

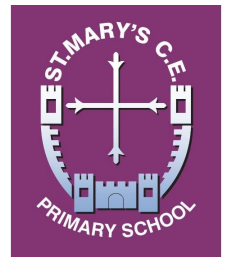
St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 9th May 2025

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Attendance Weekly 96.7%
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,

VE Day Assembly

This week our pupils have been learning about learnt about VE (Victory in Europe) Day. Mrs Potter talked about this important event in our Collective Worship on Thursday and our children also carried out a range of activities in class. I am proud to report that our lovely pupils demonstrated a respectful minute silence as a mark of respect for those who fought in this conflict and then ended it with an applause to thank all of those who fought so valiantly. A big thank you to Mr Camp, our Site Manager, who brilliantly decorated our school with lots of bunting and Union flags.



Stars of the week

- Joshua** - for his continued perseverance
- Thomas** - continued hardworking with writing
- Laurence** - settling in so well to St Mary's
- Teddy** - superb effort in PSHE
- Eva** - for her progress in times tables
- Hugo** - for working hard and taking on challenges
- Daya** - for her hard work and pushing herself
- Jake** - for upping his effort in homework
- Emmanuel** - for his hardworking with his reading
- Sophie** - for her continued hardworking with her writing in English



Tee's Cricket Competition

Our fabulous Year 2 came 3rd in the 3 Tee's cricket competition last week at Saffron Walden Cricket Club. They played a number of other schools from the local area and demonstrated excellent team work and communication skills. Well done to everyone involved!



Rapid Fire Cricket Competition

Over the last half term Year 3 and 4 have been learning some new cricket skills in their P.E lessons. They have worked extremely hard and have really enjoyed learning the game. Today a team took part in a Rapid Fire Cricket tournament hosted at Saffron Walden Cricket Ground. They pulled all their skills together, showed resilience and determination to stand out from the other schools showing off their skills - finishing joint 1st! A huge well done to all and a special thank you to Mr Findley who attended the event with the team along with Mrs Norman. Another superb win and performance by our student's. Their hard work and dedication shines through.



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 146 points was Water House; in joint 2nd place with 117 points was Earth and Fire Houses; in 3rd place with 109 points was Air House. Well done everybody!



**1st place
(146 points)**



**2nd place
(117 points)**



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(117 points)**



**3rd place
(109 points)**

Wishing Our Year 6 Pupils the Very Best in Their SATs!

As SATs week approaches next week, we want to take a moment to wish all our incredible Year 6 pupils the very best of luck. We know how hard you've worked over the past months – from tackling tricky maths problems to exploring wonderful stories and strengthening your grammar – and we couldn't be prouder of the determination and effort you've shown.



Remember, these tests are just one small part of your journey. They don't measure your kindness, your creativity, your sense of humour, or the amazing person you are becoming. So, as you walk into that classroom, hold your head high and do your best – that's all anyone can ask.

Eat a good breakfast, get plenty of rest, and try to relax – you've got this!

Good luck, Year 6 – we believe in you!

And finally...

Good luck to all our Year 5 pupils on your exciting 3-day residential next week!

We hope you have an amazing time full of teamwork, adventure, and the chance to make some wonderful new memories. Enjoy every moment, support one another, and come back with stories to tell and smiles on your faces!



A HUGE thank you to Mrs Potter, Mr Pike, Mrs Flack and Mrs Burgess for giving up your personal time to look after these pupils and give them lots of life-long memories.

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the wonderful weather!

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

Sickness procedure

It can be difficult when deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If your child is absent from school due to illness we ask that parents/carers follow these procedures:

Contact the school on the first day of absence before 8:45am. The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, or you may call into school personally and speak to the office staff.

Alternatively email the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk

- Contact the school on **every further day of absence**, again before 8:45am.
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible and you provide any medical evidence, if requested, to support the absence
- **Please note that if a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.**

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Krispy Kreme Donut Sale—Friday 23rd May



As we approach the end of another academic year, our thoughts turn to our amazing Year 6 pupils who are preparing to embark on their next educational adventure.

To mark this significant milestone, we're thrilled to announce that our Year 6 pupils are organising a series of end-of-year celebrations. These events will not only commemorate their time at St Mary's but also create lasting memories for them to cherish as they move on to secondary school.

However, to make these celebrations truly special, our Year 6 pupils need your support.

They're taking the initiative to raise funds for their send-off, demonstrating the independence and resourcefulness we've nurtured in them throughout their time at St Mary's.

A Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, scheduled for **Friday, 23rd May**, immediately after school. This is an opportunity for our entire school community to come together, indulge in a sweet treat, and support our Year 6 pupils in their endeavours.

To ensure everyone gets their desired doughnuts, we've set up a pre-order system via the School Money shop. You can purchase these delicious treats for £1.50 each, or take advantage of our special offer of £12.00 for a dozen - perfect for sharing with family and friends.

Please note that all pre-orders must be placed no later than 19th May. This deadline allows us to ensure we have the correct number of doughnuts available on the day of the sale.

GRAB A SWEET TREAT!

YEAR 6 DONUT SALE

*Friday 23rd May
After school*

£1.50
or 12 for £12!

Yummy Krispy Kreme donuts for sale!

Help our very own year 6's to raise money to fund
the brilliant send off they deserve!

Available to pre-order via SchoolMoney

**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 5th May	- Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 9th May	- FOSM Non Uniform Day
Mon 12th— Wed 14th May	- Year 5 Residential
Mon 12th— Thurs 15th May	- Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 15th May	- Special Census Lunch
Wednesday 21st May	- Yr4 trip to SWCH Farm
Friday 23rd May	- Year 6 Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
Friday 23rd May	- Ascension Day Service at St Mary's Church (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	- 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
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)
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