



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a big welcome to all our new parents. We are very excited about the year ahead. It was great to see all the children, staff and classrooms looking so smart and ready for this Academic Year.

It has been an excellent start to the 26/27 Academic year.

In this newsletter, there is important information about dates/ events for the year, lunchtime menus and free school meals. The calendar dates will be sent out as paper copies today. One of our school improvement priorities is to improve the engagement and communication with families, providing opportunities for drop ins where we can listen to you. There will be a coffee and chat once a term, at drop offs on a Monday. We will confirm the dates. We would also like to have two parents from each class, who will be class representatives. Please message on class dojo, if you would like this role. It will be mainly to provide communication and ideas from the parents in the class to myself and Mrs Clarke. We are really looking forward to the year ahead, and hope you are too. Please come and see us with any concerns and questions.

God Bless

Miss Jordan

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Dates for your diary

Please see the school dates, including holiday times on the school website.



Important information/ curriculum meeting for parents: Monday 14th of September: 3.15p.m.

Please gather in the school hall and then you will be directed to the classrooms, where the class teacher will speak about year group specific learning. Please enter through the front door on Hastings Street. Play items provided for children in the school hall, whilst parents attend the class teacher's meetings.

15th September: Beginning of term mass at St Mary's Church 9.15a.m: y6 pupils reading: All welcome

October half term: 19th to 23rd 2026

Christmas holidays: 21st December 2026 to 1st of January 2027

School begins on the 4th of January

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EXPANDING FREE SCHOOL MEALS: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium eligibility information for 26/27

Who will benefit from the expanded free school meals?

Over half a million additional pupils will become eligible for Free School Meals under the new eligibility criteria. The change means that all households receiving [Universal Credit](#), above the current £7,400 income cap, will qualify for this support.

Expanding free school meals: what parents need to know – The Education Hub
Transitional protections are ending, meaning all families must apply or recheck their eligibility. from September 2026.

The expansion creates two distinct categories of eligibility:

Targeted: Households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less, plus certain legacy benefits and No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF). These children will also qualify for additional support like Pupil Premium.

Expanded: Households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings exceeding £7,400. These children will receive free school meals but will not trigger additional pupil funding.

The government's [Universal Infant Free School Meals \(UIFSM\) scheme](#) continues to guarantee free school lunches for all infant school pupils: EYFS, Year 1 and Year Two in England, completely regardless of household income or benefits.

Please note that the school has not received any notification of Leicestershire County Council providing any Summer holiday food vouchers.

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Key dates/ events St Mary's 26/26 Academic Year

SEPTEMBER 26

Year 6 swimming: Friday 11th
FOSM AGM: all welcome: 23rd
Film night FOSM: 25th
Macmillan Coffee morning: 25th

OCTOBER 26

1st and 2nd: vision checking all pupils
Harvest celebration: 9a.m 2nd
Parent teacher meetings: 13th 1.30p-6p.m
Own clothes day: 16th
Half term: 19th-23rd
Y6 Bikeability- 26th
Year 5 swimming starts: 30th
All Hallows disco: 30th

NOVEMBER 26

All souls mass: 9.15: 2nd
Year 3 and 4 sleepover in school -13th
Flu vaccinations - 16th
School training day- children not in school 20th
Advent starts: wreath blessing- 30th

DECEMBER 26

Fosm Christmas Fayre 3rd
Menphys school's concert: 4th
EYFS nativity: 9th
Christmas jumper day 10th
Rock steady concert 2.30 p.m 10th
Christmas lunch day: 10th
KS2 Carol service: 15th Dec
Year 1 and 2 Nativity: 16th
Christmas parties: 18th

JANUARY 27 School starts 4th

9.15 mass in church: 6th
Year 4 swimming: Friday 8th
Y6 warning zone trip: 27th

FEBRUARY 27

FOSM Pancake Spring disco: 9th
9.15: Ash Wednesday mass: 10th
Parent teacher meetings: 11th 1.30p.m-6p.m
Own Clothes: 12th
Half term: 15th-19th

MARCH 27

World book Day: 4th
FOSM Talent Show: 12th
Big Lent walk: 18th
Rock Steady concert: 18th 2.30p.m
Easter holidays: 22nd-2nd April

APRIL 27

School Starts: 5th
Year 3 Swimming Friday 9th
Colour Dash: Field 30th

MAY

Bank holiday 3rd
SATs tests Y6 begin: 10th
Cultural diversity day: cultural clothes: 14th
Y6 residential week Briars 17th

JUNE

HALF TERM: 31st May-4th June
School starts 7th of June
7th June: Y4 multiplication tests
14th June: year one Phonics tests
22nd June: a.m: EYFS and KS1 sports day a.m
23rd: KS2 sports day a.m
24th: 2.30p.m: Rock Steady concert
30th: reports to parents

JULY

FOSM Summer Fayre 1st
Y6 Play- 6th
Whole school trip: 7th
Leavers Mass: 8th
Leavers Assembly: 9th
Summer holidays begin: 12th July 2027

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A few reminders...

