



1st May 2026

This Week at St Mary's...

This week the children have been enjoying the warm weather. Children have enjoyed a range of sports in their PE lessons such as tennis and cricket. Around school the children have been creating birthday cards and letters to send off to Sir David Attenborough for his 100th birthday and we thought about how thankful we are for everything he has done for nature and the world.

Whole school
attendance this
week...

97.7%

This week's awards go to...

Emmelina
Joshua
Jenson
Joseph

Olivia
Esther
Grace
Edie



Ethan, Fearne TH,
Imogen, Miss Wright

Dates and Events

May

11th - 14th KS2 SATS week

15th Sports Enrichment Day

22nd last day of term

June

1st & 2nd - INSET DAYS

3rd - return to school

House Leaderboard



Oak

317



Birch

335



Pine

295



Willow

222



School Dojo Leaderboard

Class 1: William

Class 2: Eliza

Class 3: Grace

Class 4: Jacob

Celebrating wider achievements

Amazing achievements this week. It was great to hear how Martha has graduated from Brownies and is now a Guide. We also had several headteacher awards this week for excellent writing! As a school we have achieved the Level 1 RHS School gardening award!

PHOTOS TO FOLLOW

Online Safety

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as age restricted, this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and activity based. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'Ice Bucket Challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithms often promote content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include violent, extremist, or extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithms, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when autoplay is enabled. Without on-screen cues for when trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube shorts - short, fast-paced videos - are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as consideration is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downstream in Family Link can also help limit unengaged viewing.

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Friday 29th
May 2026



£50
Raffle
PRIZE

Fundraising

FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT

YOUR FAVOURITE BRANDS AT UP TO 75% OFF!

Dorothy Perkins • White Stuff • River Island • Next • Evans • New Look
Miss Selfridge • Topshop • Wallis • Urban Outfitters • Warehouse
Monsoon & More! Plus French & Italian Designer Wear

South Forest Leisure Complex

Robin Hood Crossroads, Clipstone Rd, Edwinstowe, Mansfield NG21 9JA

COST £10.00 | FREE Raffle Entry | Time: 18:15 (19:00 Start)

Tickets: Venue or Jon on 07581 265531 • jon.c.yarwood@gmail.com

Funds raised are for Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions Club CIO

FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE

On Thursday afternoon, Year 6 had an exciting afternoon in our new Forest school! The children became expert den builders, creating some brilliant shelters, they thought of everything, even adding beds inside! It was especially exciting setting up our new hammocks, which quickly became a favourite spot to relax.

There were also lots of fun in the mud kitchen, where everyone got wonderfully messy making imaginative recipes, Mrs Lee even enjoyed a mud cappuccino whilst testing out the hammock!

A brilliant afternoon full of creativity, teamwork and muddy fun! 🌿🌿🌿

'Not all Classrooms have four walls'

PHOTOS TO FOLLOW

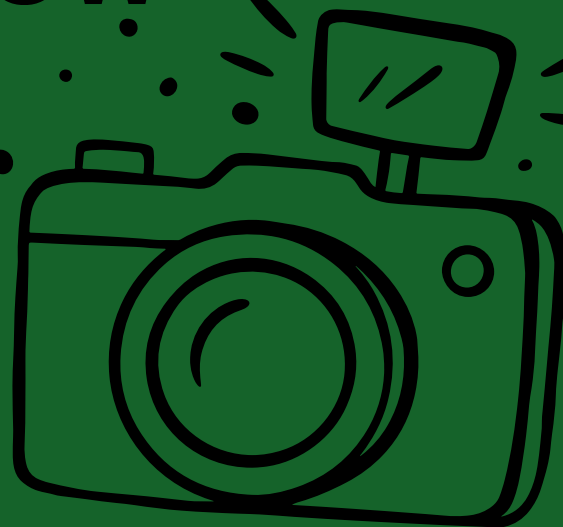


THANK YOU - We have already received some kind donations from this wishlist!

We are very grateful for all the donations we receive into school - it really does make a difference!

If you would like to help school out, we keep our wishlist updated regularly.

[CLICK HERE](#)





Please follow our facebook page!



Mrs Bailey ended up live on air last week... check out the facebook page to have a listen!

ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

ICE CREAM FRIDAY IS HERE!

A sweet treat to end the week!

- ✓ Ice creams & ice lollies available
- ✓ Favourites like Magnums, Calippos & more
- ✓ Sold by Friends of St Mary's
- ✓ Every Friday during term time
- ✓ Starting Friday 8th May 2026

ICE CREAM & ICE LOLLIES YUM!

