

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 20th June 2025

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Attendance Weekly 96.7%
Attendance Year 94.9%

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,

It has been a slightly shorter week this week, but no less busy! Please enjoy this week's newsletter and Class Updates (sent separately) and I look forwards to seeing you back at St Mary's on Monday morning!

Have a great weekend!

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

Stars of the week

Zachary - for asking some amazing questions

Isabelle - for her excellent joined up writing

Amy—for confident and articulate speaking in show and tell

Charlie - for his continuous effort

Isla - for her hard work and effort in assessments

Ruby - for her effort and improvement in maths and writing

Filipi - for his improved effort and interesting use of vocabulary

Oluwanifemi—for putting so much effort into phonics and reading

Lili - for being a great example for excellent behaviour and learning

Henry - for his focused responsible and ready to learn

Mbali—for her strong work ethic and for being a pleasure to teach

Oscar - for leading a multi sports event solo

Ava - for learning all her lines including the songs for the upcoming production



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 55 points was Water House; in joint 2nd place with 45 points were Fire and Air Houses, and in 3rd place with 41 points was Earth House. Well done everybody.



1st place
(55 points)



2nd place
(45 points)



2nd place
(45 points)



3rd place
(41 points)

Sports Day—Wednesday 2nd July

We are pleased to share some preliminary information about this year's Sports Day.

Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 2nd July with a reserve day of Wednesday 9th July in case of poor weather.

This year, the format will be slightly different:

- **Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)** events will take place in the **morning**.
- **EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2)** events will be held in the **afternoon**.

As always, parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a **picnic lunch** with their children between the two sessions.

The School Fundraising team will be selling Bacon Rolls for £3.00 – please pre-order via the School Money shop. We will also be selling teas, coffee and squash (cash only).

Further details and confirmed timings will be sent out closer to the date.



Warm Weather Reminder:

Hats, Sunscreen and Water Bottles:

As the weather is now much warmer & sunnier, please can we remind all of our parents and carers that your child/ren should have a high factor sun cream applied before they come to school each day. They should also bring a sun hat and water bottle. Children should also now be wearing their Summer uniform. Please can we remind parents and carers that all items should be clearly named.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Scooters and bikes in school reminder:



To keep our school community safe, can you please remind your child/children that they are not allowed to ride their scooters or bicycles on the school grounds. Please ask them to get off at the school gate and walk them to the cycle parks and after school please ensure they are not on them until they get to the gates and that you please supervise your child/ren.

Thank you for your help and support.



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!



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!





Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Wednesday 18th June	- Class Photos
	- SWCHS English Department visiting Year 6
Friday 20th June	- INSET DAY
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)
Monday 7th July	- Reception Boydells Dairy Farm Visit
	- Yr 3 Ancient Egyptians Day
Tuesday 8th July	- SWCHS Science Department visiting Year 6
Wednesday 9th July	- Reserve Sports Day
	- Year 5 Rounders Festival
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