

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 13th May 2022

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Attendance Weekly - 95.8%

Attendance Year - 95%

Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow Matthew 5: 15-16

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

Dear parents and carers and friends of the school,

Head's Lines

SATS Celebration!

This week saw the culmination of our Year 6 SATs week and the continuation of SATs for the pupils in Year 2 and I would like to say how very proud I am of the dedication, hard work and positive attitude of the staff and pupils in these two year groups. It was very clear that the children really tried their very hardest and approached the tests with a Growth Mindset, which makes me feel incredibly proud. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the staff members involved who have worked hard over the year (and beyond) to prepare these pupils for these statutory exams. I would also like to thank a large number of our school governors, who attended these exams to act as independent invigilators.



Year 6 can now look forward to a well-earned, exciting end of term, with events such as their Danbury residential in July, the Queen's Jubilee Celebration in late May and a number of fun sporting events (including Sports Day) during the last part of this academic year. Well done one and all!

Parent and Carers Survey for 2021 to 2022:

As I mentioned in last weeks Friday newsletter, St Mary's has now launched our latest **annual Parents and Carers survey** – which is, once again, **online**, **using the following link:** <https://schoolwork.space/T/EFydl6WsykCSTNky10>



Please do take the time to complete this survey – as it will help the school to reflect upon its priorities for the next few years. In this survey you can tell us what you think we are doing well and where you think we can improve, including opportunities for suggestions throughout the survey.

A quick reminder that the closing date for this survey is **noon on Friday 20th May**, at which point the Senior Leadership Team, in partnership with our school governors, will carefully analyse the survey results over the next few weeks and we will then respond to our parents and carers with the ideas, comments and suggestions that you have raised.

If you are not able to access an online device (such as a computer, Ipad or mobile phone) to complete this survey, please contact the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk (or, alternatively, pop in to see Xenia or Sonya and they will be happy to provide you with a printed copy.

Attendance

The start of the term has been incredibly busy and we are pleased with the punctuality and attendance in general of pupils.

Attendance is reviewed regularly and we do have a monitoring list for those where attendance is a low, letters will be sent out over the next few weeks to parent / carers for those children where attendance is a concern. Please take a look at the Attendance Policy as it has recently been amended with changes to the coding for lateness.

We are also receiving an increasing number of requests for leave during term time. There is no entitlement to parents / carers to take a child out of school during term time, however you can apply for leave in exceptional circumstances—but please note that the criteria for this is extremely tight.

The leave of absence form must be completed, ideally with at least 2 weeks notice.

A form can be requested from the office or downloaded here: www.stmaryssw.org.uk/policies



Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of the school in this vital area of school life.



2022 Challenge.

Freya in Reception has been busy designing stickers as part of her 2022 challenge. She will be selling these masterpieces for 20p a sticker on Friday 20th May after school. Please support her by purchasing a sticker.

Please let us know about your 2022 challenges and what you are doing 😊

Danbury residential:

Our Year 5 pupils are now back at school today, after their three- night/four-day residential trip to the Outdoors Activity Centre in Danbury. I took the opportunity to join them on Wednesday evening and overnight and stayed through Thursday and it was clear how much fun they were having and how much they learnt from this experience. We have also had some lovely feedback from some of our parents and carers which will be passed on to Mrs McInnes and her team. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming these lovely pupils back to St Mary's, where they will be busy recollecting their favourite activities and what exciting things they have been up to!



I must also thank the staff (Mrs McInnes - Group Leader, Mrs Shackleton, Mrs North and Miss Driscoll) who attended this trip, for kindly giving up their own time to take these children away for what has clearly been a truly memorable week, packed full of life-long memories.

Lost Property & Naming Clothing

Can I take this opportunity to also remind parents/carers to please write their child's name and class on all items of clothing that are sent into school, especially jumpers/cardigans and coats, as well as lunchboxes – as these items are most frequently left in the playground or around the school. There is a huge amount of freshly laundered school uniform in our donation rails and lost property collection – please feel free to rummage around if you have some missing items or if there is something that you need!

Do have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

Headteacher of St Mary's Church of England Primary school, Saffron Walden



Year 5 Residential



Diary Dates



Thursday 19th May	-	CENSUS Day Special Lunch Menu
Wednesday 25th May	-	Year 6 Crucial Crew 1pm at SW Town Hall
Friday 27th May	-	Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Dress up in red, white & blue - Picnic Lunch
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June	-	Half-term
Wednesday 8th June	-	New Reception 2022 Parents Information Meeting
Thursday 9th June	-	Kittle Photography Visit - Class Photos
Tuesday 14th June	-	Governor Day
Thursday 16th June	-	KS2 French Theatre Company Visit
Friday 24th June	-	INSET Day - School Closed
Wednesday 29th June	-	KS2 Athletics @Carver Barracks
Monday 4th July	-	Year 5 &6 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5th July	-	Year 5 &6 Performance 6pm - Parents Invited
Wednesday 6th July	-	Sports Day
Mon 11th - Wed 13th July	-	Parents Consultations for Reception - Year 5 (Timings TBC)
Mon 11th Jul - Thu 14th Jul	-	Year 6 Residential - Danbury
Thursday 21st July	-	Year 6 Leavers Service - 9.30am @St. Mary's Church
Thursday 21st July	-	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

**THURSDAY
19TH MAY**

CENSUS DAY LUNCH
HOT DOG
or
CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA

**CHOCOLATE BROWNIE
& ICE-CREAM**