



St Mary's CE Primary School
"Nurturing Success"
11th September 2026



It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week and to see all of our families again. This week we have welcomed our new children in Foundation Stage and have had many new starters across the school, joining our St. Mary's family. All of the children have settled well into their new class routines and school life.

We have focused on our school value of 'respect' and the school rule 'be respectful' and we have felt extremely proud of how the children have responded. It has been lovely to see so many children holding doors open for each other or members of staff and using good manners when communicating. We have also seen many examples of children displaying the school value of 'friendship' in the way children are helping and supporting each other and enjoying spending time together again.

Thank you for your support this week in ensuring a positive start to the academic year. We are mindful that we have provided a lot of information this week but hope that you find this helpful. Key dates of planned events have been included in this newsletter so please make a note of these. We hope that you also enjoy reading the information provided by each year group about the curriculum and sharing this with your child. 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 for the weekend,

Chris Frankish and Leah Carrick



PE days

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

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



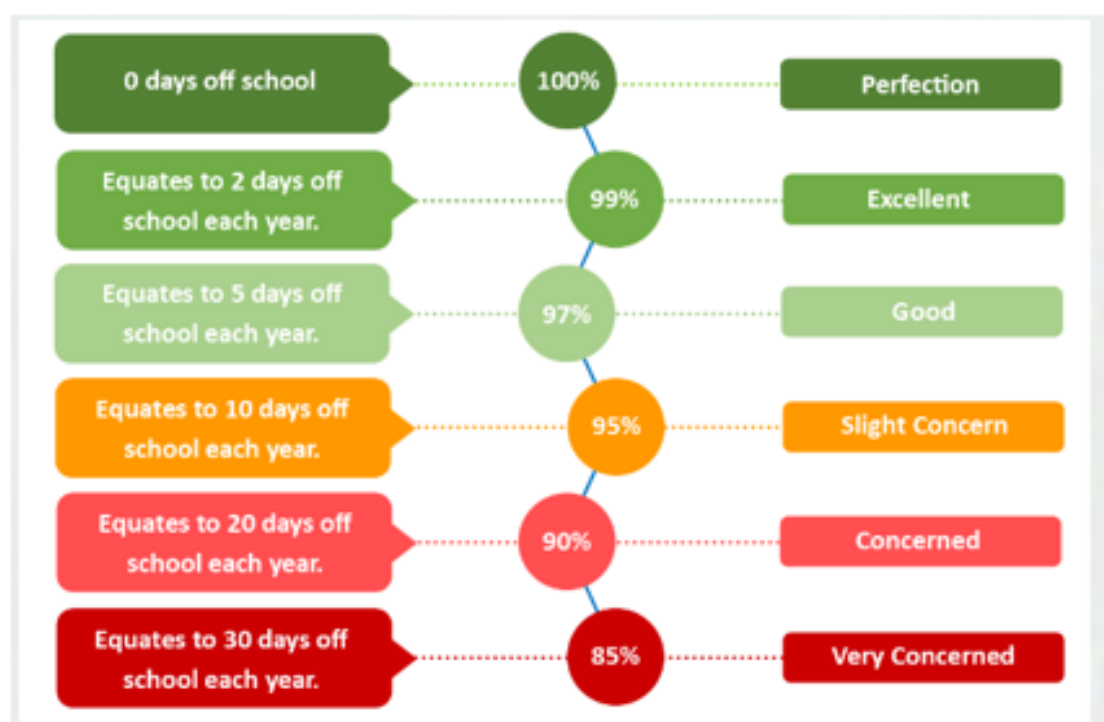
Attendance Matters "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow."

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>

<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.

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.



• 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 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 - <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>
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
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
Tuesday 17th November	Flu Vaccinations catch up session
Friday 11th December	'It's Tinsel Time' performances by She Productions
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Monday 15th March	Shakespeare Week



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SPRING / SUMMER 26 (WEEK 3 MENU)



Week 3: 27 th Apr, 18 th May, 15 th Jun, 6 th July, 14 th Sept, 5 th Oct	
Monday	Ham, Cheese and Tomato Pasta (v/ve/ GF options) K Or Cheese and Tomato Pasta (ve/ GF options) K Crusty Bread and Sweetcorn (GF options) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Shortcake (v/ve/ GF options) K
Tuesday	Summer Brunch Bap (ve/GF options) K Or Quorn Sausage Brunch Bap (v/ve options) K Crispy Sliced Potatoes and Beans Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Vanilla Sponge and Apples with Custard (v/ve/GF options) K
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Stuffing (v/ve/GF options) K Or Quorn fillet with Stuffing (v/ve options) K Mashed Potato/ Gravy (v/ve/GF options) Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots (v/ve) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Ice Cream and Peaches (v/ve/GF options)
Thursday	Cheese Pizza (ve/ GF options) Wedges and Baked Beans (v/ve/GF options) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Melting Moment (v/ve/GF options) K
Friday	Fish Fillet (GF options) Or Quorn nuggets (v/ve/ options) Chips, Peas, Tomato Ketchup (v/ve) Or Jacket potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Cornflake Syrup Tart and Meadowland <u>Double</u>(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



**PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL**

