

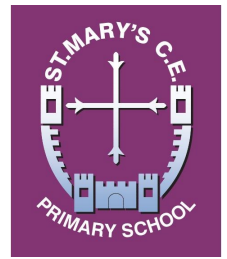
St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 27th June 2025

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Attendance Weekly 95.9%
Attendance Year 95%

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

Compassion

Friendship

Perseverance

Respect

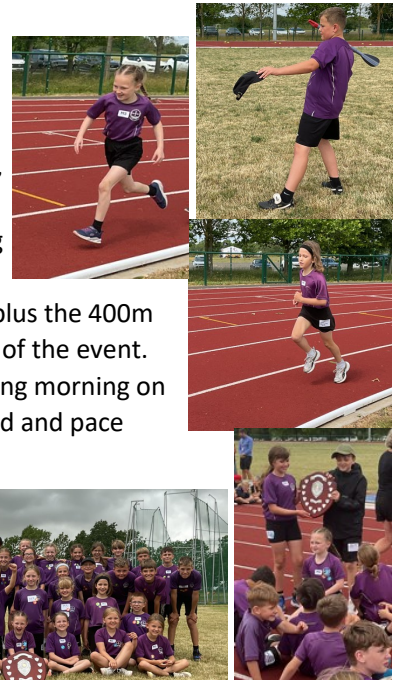
Trust

Truthfulness

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

District Athletics

On Thursday 26th June 43 pupils represented the school in the biggest event of the year in our sports diary - District Athletics! It was a perfect display of perseverance, determination, and compassion from every single team member. The morning started with the boys taking on their field events - long jump, triple jump, howler and the javelin. They were filtering back to camp full of pride and many finishing in the top three places! While the boys made their presence known on the field the girls hit the track running, storming the sprint races plus the 400m and 600m runs. There was a flourish of 1st place winners! It was a flying start to both sides of the event. Our amazing pupils didn't stop there. They kept the triumphs rolling; the girls had an amazing morning on the field, nailing jumps and throws while the boys hurtled down the track keeping the speed and pace needed. The results were fantastic 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishes on the track and field for all.



Finally, it was time for the relay races... and what a performance. Faultless baton changes, speed, grit and the determination needed. All teams finished in top positions with the majority being 1st place. It was absolutely incredible. For all watching it was breath-taking with goosebumps moment! When all the points were collated, our athletes were crowned District Athletic Champions! A title very well deserved and earned!

Huge congratulations to all the pupils that took part in the event. Every child in our Key Stage 2 classes played their part today. The classes and club members formed a solid team, and all have worked incredibly hard this last term. They raised the standard and supported each other brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of each and every single one of you. Lastly, we would like to thank the parents that stood with us, cheered and supported our school. It was lovely to see you all. Special congratulations must go to Miss Driscoll who has worked tirelessly over this term practising relentlessly with the Athletics squad. To win this prestigious trophy two years in a row is quite the achievement. Thank you!

Stars of the week

Zachary—for learning his lines really well especially the parts during songs

Toby—for fantastic enthusiasm when completing his writing tasks

Fred—for his progress in reading and confidence during assessment week

Malachi - for participating so enthusiastically in all activities

Mia—for attention to detail when drawing and her creativity

Antoni—for his perseverance in all lessons

Nika—for excellent effort and focus in English this week

Nina—for supporting her classmate with his work and showing kindness

Theo—for perseverance in telling the time in maths this week

Year 5—for adapting to change this week and being totally awesome

Lena—for sharing so many wonderful facts with her friends

Libby—for showing compassion and helping her peers

Leah—for always hitting her marks in the dances for the production



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 48 points was Earth House; in 2nd place with 43 points was Earth House, in 3rd place with 33 points was Fire House and in 4th place with 23 points is Air House. Well done everybody.



**1st place
(48 points)**



**2nd place
(43 points)**



**3rd place
(33 points)**



**4th place
(23 points)**

FOSM Summer Fete

Just a quick reminder that it would be fantastic to see you all at our first Friends of St Mary's Summer Fete, which takes place tomorrow between 10am and 1pm on the school field. See page 4 of this newsletter to see the advertisement of this special event.



Huge thanks to the FOSM team who have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes pulling this all together.

Parent survey reminder

Parent Survey



Another quick reminder that our Annual Parents/Carers Survey closes on Friday 4th July (this time next week). Please don't forget to share your views. Thank you so much if you have taken the time to complete this valuable survey. You can access this survey by clicking on this link on the Teacher2Parents email you were sent **on Friday 20th June.**

Have a great weekend.

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

Warm Weather Reminder:

Hats, Sunscreen and Water Bottles:

As the weather is beginning to get warm & sunny, please can we ask that your child/ren have a high factor sun cream applied before they come to school each day. They should also bring a sun hat and water bottle both clearly named. Children should also now be wearing their Summer uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Timetable for next week's Sports Day on Wednesday 2nd July

Years 3 - 6 (KS2)

8:30am – Refreshments available for Parents/Carers
9:00am – Races begin
11:30am – Parents/Carers Race & Toddlers Race
11:45am – Winners' Presentation



Family Picnic

12:00pm – 12:45pm – Whole School Picnic for all pupils with their parents/carers
Children will return to their classrooms for afternoon registration

Reception (EYFS) & Years 1 & 2 (KS1)

12:45pm – Refreshments available for Parents/Carers
1:00pm – Races begin
2:45pm – Parents/Carers Race & Toddlers Race
3:00pm – Whole School Winners' Presentation with KS2
Please note: while we will do our best to stick to the timetable, race times may be subject to change.



