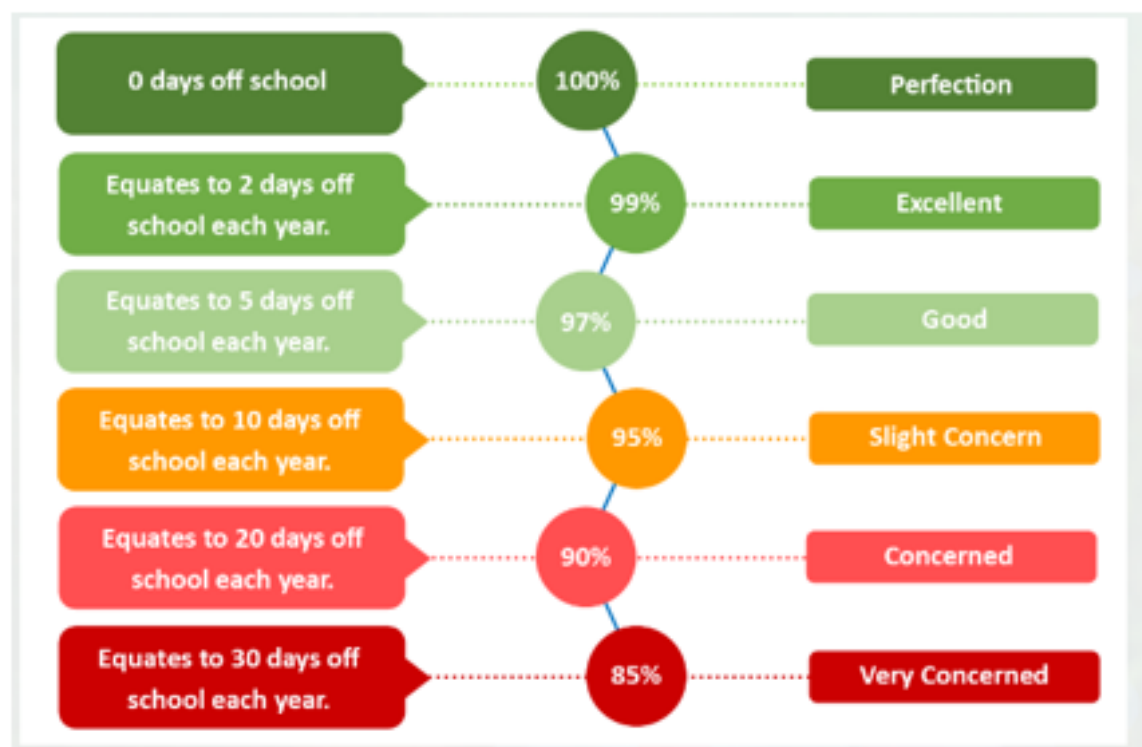
Attendance Matters "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow."

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.

Diary Dates

Monday 21st September	Fairtrade Fortnight
Thursday 24th September	Brass Concert for Years 5&6 at St. Mary's Church 2-2:45pm Fairtrade Stall after school
Thursday 1st October	Back-up date for Fairtrade Stall
Friday 2nd October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church - 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.
Monday 5th October	Year 6 parent Information Evening 4:30pm
Tuesday 6th October	Pupil individual photographs Year 6 - Group 1 Cycle Training
Wednesday 7th October	Year 6 - Group 1 Cycle Training
Thursday 8th October	Year 6 - Group 2 Cycle Training
Friday 9th October	Year 6 - Group 2 Cycle Training Hello Yellow Day
Monday 12th October	Year 6 - Group 3 Cycle Training
Tuesday 13th October	Year 6 - Group 3 Cycle Training
Wednesday 14th October	Year 6 - Group 4 Cycle Training
Thursday 15th October	Year 6 - Group 4 Cycle Training
Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Residential begins
Friday 23rd October	Year 6 Residential returns
Monday 26th October—Friday 30th	October half term
Wednesday 4th November	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11th November	Service of Peace and Remembrance at St. Mary's Church. 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.
Friday 13th November	Children in Need

Tuesday 17th November	Flu Vaccinations catch up session
Friday 11th December	'It's Tinsel Time' performances by She Productions
Friday 18th December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church. 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.
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Monday 15th March	Shakespeare Week
Monday 10th May	Y6 SATs
Tuesday 11th May	Y6 SATs
Wednesday 12th May	Y6 SATs
Thursday 13th May	Y6 SATs

PE days

EYFS	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Friday



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPRING / SUMMER 26 (WEEK 1 MENU)

Week 1: 13 th Apr, 4 th May, 1 st Jun, 13 th July, 21 st Sept, 12 th Oct.	
Monday	Chicken Goujons (GF options) Or Quorn Nuggets (v/ve options) Rice and Sweetcorn Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve/ options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Brownies and Meadowland Double (v/ve/GF options) K
Tuesday	Meatball Sub (GF/ve options) K Or Veggie Meatball Sub (v/ve options) K Crispy Sliced Potatoes, Beans Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Ice Cream with Fruit (v/ve/GF options)
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Dinner with stuffing (v/ve/GF options) K Or Quorn fillet with stuffing (v/ve options) K Roast Potatoes, Gravy (v/ve/GF options) Broccoli, Baby carrots Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Oaty Biscuit (v/ve options) K
Theme Day Thursday	Ham Pizza Pocket (GF option) K Or Cheese Pizza Pocket (v/ve/GF options) K Tomato Pasta, Sweetcorn (v/ve/GF options) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Crackle v/ve/GF options) K
Friday	Jumbo Fish Finger (GF options) Or Ocean Friendly Fingers (v/ve) Chips, Beans and Tomato Ketchup (v/ve) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Jam or Lemon Love Cake and Custard (v/ve/GF options) K

HEALTHY EXTRAS: FRESH SALAD BAR SELECTION DAILY
 (e.g. sweetcorn, bread, cucumber, pineapple, carrot batons, apple)

K: dishes made in the kitchen

