

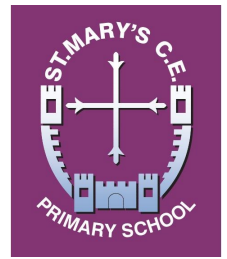
# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 6th June 2025

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Attendance Weekly 95.7%  
Attendance Year 94.8%

*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, as we begin the final half term of this academic year. Don't forget to check out our Diary Dates (on the last page of this newsletter, as well as our Class Updates (which details what our pupils have been learning about in class this week!

### Stars of the week

**Esther** - for effort in developing her writing in particular her vocabulary

**Beatrice** - for always being a kind friend and working hard

**Sage** - for effort in English and setting description

**Felicity** - for fabulous progress and effort in writing

**Lottie** - for excellent effort in all her lessons

**Matthew** - for making positive choices and working hard

**Kayhan** - for his effort in phonics

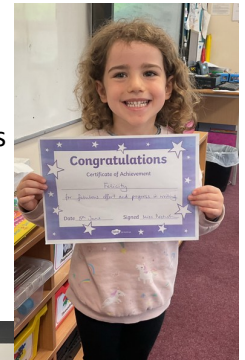
**Theo** - for his perseverance using symbols in maths

**Teddy** - for all his contribution to class discussion

**Edith** - for being a fantastic friend and partner

**Hafiza**—for excellent effort in reading and writing

**Phoebe** - for being a great friend and helping others



### House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 279 points was

Water House; in 2nd place with 250 points was Fire House, in 3rd place with 239 points was Earth House; and in 4th place with Air points was 201 House. Well done everybody!



**1st place  
(279 points)**



**2nd place  
(250 points)**



**3rd place  
(239 points)**



**4th place  
(201 points)**

### Moving to Secondary School Guide

Moving to Secondary School can be a stressful time for both parents, carers and their children.

This is why the SNAP team have developed our 'Moving to Secondary School' guide. It is a resource for parents who have children with additional needs in years four to six in mainstream school. It's full of practical ideas to help with the transition and changes associated with moving to secondary school. Visit the [SNAP charity website](http://www.snapcharity.org.uk) to look at the guide.

Have a great weekend.

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

SUMMER TERM

# THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.



You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Braintree, Hockley, Tiptree and Chipping Ongar



Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

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# Essex County Council

## Early Years and Childcare Parents Survey 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Essex County Council is committed to providing outstanding childcare services. But to help us improve we are conducting our annual survey to see how well our program is working.

If you are a parent or carer of a child aged 0-19 years (or 0-25 years for children with SEND), then **we want to hear from you!**

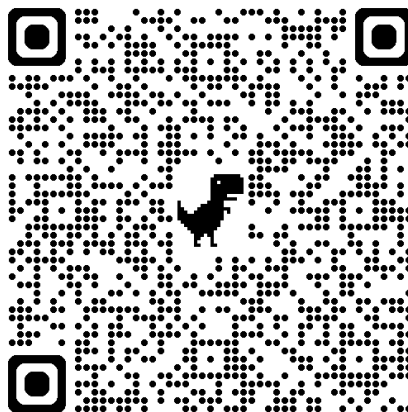
The survey includes questions about:

- Childcare needs for children aged 0-5 years
- Wraparound care for school-aged children
- Your child's experience with starting school
- Where you find information about Essex Services

Your participation is invaluable to us and will remain entirely anonymous. The result of the survey will help Early Years and Childcare teams understand the needs of parents and carers in Essex.

The survey will be open until Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, and can be accessed through this link - [ECC parents survey 2025](#) or by scanning this QR code below.

Thank you so much for your time.



# May Half Term

Sat. 24th May

Sun. 25th May

Mon. 26th May

Tue. 27th May

Wed. 28th May

Thu. 29th May

Fri. 30th May

Sat. 31st May

Sun. 1st June

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## May Half Term Days

- Dragon Disco
  - Storytelling
- (alternating each hour)

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### *Included throughout the Event*

- Train ride to spot fairy tales and nursery rhymes
- Make your own crown fit for a King or Queen
- Create magic by decorating your own fairy wand
- Explore our Fairy & Elf Walk
- Let off steam at our adventure playground
- Refuel at our Woodland cafe

**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!





# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Monday 2nd June	- Pupils return to school at 8.30am
Mon 2nd— Fri 6th June	- Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 4th June	- R25 Parent/Carer Information Meeting (9.30am)
Friday 6th June	- Yr 3 Art Workshop
	- Yr4 catchup swimming session at Lord Butler
Monday 9th - Friday 13th June	- One Plan Meetings
Wednesday 11th June	- Yr 1 Linton Zoo Visit
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
Monday 7th July	- Reception Boydells Dairy Farm Visit
	- Yr 3 Ancient Egyptians Day
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	- Yr 6 Leavers Lunch
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

*Please note all new or changed dates are in blue*