AFTER SCHOOL TREAT STALL

CASH ONLY PLEASE

SCHOOL GROUNDS

STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

A hugely popular event – don't miss out!
Come along and support our school while enjoying a Friday treat

Thank you

A HUGE thank you to the Friends group for organising a super BINGO event. It was great fun and raised over £200! There are also a range of raffle prizes that need claiming in school!
Winning raffle tickets are: 357, 356, 362, 312, 382





Picture News

TAKEHOME

27th April - 3rd May



What is the best way to support people who need extra help?



In the news this week

New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your overall opinion on the glasses, do you think they are a good idea?
- > In your opinion, is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- > How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?
- > What technology do you use at home to help you? How does it help?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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The Big Bebop: It's International Jazz Day!

Have you ever heard music that makes you want to tap your feet or have a little dance? For lots of people, that's jazz! Jazz is a type of music with a strong beat and lots of rhythm, often played using instruments like saxophones, trumpets, pianos and drums.

Every year on 30th April, people around the world celebrate International Jazz Day. Led by groups including UNESCO, the event uses music to help people share ideas and learn about different cultures. One organiser said the day helps 'bring people together through music'. Jazz began many years ago in the United States, but



Pictured: A saxophone and a piano are often played in jazz music. **Source:** Canva.

now it is played all over the world. From big concerts to smaller performances, people join in to enjoy and share the music.

So, whether it's clapping, tapping or swaying along, International Jazz Day is a chance to find your groove and sing your song! **What kind of music do you enjoy?**

Fresh Food Plan

What is your favourite healthy food? Crunchy carrots or juicy apples? In West Northamptonshire, England, people are working together on a new food plan to help everyone enjoy tasty, healthy meals. The plan has been created by the local council with help from the University of Northampton. It aims to make it easier for families to find food that is good for them, good for the planet and doesn't cost too much. There are lots of ideas in the plan. These include helping people learn about healthy eating, supporting local farmers and shops, and making sure



Pictured: Lots of colourful fruit and vegetables! **Source:** Canva.

less food is wasted.

One organiser said that by working together, communities can help make sure everyone feels supported and can enjoy healthy food.

From farm to fork, it's all about making food fair, fresh and fun for everyone! **What is your favourite meal?**

What makes a great place to live?



A great place to live would have lots of open spaces for families and friends to enjoy the outdoors. **Blue**

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Minesweeping 'Hero Rat' Honoured

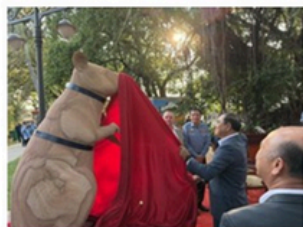
Over his lifetime, minesweeping Magawa, an African giant pouched rat, used his sense of smell to locate an incredible 100 landmines and unexploded bombs! He has been honoured in Cambodia, with a giant statue carved from local stone. The monument to the 'Hero Rat' was unveiled by Dr. Ly Tuch, First Vice President of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance



Pictured: The statue of Magawa the minesweeping rat. **Source:** លី តុច - Ly Tuch on Facebook.

Authority, during a ceremony that also marked International Day for Mine Awareness. 'Before us stands Magawa—a small creature, yet one who changed the ground beneath our feet,' said Dr. Tuch. 'For years, Cambodia lived with land that could not be trusted... But Magawa moved through that same land with calm precision. Where others saw risk, he found what was hidden. Where fear remained, he helped restore confidence. More than 100 landmines and explosive remnants were cleared through his work... The statue we unveil today carries more than form. It carries a message — that even the smallest actor can leave a lasting impact.'

Did you know that rats could do this? Can you name any other animals that have jobs?



Pictured: The unveiling of the statue. **Source:** លី តុច - Ly Tuch on Facebook.

World Women's Snooker Day



Pictured: Bai Yulu playing snooker. **Source:** World Women's Snooker on Facebook.

Tuesday 28th April is World Women's Snooker (WWS) Day. This year's annual celebration of all things to do with women's snooker takes place during the World Snooker Championship, which is being held at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England. World Women's Snooker posted about the action day, saying, 'The day aims to raise awareness of the WWS Tour and the opportunities available for women to pick up a cue and play our sport competitively at all levels.' Bai Yulu, from China, is the reigning Women's World Snooker

Champion. She recently became the first woman to make scores of multiple centuries, with a break of 108 points during a match against Michael Holt in the World Snooker Championship! She wants to inspire more people to enjoy the sport saying, 'Throughout all my practising, what I have always wanted to do is let more people, or more girls, see snooker, become interested, and want to try it,' she said.

Have you ever played snooker? Do you know how many points you gain by potting each coloured ball?

What makes a great place to live?



A great place to live would have everything you need close by. Lots of shops, things to do and your family and friends not too far away! **Grace**

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