

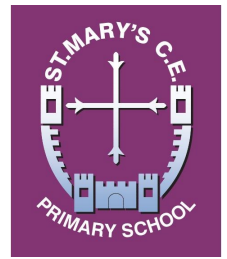
St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 11th July 2025

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Attendance Weekly 96.3%
Attendance Year 95%

Our motto: Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow inspired by Matthew 5: 15-16

Compassion	Friendship	Perseverance
Respect	Trust	Truthfulness

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Sports Day Success! | Wednesday 9th July

We're thrilled to share that our annual Primary School Sports Day, held on Wednesday 9th July, was a fantastic success! The sun shone brightly (unlike the week before) as pupils from all year groups came together to take part in a wide range of fun, energetic, and inclusive activities.



From classic events like the sack race and egg-and-spoon race to sprints, obstacle and relay races and even the newly introduced tyre race, every child gave their best effort, showing great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The children's behaviour was also superb! It was a real joy to see so many smiling faces and cheering voices across both sides of the field.

A big thank you to our amazing staff for their hard work in organising the day and in particular to Ms Driscoll who put in so much work and preparation behind the scenes, as well as to the parents and carers and friends of the school who came along to support — your encouragement made the day even more special. Congratulations to all our young athletes, especially to our house team winners Earth House—who were this year's overall winners!

We're already looking forward to next year's event. Well done, everyone!

Reports and new class staffing team:

As you will be aware, this afternoon each child will have received their final yearly report. Included within your child's report you will find your child's current attendance for the academic year up to this point. If you have any questions about your child's report, please speak to your class teacher, at the first instance.



Meet the Teacher— Monday 14th July and Tuesday 15th July

Just a reminder that parents and carers have the chance to meet their child/ren's Teacher for next year on Monday 14th July and Tuesday 15th July, please see the timings on the diary dates page 6 of this newsletter.

Pupil Premium Form

To check your child's eligibility for pupil premium funding for the next academic year, please fill in the form which was sent earlier today and speak to the School Office if you have any questions.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

Class Photos

We're excited to announce that your child's school photos, taken by *Carmel Jane Photography*, are now ready — and they look fantastic!



If you **pre-registered**, please check your email for your unique access link.

If you **did not pre-register**, don't worry — simply visit www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support and enter the school code: **JRNEWDPBB**.

Don't miss out — limited-time discounts are available, so be sure to order soon! All photo orders will be delivered directly to your home address.

Safer Essex Roads Partnership regarding the use of e-scooters by children

Use of privately owned e-scooters in public spaces (roads, cycle tracks, parks etc.) is against the law for anyone, but use by children is leading to serious injuries and children being killed. We want to support you in keeping your students safe.



We would very much appreciate it if you can share this with parents and carers to alert them to the law and risks associated with them allowing their children to use any type of e-scooter. See our e-scooter brochure [e-Scooter-A5-leaflet-V3.pdf](#) which explains the legal difference between the trial e-scooters for hire and some of the risks associated with riding.

On the approach to Summer break, those unaware of the law, or the risks to their children, may be considering buying one as a gift. Unfortunately it is not illegal to buy one and the shops and on-line outlets do not make it clear enough that they may only be used on privately owned land.

If you are aware of children using these either to come to school or during their leisure time, please ensure they and their parent/ carer receive this leaflet directly and, if you want to let us know we can discuss preventative steps to ensure that your school does not have to deal with the heartbreak of losing a student.

The key points are that:

1. **Privately owned e-scooters (most of which are plain black) are illegal for anyone of any age to ride in any public place.** E-scooters you can buy from shops like Halfords and Smyths or online can only be used on privately owned land, with the landowner's permission.
2. Parents providing an e-scooter for their child are putting them at risk on the roads. The children are unlikely to be aware of the Highway Code, are unlikely to wear a helmet or anything to make them visible to other road users, are unlikely to have the observation skills required, are likely to carry a passenger making the scooter unstable and, travelling at speeds of 15mph, are likely to be seriously injured if they fall off or are involved in a collision.

