

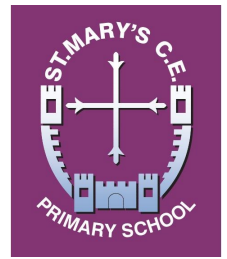
St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 23rd May 2025

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Attendance Weekly 94.4%
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,

Ascension Day:

Today we held our Ascension Day assembly, led by Reverend Jeremy and it is one of the lesser-known but deeply significant days in the Christian calendar. Celebrated exactly 40 days after Easter Sunday, Ascension Day commemorates the moment when Jesus Christ ascended into heaven in the presence of his disciple.



A Day of Reflection and Transition

For many Christians, Ascension Day represents a transition from the earthly ministry of Jesus to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It's a day of reflection, hope, and preparation—reminding believers of Christ's promise to be with them spiritually, even after his physical departure.

How It's Observed in the UK

While Ascension Day isn't a public holiday in the UK, it is still observed in various ways by churches across the country:

- Church Services: Many Anglican and Catholic churches hold special morning or evening services. Hymns, prayers, and readings from the Book of Acts are common, particularly the account of the ascension in Acts 1:9.
- Bells and Processions: Some churches ring bells or even hold outdoor processions, especially in more traditional or rural parishes.
- School Celebrations: In church-affiliated schools, children might participate in special assemblies or creative projects that explain the meaning of the day.

A Time for Looking Upward—and Forward

Ascension Day remains an important moment for many British Christians. It marks a turning point between Easter joy and the anticipation of Pentecost, inviting both spiritual reflection and renewed faith.

As we observe Ascension Day, whether through prayer, a moment of quiet, or joining a local service, it offers an opportunity to pause and lift our eyes upward—both literally and spiritually.

Stars of the week

Jesse—for all his hard work in writing lessons

Lili—for being a good friend and helping her friends with spelling

Roux—for her hard work and perseverance in class

James—for putting lots of effort into his English

Finley—for excellent effort in spelling and writing

Kiara— for her effort in handwriting

Oli—for his excellent effort in his English writing

Claudia—for all her effort and always being a pleasure to teach

Mabel—for using great vocabulary in her English writing

Jasper—for fantastic behaviour when out for a class school trip

Eliza—for being a fantastic 'worker bee' in Forest School—helping everyone

Shayne—for contributing more in class discussions and for working hard

Charlie—for pushing himself in his writing again, using interesting vocabulary

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



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 92 points was Fire House; in 2nd place with 81 points was Earth House, in 3rd place with 73 points was Water House; and in 4th place with 54 points was Air House. Well done everybody!



**1st place
(92 points)**



**2nd place
(81 points)**



**3rd place
(73 points)**



**4th place
(54 points)**

Have lovely half term break.

We look forwards to welcoming you all back to St Mary's on Monday 2nd June at 8.30am.

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

**HALF
TERM**

MAY

26 - 30TH MAY

DUXFORD TENNIS CLUB

**ALI'S
TENNIS**

**AGES
5-12**

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI 9-11.30AM

*** WEDNESDAY 2-4.30PM ***

*** LEARN NEW SHOTS * FUN GAMES
* BEAT THE COACH * MEET NEW FRIENDS**

**GET BOOKED
IN 07581087325**

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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!**

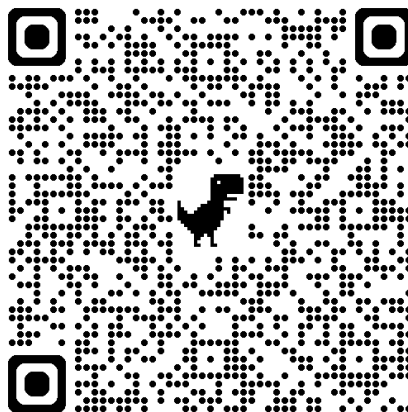
The survey includes questions about:

- 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 13th 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.





10am-4pm
Market Place
Saffron Walden
CB10 1HR



GET INTO GEAR AT OUR **FREE** HALF TERM
WORLD BIKE DAY
THURSDAY 29 MAY

Join us in the Market Place for some world bike day fun with lots of activities, try a cargo bike and have some free cake. Everyone welcome!

- Face painting
- Smoothie bike
- Essex mobile outreach library
- Games
- Essex Police bike marking
- Essex Fire Service
- Colouring
- Cycling studio information

10am
11am
1:15pm
2:15pm

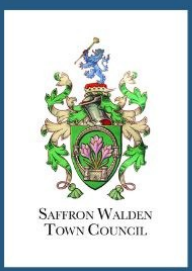
◀◀ Learn to ride sessions **L**

For children of all ages who have never learnt to ride a bike, need to build their confidence or ride a bike without stabilisers. **Register for FREE**



10am-3pm

◀◀ Dr Bike workshop sessions



Is your bike in need of some TLC? Our bike doctors will give it a **FREE bike health check** and make any minor repairs, such as brakes, gears, chain or tyres. Book a place between 10am and 3pm and bring your bike to the Market Place for our mechanics to give it up to 30-minutes of support in their pop-up workshop.



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Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities

The Essex Local Offer website

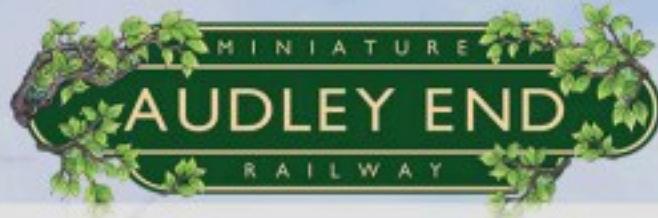
provides information about help available to children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can also find information on:

- support, groups and activities
- help with learning
- advice for young people
- health and wellbeing
- housing and employment
- financial support

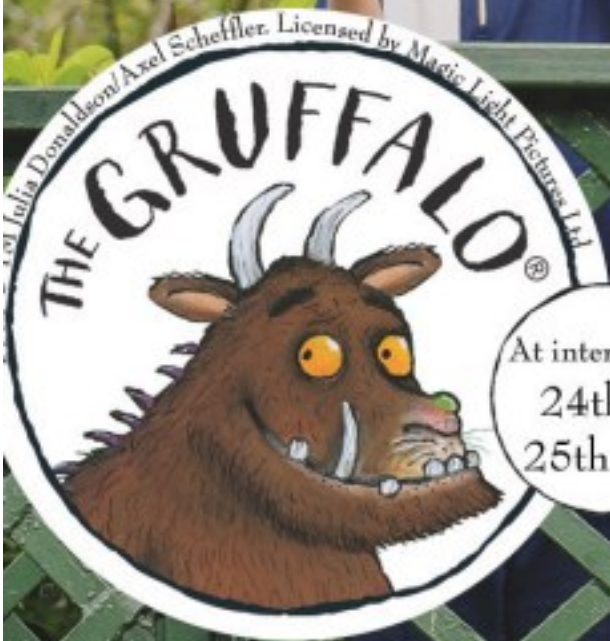
Visit send.essex.gov.uk for more information and to sign up to our newsletter





May Half Term

24th May - 1st June



At intervals on
24th &
25th May

**MEET
PADDINGTON**
AT INTERVALS ON
31ST MAY &
1ST JUNE

BOOK NOW



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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

THE
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*1999 & TM Julia Donaldson/And Schelller

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

Wednesday 21st May	- Yr4 trip to SWCH Farm
Friday 23rd May	- Ascension Day Assembly (9.30am)
	- Year 6 Krispy Kreme Donut Sale (3.15pm)
Mon 26th— Fri 30th May	- HALF 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