At the end of this event, children will return to class and can be collected from the playground via Castle Street.

What to Wear

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit and a t-shirt in their house colour. Please ensure they are also dressed appropriately for the weather and have plenty of water, sun hat, and sunscreen if needed. If you need confirmation of house colour, please speak to a member of the class team.

Catering

Parents and carers are welcome to bring a picnic lunch for themselves and their family. Alternatively, we will be providing the following catering options:

- Bacon rolls – £3.00 each Available to pre-order via the School Money shop Deadline to order: Monday 30th June
- Throughout the day:
- Tea, coffee, squash, and ice lollies will be available
- Dolce will provide a selection of sandwich picnic lunches for children (order as usual via School Grid)
- Just Baked by Sophie will be selling cakes and other tasty treats

Access to Sports Day

Entrance will be via Catons Lane only. At the end of the day, children can be collected from the playground via Castle Street.

Toilets

Parents and carers are welcome to use the toilet facilities in the field cabin.



Parking

Please be aware that parking around the school is limited due to residential restrictions. Both school car parks will be unavailable to parents and carers on the day.

Weather Contingencies

We are hoping for good weather on the day. However, if the forecast predicts extreme heat or heavy rain, we may need to adjust or postpone (Reserve date – Wednesday 9th July) the event for the safety and comfort of all involved. In such cases, we will notify parents and carers as early as possible.



We also advise all attendees to bring sun hats, water bottles, sunscreen, and raincoats just in case.

We look forward to seeing you on what promises to be a fun and active day for all!

ST MARY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 28 June • 10am-1pm

The countdown has begun to the annual St Mary's
Summer Fete!

Join us on the day to explore a fantastic range
of stalls and activities, including:

- Inflatable Assault Course
- Tombolas, including Chocolate, Bottle and Teddy
- Excellent Raffle Prizes to win
- Cake Stall
- Penalty Shootout
- Soak the Teacher!
- Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos
- Ice Creams and Barbecue

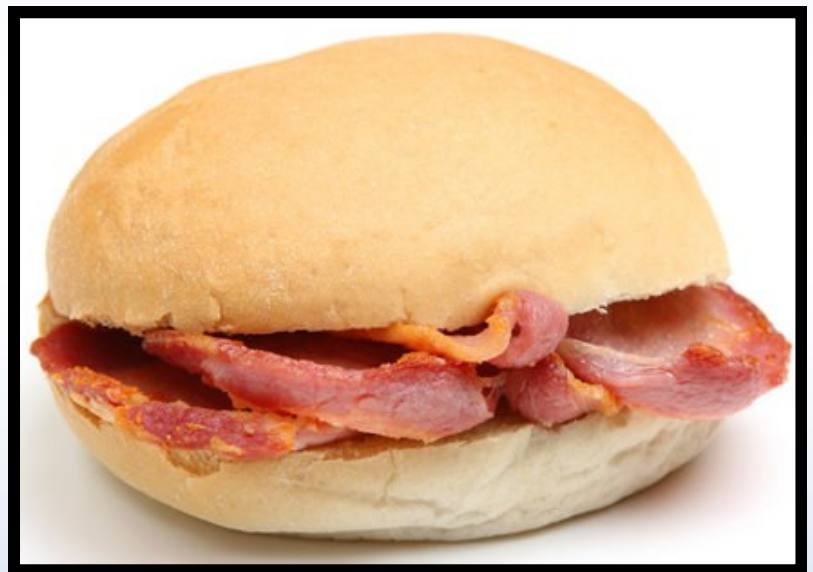
Plus many more exciting stalls and
attractions!



Delicious Bacon Rolls

Sport Day—Wednesday 2nd July

£3.00



**Pre-order via the
School Money Shop**

(deadline to order Monday 30 June)

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.

Let's make it a day to remember!



Promoting school readiness with our 'I Can Do It' sessions

Is your child starting school in September 2025?

We are running workshops focusing on communication, physical development, promoting independence and supporting socialisation/transitions through fun learning activities.

- **Carver Barracks** 10-11.30am, Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 19th August. Carver Barracks Community Hall, Carver Barracks, Elder St, Wimbish. CB10 2YA.
- **Spangles Family Hub** 1.30-3pm, Friday 15th and Friday 29th August. St John's Road, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex, CM24 8JP.

If you feel you and your child would benefit from attending, then please call to book your place.

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Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Thursday 26th June	- District Athletics (Carver Barracks)
Friday 27th June	- SWCHS Transition Day for Year 6
Saturday 28th June (10am-1pm)	- FOSM Summer Fair
Tuesday 1st July	- Yr 4 Museum of Zoology Visit
Wednesday 2nd July	- Sports Day (morning KS2, afternoon Reception & KS1)
	- Reception Boydells Dairy Farm Visit
Tuesday 8th July	- SWCHS Science Department visiting Year 6
Wednesday 9th July	- Reserve Sports Day
	- 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