- **Arbor:** Thank you for clearing payments promptly- please ensure it is cleared weekly.
- **Wrap around care after school / breakfast club:** Please book ahead of time and before 12p.m for after school club, so that additional adults can be allocated.
- **School uniform:** The Summer uniform can be worn until the October half term. After the October half term, the winter uniform (tie and shirt) must be worn. Please note this is not the blue polo shirt. PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM ITEMS, INCLUDING COATS ARE LABELLED.

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LUNCH MENU: WEEK 1						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	w.c. dates	
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegan Option Available (VG) Served with ½ Jacket Potato & Sweetcorn	Beef Chilli with Tortilla Wrap Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy Served with Creamed Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Pasty Served with Jacket Wedges & Baked Beans	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup	24/8/26 14/9/26 5/10/26 26/10/26 16/11/26 7/12/26	
Vegetable Pasta Bake (V) (VG) Served with ½ Jacket Potato & Sweetcorn (V)	Roasted Vegetables with Tortilla Wrap (V) (VG) Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (VG) Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans	Cheese Fian (V) Served with Jacket Wedges & Baked Beans	Fishless Fingers (V) (VG) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup		
Jacket Potato with Cheese (V), Beans (VG) or Tuna Mayonnaise Served with Side Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V), Beans (VG) or Tuna Mayonnaise Served with Side Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V), Beans (VG) or Tuna Mayonnaise Served with Side Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V), Beans (VG) or Tuna Mayonnaise Served with Side Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V), Beans (VG) or Tuna Mayonnaise Served with Side Salad		
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Pear & Blueberry Cupcake (V) Chocolate Crispy (VG)	Strawberry Jelly & Chopped Fruit (VG) Vanilla Cookie (VG)	Ice Cream Roll (VG) Oaty Biscuits (VG)	Marbled Sponge Cake (V) Pancake (VG)	Chocolate Haystacks (V) Shortbread Biscuit (VG)		

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CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

LUNCH MENU: WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	W.C.
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegan Option Available (VG) Served with ½ Jacket Potato & Sweetcorn	Chicken Stir Fry Served with Noodles, Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Sausages & Gravy Served with Creamed Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Fish Fillet Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup	31/8/26 21/9/26 12/10/26 2/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegan Option Available (VG) Served with ½ Jacket Potato & Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread (V) Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (VG) Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Sausage & Gravy (V) (VG) Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Fishless Fingers (V) (VG) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup	
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Iced Sponge & Sprinkles (V) Coconut Biscuit	Strawberry Jelly with Chopped Fruit (VG) Butterscotch Tart (V)	Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Jambo Biscuit (V)	Flapjack (VG) Chocolate Mousse (V)	Ice Cream Roll (V) Viennese Biscuit (VG)	

LUNCH MENU: WEEK 3

CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	w.c. dates
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegan Option Available (VG) Served with ½ Jacket Potato, Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Mexican Chicken Wrap & Salsa Served with Savoury Rice & Sweetcorn & Peas	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Bolognese Served with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup	7/9/26 28/9/26 19/10/26 9/11/26 30/11/26 21/12/26
Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread (V) Served with Coleslaw & Side Salad	Mexican Roasted Vegetable Wrap & Salsa (V) (VG) Served with Savoury Rice & Sweetcorn & Peas	Roast Quorn Fillet, Stuffing & Gravy Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Bolognese (V) (VG) Served with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Nuggets (V) (VG) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup	
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Chocolate Tart (V) Caramel Biscuit (VG)	Iced Sponge (V) Cheese & Biscuits served with Grapes (V)	Lemon Muffin (V) Custard Biscuit (VG)	Orange & Mandarin Jelly (VG) Custard Biscuit (V)	Ice Cream Roll (V) Vanilla Cookie (VG)	

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS!



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS TIMETABLE

TUE 1ST SEP 26 – FRI 16TH OCT 26

DAY	TIME	VENUE	CLASS
MON	3:15pm – 4:15pm	St Mary's Catholic Primary School Loughborough	KS2 NERF WARS (7yrs - 11yrs)
TUE	3:15pm – 4:15pm	St Mary's Catholic Primary School Loughborough	KS1 & KS2 MULTI-SPORTS CLUB (5yrs - 11yrs)
WED	3:15pm – 4:15pm	St Mary's Catholic Primary School Loughborough	EYFS – YEAR 1&2 FOOTBALL (4yrs - 7yrs)
THU	3:15pm – 4:15pm	St Mary's Catholic Primary School Loughborough	KS2 FOOTBALL (7yrs - 11yrs)
FRI	3:15pm – 4:15pm	St Mary's Catholic Primary School Loughborough	KS1 & KS2 MULTI-SPORTS CLUB (5yrs - 11yrs)



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