

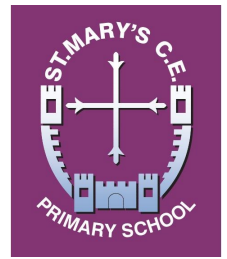
St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 13th June 2025

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Attendance Weekly 96%

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,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. With just five weeks to go of this academic year and lots to squeeze in, our pupils are continuing to work incredibly hard in class and impress their teaching staff with their amazing progress. This week we had the Year 1 (and some Year 2 pupils) taking their Phonics checks. I have been kept up to date with how well they have been doing—and although I cannot tell you how they have scored just yet... I think you will all be very happy!

Please read on to find out what the pupils have been learning about this week and do check out our Class Updates—written by our class teachers. On the last page of this newsletter are our Diary Dates—as ever don't forget to make a note of the key events taking place over the rest of this term.

Stars of the week

Tommy—for spending his holiday learning his 12 times tables

Lennon—for improved effort and questioning

Sky—for being so articulate and confident in show and tell

Ozan—for pushing himself by taking on a solo in the class production

Alfie—for being polite, helpful and a kind friend

Oscar—for effort and improvement in his writing presentation

Emmanuel—for throwing himself into everything on the residential.

Ladybird class—for their impeccable representation of St Mary's at the zoo & their incredible perseverance in phonics

Azaan—for excellent effort and progress in phonics and spelling

Lily—for all her hard work in phonics

Rebecca—for her obvious extra effort in learning her times tables

Antoni—for his effort in all his lessons

Amber May - for working hard, being a kind friend and always being helpful



Multi Skills Event

This week our super talented, kind and caring Yr 6 students hosted a huge multi skills event on the meadow. They spent the morning mastering the skills needed to teach their activities. After a well-deserved lunch break, we had 155 students out on the meadow engaging in a range of sorts activities from football to dodgeball shy.

A huge well done to our Yr 6 class for running the event perfectly and to all our pupils who came along and displayed so many of our school values. Another huge success for our wonderful pupils.



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 41 points was Earth House; in 2nd place with 33 points was Fire House, in 3rd place with 24 points was Water House; and in 4th place with 17 points was Air House. Well done everybody!



**1st place
(41 points)**



**2nd place
(33 points)**



**3rd place
(24 points)**



**4th place
(17 points)**

Friends of St Mary's—Summer fete—Saturday 28th July

Just a reminder that the summer fete is only around the corner, so not long now to wait. We look forward to seeing you on the day. In the meantime you can bid in our online auction which is now live—we have some amazing prizes lined up from luxury getaways to signed sports memorabilia. Click here to bid— <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/auction/summerfetesilentauction>

Also don't miss the online raffle which is now also live —be in it to win it! The raffle is bursting with brilliant prizes and is just a few clicks away— <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/summerfeteraffle>



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

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.

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





11AM-4PM
THE COMMON
SAFFRON WALDEN

**BICYCLE
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BIKE RIDE & FETE

SUNDAY 15 JUNE

Join our pedal-powered party on The Common with children's activities, obstacle course, live music and a whole lot more. Don't forget your wheels for a family-friendly ride and get your bikes tagged by Essex Police.

Community bike ride - 1pm

Join us at 1pm on the common for a guided 3.8km ride through Saffron Walden. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a biking newbie pedal alongside our friendly cycle trainers from Essex County Council. Everyone is welcome.

Inclusive cycling support

Riding a bike is for everyone. Come and try a range of adapted bikes and trikes for people with various additional needs and abilities.



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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!





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



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Monday 9th - Friday 13th June	- One Plan Meetings
Monday 9th June	- SWCHS Pastoral Team visiting Year 6
Wednesday 11th June	- Yr 1 Linton Zoo Visit
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
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