

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 6th May 2022

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Attendance Weekly - 95.7%

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



### Parent and Carers Survey for 2021 to 2022:

As May is now upon us it is now time for St Mary's to launch our latest **annual Parents and Carers survey** – which this year will once again be **online**, using the following link: <https://schoolwork.space/T/EFydI6WsykCSTNkYIO>

I would really urge as many of our parents and carers as possible to 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.

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](mailto: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.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of the school.

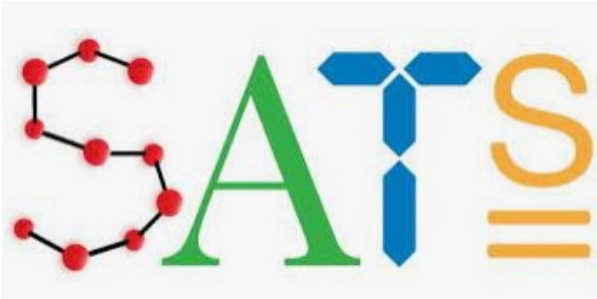
### Danbury residential:

Next week our Year 5 pupils in Busy Bee class will be embarking on their annual residential trip to Danbury and for many of these children this will be their first time away from home. I have absolutely no doubt that they will all have a really fun, rewarding and memorable trip away – and I will all be thinking of them with some degree of envy whilst they are thoroughly enjoying themselves as they take part in lots of new and enjoyable activities—I have also noted that the weather forecast whilst they are away looks absolutely glorious— so parents/carers please make sure that they **pack their sunscreen and a hat to protect themselves!**



I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all of the staff members who have generously volunteered their own time, which I have no doubt will include getting up extremely early in the mornings and staying up late in the evenings—especially during the first couple of nights when they are a tad excited— to go away with these children on what are fun and rewarding, but often extremely long, busy and exhausting days! Thanks to Mrs McInnes (visit leader), Mrs Shackleton, Mrs North and Miss Driscoll for their time.

### National Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs):



Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils will be taking part in the annual Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) and we wish them all the very best of luck. Over the past two years, during the COVID Pandemic, primary schools have been instructed to suspend these tests—so this is the first time since May 2019 that these will be taking place across the nation.

I know that our pupils have all been working extremely hard throughout the year (and beyond) and they all deserve to do incredibly well and I would like to say how proud I am of all of the hard work that has been going in to their studies in preparation, in what has certainly been one of the most challenging times to learn as a young child. I would also like to thank all of the staff members in these two year groups for all the hard work they have put into preparing them, as well as their parents and carers who have been supporting this process at home. **Best of luck everyone – just do your best!**

Do enjoy the lovely weather this weekend and I look forwards to seeing you on Monday morning!

Kind regards

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

### Reminder - Year 5 Residential Arrangements - Monday 9th May

8.30 - 8.45 children to arrive at school

8.45 - registers taken as normal

9.15 - coach departs for Danbury via Catons Lane - parents are invited to wave goodbye to the children.



**Your child will need to bring a packed lunch (no nuts or traces of nuts), water bottle and may want to bring a healthy snack (no nuts or traces of nuts).**

Please expect clothing to get wet, dirty and worn during your visit – so please don't pack your favourite items!

### **NO JEWELLERY, WATCHES, PHONES, ELECTRONICS**

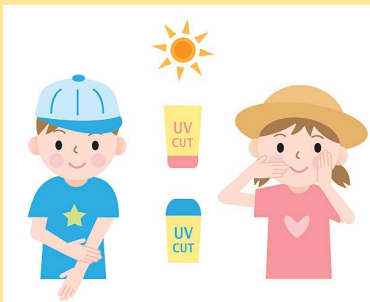
Flip flops/Crocs/wellies etc. are not suitable footwear for any activity on site, including canoeing. You must pack appropriate footwear such as trainers.

**All the items listed should be clearly labelled with your child's name, and should be packed in- to one bag or suitcase which your child is capable of carrying themselves.**

# Diary Dates



Mon 9th - Thu 12th May	-	Year 5 Residential - Danbury
Mon 9th - Thu 12th May	-	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 19th May	-	CENSUS Day Special Lunch Menu
Wednesday 25th May	-	Year 6 Crucial Crew 1pm at SW Town Hall
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



**Reminder** – as the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child has a sun hat and that you have applied *sun cream* before they arrive at school.