

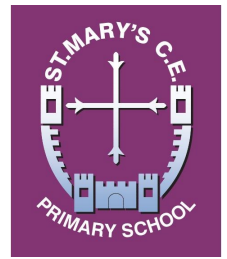
St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 2nd May 2025

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Attendance Weekly 97.8%
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,

The Summer Term here at St Mary's has started brilliantly and our amazing pupils and staff have already hit the ground running and I have been delighted how well they have settled back into our school routines. Please enjoy this week's newsletter where you will find articles about: Sunscreen, Water Bottles and Uniform; Stars of the Week; the FOSM Dazzling Donations Non-uniform Day; the Karate Assembly; our House Point winners this week; our New Playground Chalkboards; FOSM Summer Fete; VE Day Celebrations; ACL Sleep Support, a National Smile Month competition and our ever important Diary Dates. Enjoy!

Summer Term Reminders: Sunscreen, Water Bottles, and Uniform

As the weather warms up, we'd like to remind all parents and carers to help ensure children are prepared for the summer term.

Sunscreen: if it's a warm sunny day please apply long-lasting sunscreen to your child before they come to school each morning. If you would like your child to reapply it during the day, you may send in a clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen that they can use independently.

Water Bottles: Staying hydrated is essential, especially in warmer weather. Please make sure your child brings a filled water bottle to school every day. **Bottles should be clearly named and contain water only.**

Summer Uniform: Children should now be wearing the correct summer uniform. This includes shorts/skorts, summer dresses, polo shirts and sun hats. **Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.**

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our pupils comfortable, safe, and ready to learn during the summer months.

Stars of the Week

Jackson - for going above and beyond and for being a good friend

Percy - for his great first week

Lily S - for her amazing reading

Huxley - for his great first week

Poppy - for her engagement and amazing answers

Frankie - for putting his hand up and being more vocal

Hugo - for showing kindness

Penny - for her effort in everything she does

Chloe - for her class contribution

Ayden - for perseverance in his writing

Toby - for his amazing revision effort

Rebecca - for her amazing revision effort



FOSM: Dazzling Donations Non-uniform Day – Friday 9th May



We need your help to kick off the St Mary's Summer Fete fun! Our St Mary's staff and Friends of St Mary's volunteers will be all smiles on Dazzling Donations Day, as it's your chance to dress down and donate to help make our fete a success!

Here's what we're after by year group:

Reception, Y1 & Y2: Sweet Treats & Chocolatey Cheer! Think bars, bags, boxes, or bundles (nut-free, please) for our scrumptious chocolate/sweets tombola.

Y3 to Y5: Brilliant Bottles Bonanza! From fizzy pop and fruity squash to bubble bath, ketchup, or cabernet - if it's bottled, we'd love it, please!

Y6 Terrific Teddies! - Fluffy friends and soft cuddlies in great condition for our teddy tombola, please!

And remember – no need to buy anything brand new! We'll gladly take toys and treasures you no longer need – just make sure they're clean and safe. Please just bring them into class! **Thank you for helping make our fete fabulous!**

Karate Assembly

Earlier this week Sensei Chelsea came to St Mary's to deliver a 'taster assembly' to share what she does in her Karate Club each week (on a Friday). Some of her well-trained students shared what they have already learned and our pupils had a great time seeing what they do. Please see flyer on page 3 if you are interested!



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 62 points was Water House; in 2nd place with 54 points was Earth House; in 3rd place with 49 points was Air House and in 4th place with 45 points was Fire House. Well done everybody!



**1st place
(62 points)**



**2nd place
(54 points)**



**3rd place
(49 points)**



**4th place
(45 points)**

New Playground Chalkboards:

Huge thanks to Adam Dowling, one of our fantastic parents and dad to Darcey and Ernie, who has recently constructed two large chalkboards (pictured, right) which have been added to our playground area. These are already in use and are being enjoyed by our lovely pupils and breaktimes and lunchtimes to keep them engaged and practise their illustrations and story-writing skills.

Thanks Mr Dowling—a very kind gesture!



Have a lovely weekend and keep enjoying the lovely, sunny weather! Don't forget that school will be closed this coming Monday, as it is a Bank Holiday—so you back at St Mary's on Tuesday 6th May at 8.30am.

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

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!