Please help prevent future road deaths to your students by sharing this important information and if we can offer any further education on road safety within your school please email us on serp.education@essexhighways.org.

Our website <https://saferessexroads.org/> has information on the free education we deliver.

Year 6 Leavers Celebration Lunch—Thursday 17th July

We are excited to announce a special whole school disco-themed lunch on **Thursday 17th July** to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 students!

Disco Dress-Up (Non Uniform Day)

Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in their best disco outfits – think neon, sparkle, and fun!

Lunch Menu

A copy of the special menu is attached. Please make sure to pre-order your child's meal via SchoolGrid as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the event or experience any issues logging into your School Grid account, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.





Dolce Disco

Thursday 17th July 2025

Mains

Dolce Disco Dog
Dance Floor Dog (vg)
Party Time Pizza (BBQ Chicken)
Hip Hot Potato Bar (v) (GF)

Sides

Funky Town Fries
Boogie Beans
Panic at the Disco Peas
Stayin' Alive Salad Bar

Desserts

Glitter Ball Cookie
Fruit Ice Lolly
Fresh Fruit



dolce

Essex

ACTIVate

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food
across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org



@EssexActivAte

SCAN ME



I'm excited to offer your children **summer holiday forest school** sessions! I'm teaming up with a fellow forest school practitioner and together we are running forest school for a few Wednesdays over the holidays. I know how much they love it and these sessions for 5-11 year olds will be packed full of fun activities. Book using the link underneath. Hope to see some of you there...

Thanks

Mrs McInnes

<https://bookwhen.com/icklewoodsforestschool#focus=ev-s2j6-20250723090000>



SUMMER SESSIONS AVAILABLE NOW!

Den building
Fire lighting
Tool use
Bug hunting
Nature Crafts
Muddy play

Holiday Club (ages 5-11) 23rd July + 30th July* 6th August* + 13th August 9AM - 3PM	Family Fun (ages 0-11) 1st, 8th + 15th August 9.45AM-11.45AM
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*With Katie from
Sunshine Through Trees!

WWW.ICKLEWOODS.COM
Abbey Farm, Ickleton





Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Monday 7th July	- Reception Boydells Dairy Farm Visit
Tuesday 8th July	- SWCHS Science Department visiting Year 6
Wednesday 9th July	- Sports Day morning KS2, afternoon Reception & KS1
	- Year 5 Rounders Festival
Thursday 10th July	- Yr 3 Ancient Egyptians Day (Change of Date)
Friday 11th July	- Reception Celebration Event (9.00am)
Friday 11th July	- School reports sent out
Friday 11th July	- KS2 Leavers Disco (5.00-6.30pm School Hall)
Monday 14th July	- Moving Up Afternoon
	- Meet the Teacher (3.15pm Years 1&2), (3.30pm Year 3)
Tuesday 15th July	- Meet the Teacher (3.15pm Years 4&5), (3.30pm Year 6)
	- Yrs 5&6 Production (6pm School Hall)
Wednesday 16th July	- Yr 3 Museum and Bridge End Gardens Visit
Thursday 17th July	- Disco Themed Non Uniform Day
	- R25 Taster Session (Group A 9.30-10.25, Group B 10.30-11.25)
	- Yr 5 Saffron Walden Museum Visit (morning only)
	- Yr 6 Celebration Disco Lunch for whole school
Tuesday 22nd July	- End of Year/Leavers Service (9.30am St Mary's Church)
Tuesday 22nd July	- End of school year - finish at 1.30pm
Monday 1st September	- INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd September	- INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd September	- First Day back for Pupils (Year 1—Year 6 Only)
	- Reception Staggered Timetable
Monday 16th September	- First full day for Reception

Please note all new or changed dates are in blue