

CLUBS

After School extra- curricular Clubs: After half term- Children attending clubs can continue after half term too. Children on the waiting list for gymnastics and dance will be offered first refusal for places at the beginning of the Spring Term (after the Christmas Holidays). Football and Multi-sports will not be run after half term, due to the dark evenings and weather turning colder.

Choir: Maria Verentina: a qualified singer will be running the choir club on Thursdays after half term after school. Letters have been sent out to the Junior classes. There are 20 places: the first 20 letters received will be allocated a place. We will contact you, if your child did not get a place to discuss, if you require your child to go on a waiting list. All of our club providers have had to pass our safeguarding procedures.

Children's Absence from school due to sickness

A reminder that you must ring in each day your child is absent from school due to sickness, in the morning. It saves our office staff time, in having to follow up with phone calls and ensure we do not put it as an unauthorised absence.



Uniform:

[Thank you for your support on our school uniform policy.](#)

A reminder: **All children must wear the Winter school uniform, when they return on Monday 22nd of October, after the half term holiday.** Please do talk Miss Jordan or the office staff for further clarification if needed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Invitation to school Liturgies/ assemblies: Families are very welcome to attend school assemblies/ Liturgies as follows:

Tuesdays 9a.m Prayer and liturgy led by the Headteacher or classes.

Fridays 9a.m Achievement assembly (No achievement assembly on Friday 12th October

due to the Staff training day.)

Sunday 7th October: St Mary's Harvest Mass in church – with a Harvest lunch afterwards.

Tuesday 9th October 2018: Year 5 and Foundation class Prayer Partner's Liturgy at 9a.m. All welcome.

Sacramental Preparation for reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Preparation for these two sacraments are led by the Parish/ St Mary's church. Mrs Hunt and Mrs Murphy are the catechists. Please see the church newsletter, for when the classes and meetings for parents will begin or speak to Fr Paul. We will also notify you, when the parish sends the school information.

Menphys Carol Concert : Friday 7th December 2018 at De Montfort Hall : We can take 18 Year 5 or 6's to sing at this concert. Transport is provided for the rehearsal and for the children and families in the evening. Letters have been provided for the children to take home. First 18 returned, will be chosen.



ST MARY'S FRIENDS: FOSM:

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR IDEAS! All parents are welcome to join!

This year we will be fundraising for new playground equipment such as a climbing wall, as well as other items which benefit all the children in school, but we would like your ideas too. **What do you think the school should be fundraising for?**

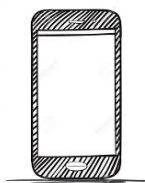
FOSM EVENTS

25th October 6-8p.m Pamper Evening for adults. Come and enjoy an evening of pampering and shopping in the school hall. Raffle too. Tickets are £10.00, which includes one free mini treatment, a goody bag, raffle ticket and drink.

30th October: Harvest Festival Celebrations: Seasonal dress up day for the children with Harvest Produce baskets to be sold. On the day children can wear their own clothes or a harvest fancy dress costume for a donation of £1.00. The winner of the best decorated and vegetable box, will receive a prize. Boxes and pictures need to be handed in by the 30th of October.

23rd November : School Disco

18th December: 3.15p.m- 5p.m Christmas Fair



School Website/ Phone App

From the start of new Academic Year September 2018, newsletters and other forms of communication to you will be on the website and phone app mainly. The school will be sending out as little paper copies as possible. Please ensure you have downloaded the school phone app and check the website: as from September we will not be renewing the parent mail text service.

Teachers will be placing more work/homework on their class pages on the website for the children to do, but may need to send some paper copies. Please send the school any updated phone numbers for contact. **It is particularly important to download the app, as we can notify you about any changes to clubs or collecting children.**

Newsletters are always on the website.

How do I find St Mary's School phone app?

For iOS users:

To find the app in the App Store/ google play, simply search for **School Jotter** and download the app powered by Webanywhere. You might also want to use this link: <https://apple.co/2oGDD64>

When you open the app, simply search for you school in the top search box typing in the school's postcode **LE11 5AX**. Then select your school from the list.

Once you have chosen the school, it will always load first when opening the app. There may be a delay on some older models of phones.

If you have any difficulties please let us know, you can collect the guide from the school office or we can help you if you bring your phone in.



Administering Medication in school

If your child needs to have medicine administered by school staff during the school day, the medication request form must be completed first. These are available from the school office. We can only administer medicine, if it is prescribed by the health professional and it is accompanied by the professional note or this is clearly stated on the medicine. For the safety of all children please do not send the medicine in with the child. It must be given to the school office with the medication, where it will be locked in our first aid cupboard in the first aid room. Thank you for your support.

School Dinners Payment

The new Academy we belong to Thomas Aquinas MAT, are looking to set up a cashless system for taking in payments for all 22 schools in the Academy. It would be great to have parental ideas on this. Until this is in place, please could you help the school out by having the exact money for school dinners, or as close to. We have a new centralised finance system and it is difficult to keep so much change on the premises. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

At St Mary's we are always trying to improve our communication with you. Families requested last term, that they would like more advance notice of events, which we will endeavour to do. With the term dates, as an Academy we have kept to the Leicestershire term dates for 2018-19, after consultation with parents last year. 2019-20 dates are on the website.

Thursday 11 th October 2p.m - 6p.m	Parent's Evening: 2p.m - 6p.m Enter through the Parish Hall doors to wait and be called through to the hall to meet the teachers for a progress update, see your children's work and how they have settled into their new classes. There will be refreshments available. The exit will be through the front school entrance.
12 th October	Inset Day: School Closed for pupils for staff training.
Half Term 1 week	15 th -19 th October : School Reopens for Autumn Term 2: Mon 22 nd October 2018
Thursday 1 st Nov	Mass in church; All Saints 9.15a.m
Tuesday 18 th Dec	9.30 : Ks1 Nativity Performance 1 Christmas Fair : 3.15 - 5p.m
Wednesday 19 th Dec	2.30p.m: Ks1 Nativity Performance 2
Thursday 20 th Dec	Christmas jumper day and Christmas meal 6p.m at St Mary's church: KS2 Carols by candlelight
Friday 21 st Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term School finishes at 1.30p.m
Christmas Holidays 2 weeks	Monday 24 th Dec - Monday 4 th January: Mon 7 January th Inset day: staff training School Reopens Tuesday 8 th January 2019

Thank you in advance for working with us to ensure the best for your child. I'd like to set up a regular parent's forum this year, so please do let me know when you think would be a good time to run this and if you would like to be involved with setting up our policies.

The next newsletter will be sent out after the half term. We do hope you enjoy your half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss P Jordan Headteacher

Spring Term	
INSET Day – School closed to pupils	Monday 7 January 2019
Spring Term begins for pupils	Tuesday 8 January 2019
Last day of 1 st half term	Friday 15 February 2019
Half Term Break - 1 week	Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019
School Re-Opens after half term break	Monday 25 February 2019
Last day of Spring term	Friday 12 April 2019

Easter Break - 2 weeks	Monday 15 April to Friday 26 April 2019
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Summer Term	
Summer Term begins for pupils	Monday 29 April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2019
Last day of 1 st half term	Friday 24 May 2019
Half Term Break – 1 week	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019
School Re-Opens after half term break	Monday 3 June 2019
INSET Day – School closed to pupils	Friday 21 June 2019
Last day of Summer term	Friday 12 July 2019 (1/2 day)
Summer Break	Monday 15 July 2019