VE DAY

80th Anniversary

Thursday
08 May
2025

Brought to you by **Saffron Walden Town Council**

9am Market Place
Town Crier's Proclamation & Raising of the VE Day Flag



11am War Memorial High Street
Wreath Laying with the Royal British Legion

11.30am The Common
'Physical Training' Session led by 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD&S)



4.30pm Jubilee Garden, Hill Street
Dress up and dance! hosted by Stuart Vant

4.30pm Golden Era Jazz Band
6.30pm Umbrella Big Band
8.30pm Wimbish Military Wives Choir
FREE Fish & Chips! *Limited numbers*

9.30pm Jubilee Garden, Hill Street
Beacon Lighting

A shared moment of celebration



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PRO-KARATE ACADEMY ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL (term time)
3.15PM-4.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
First come first served basis (only 20 spaces available)

Karate fees exclusive to St Mary's Primary School are at a discounted rate of just £30 per student based on a 6 week course. Some courses are 7 weeks long depending on the school term but the fee will stay the same. Classes from 4+ years. Full time classes also available at Pro-Karate Academy.

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- Family Wellbeing
- Fussy Eating
- Keeping Safe Online
- Managing Anger In Young People
- Managing Big Emotions
- Positive Parenting
- Raising Girls
- Self-Esteem For Teens
- Sibling Rivalry
- Supporting Your Child - KS1 Homework
- Supporting Your Child To Sleep Better
- Talking So Children Will Listen
- Understanding Children's Anxiety



ACL are offering Free sleep support session for families

Helping Your Child Sleep - Restful Nights for Happy Days!

Join our FREE session, "Supporting Your Child To Sleep Better," and discover effective strategies to ensure your little one gets a good night's rest. This session is designed to provide practical tips and advice to support parents and carers in creating a peaceful bedtime routine.

Online session 01/05/2025 1900 - 2100 For More Information, and to enrol: <https://ow.ly/TZv250VGTNg>

Community Connector – West Essex

Uttlesford District PB-19 part of Essex Child and Family Well Being Services

Mobile: 07593 816607

Email: jackie.roberts@barnardos.org.uk

Please use jackie.roberts17@nhs.net for any email containing Patient Identifiable information

Service provided by: HCRG Care Group in partnership with Barnardo's <https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/>

National Smile Month Story / Poem Competition

Community
Dental
Services

Celebrate with us this National Smile Month,
12th May – 12th June 2025
and help raise awareness of the importance of good oral health.

We are asking children aged between 6 to 11 across Essex, to write a short story (up to 400 words) or a poem promoting the importance of looking after our teeth. Whether it's about brushing, eating tooth friendly foods and drinks, the tooth fairy - it is entirely up to you, as long as it is about teeth!



Enter for a chance to win!

The winner will have their story or poem turned into a video with their voiceover, plus receive an electric toothbrush and a book voucher.

Please send your entries in by 5pm 12th June 2025 via either email at **ohimp.Essex@cds-cic.nhs.uk** or by post to:

Community Dental Services - CIC
Oral Health Improvement Team
Witham Health Centre
4 Mayland Rd, Witham, CM8 2UX

Winner will be announced on 1st July 2025. Please ensure you provide the child's name, school they attend or parents contact on the back of the submission or in the email.

The winner will be expected to take part in post-competition publicity for CDS. This may mean their name and image being used on the internet, in publications, on TV and Radio, along with an image/video of their winning entry.

National Smile Month Story / Poem Competition



RULES OF ENTRY

CDS's National Smile Month Story/Poem Competition is open to residents aged between 6 and 11 years on the closing date of 12th June 2025.

We welcome entries from children of all abilities and needs.

To enter the competition, entrants must:

1. Write a short story or poem (up to 400 words) that can be anything about teeth.
2. Ideas must be the entrant's own work.
3. Have parent / guardian's permission to enter the competition.
4. Entries must be received by 5pm on Thursday 12th June 2025.
5. Late entries will not be included.
6. Only one entry per person to be submitted.

If multiples are received, we will accept the first and disregard others.

7. Winner will be announced on our social media channels and contacted on 1st July 2025 to arrange a convenient date for CDS to record them reading their entry.
8. If CDS is unable to contact the winner after a reasonable number of attempts have been made, we reserve the right to offer the prize to the next best entry.
9. The prize is as stated and cannot be transferred. There is no cash alternative.
10. Winner will be expected to take part in post-competition publicity for CDS. The winner's name and image may be used on the internet, in publications, on TV and Radio, along with a copy of their winning entry.
11. The parent / guardian of an entrant is deemed to have accepted these rules when giving permission to the entrant to submit their entry.

**Any questions please contact the OHI team on:
oralhealthimprovement@cds-cic.nhs.uk**



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Monday 28th April	-	Yr 2 trip to Imperial War Museum, Duxford
Thursday 1st May	-	Year 1 Bluebell Wood visit
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)
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