

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 3rd March 2023

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Attendance Weekly 95.1 %

Attendance Year 94.2 %

Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow Matthew 5: 15-16

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

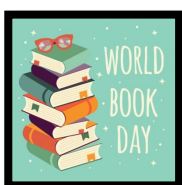
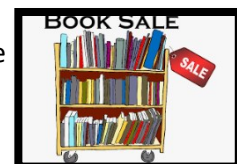
Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Welcome to the 8th Friday Newsletter of the Spring Term! I hope you have all managed to stay relatively warm in this very chilly Winter weather, which has delightfully re-emerged this week—the rumours are that there may be some snow heading our way over the next week! Brrrrrrr! Make sure you all wrap up warmly!



It has been another busy, but productive week in school. Monday started with a continuation of our ME Art gallery, where the fantastic artwork produced by our pupils during the recent Children's Mental Health Week was put on show for everyone to enjoy. Classes also took the opportunity to pop into the school hall throughout the day to see all of the amazing artwork and choose their favourite pieces! There is a whole page dedicated in this newsletter to this impressive artwork, which accompanying pictures of the parents, carers and friends of the school who visited to take a look at this gallery during the **Before and After School Share Our Work Sessions**, which took place last Friday.

After school on Tuesday and Thursday, we hosted our **Spring Term Parents and Carers Consultations**. These, along with our **One Plan meetings**, which took place during the previous week, are a great opportunity for teachers to share the progress our pupils are making towards their individual targets as well as sharing useful strategies to support children at home. Whilst these consultations were taking place, we launched our '**St Mary's Market**' book sale, where we took the opportunity to sell some of our older/surplus library book stock. This was due to the fact that we have recently updated a large number of our Accelerated Reader books in our Key Stage 2 classes. I am delighted to report that we have currently raised **£55.15** from this pop up shop! Thanks to everyone who purchased a book—or two! All money raised will go towards some new library books for the children to enjoy!



Don't forget that we are holding our very own World Book Day celebrations on Monday next week where Mr Brown, our English Leader, has booked some workshops throughout the day—I really can't wait to see all of the interesting and imaginative characters which the children will be dressed up as! I wonder which famous (or infamous) book characters the staff will appear as!

Finally, don't forget to check out our Class Updates, which comes out as a separate document, where you can find out what each class has been learning about throughout this week as is always accompanied with some great photos.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

'ME' Art Exhibition

As part of **Children's Mental Health Week**, each class thought about what it meant to be 'ME'.



Using this theme, the children created a piece of art about themselves including elements such as: personality traits, hobbies, thoughts and loves.

Each class used different techniques including: paint, collage, colouring, shading, word art and pastels/blending.



COMMUNITY SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop in sessions held once a month around the Uttlesford District, support and advice offered by a School Nurse and the 5-19 Healthy Family Support Practitioner.

Parents can ask advice about behaviour and emotional needs, bed wetting and soiling issues plus other health needs that may be impacting on both home and school life.

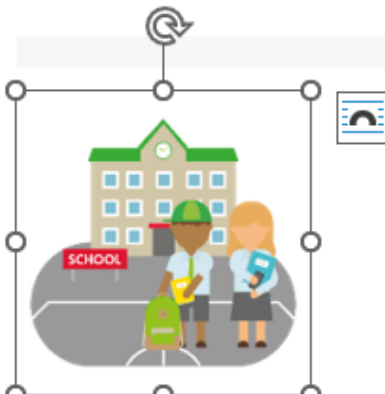
Please note Venue Change

Spring Term

Peter Kirk Centre St John's Rd, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted CM24 8JP

7.3.23

15.30 _ 17.00hrs



Families in Focus will be joining PACT for benefits and education questions. Parents and Carers are welcome, they support the Neurodiverse community, your child or young person doesn't need a diagnosis for you to attend our sessions. 16th March -9.15 - 10.30 at Saffron Walden Golf club, Windmill Hill, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1BX



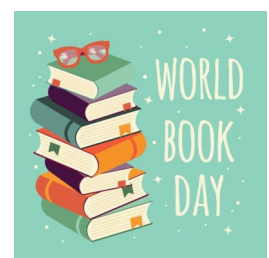
World Book Day—Monday 6th March

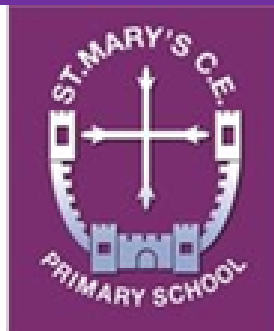
World Book Day at St Mary's will be on **Monday 6th March**. This year we have organised a workshop for each class. The Bringing Books to Life dance workshops gives children a unique insight into books by using dance and movement to tell stories.

During the dance workshop the children work alongside a professional choreographer to explore a chosen book through movement in order to create a dance that retells the story from beginning to end.

They will use a range of dance and movement techniques alongside music that is tailored for each story, and each session is differentiated to suit the interests and age of the children. Every class session concludes with a performance moment, when the children perform aspects of their work to each other and to their teacher.

Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character.





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Our Vision: We aspire for our pupils to be the best they can be, in an inclusive Christian learning environment.

VACANCY for a Catering Manager

27.5 hours per week, 5 days a week (0845-1415hrs)

38 weeks (term time only) + 3 training days

Scale 5 Point 9-12 – Actual Salary £14,415 - £15,224 (FTE 23,194 to £24,496)

VACANCY for a Kitchen Assistant

7.5 hours per week, 5 days a week (1145–1315hrs)

38 weeks (term time only)

Scale 3 Point 4 – Actual Salary £3,591 (FTE 21,189)

VACANCY for a Midday Assistant – Part time / Permanent

1.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, fewer days or job share will be considered
(1150 – 1320hrs)

38 weeks (term time only)

Actual salary £3,433 (FTE £20,258)

To apply please find the link on our [website](http://www.stmaryssw.org.uk)
<https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/current-vacancies/>
or email the School Business Manager
on admin@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk or 01799 523384

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 6th March 2023

Diary Dates



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| Tuesday 28th February | - | Parents/Carers Consultations |
| Thursday 2nd March | - | Parents/Carers Consultations |
| Monday 6th March | - | World Book Day Workshop |
| Tuesday 28th March | | Saffron Walden museum visit—Reception |
| Thursday 30th March | - | Easter Service in St Mary's Church 10.00am (all parents/
carers welcome) |
| Friday 31st March | - | Last day of Spring term |
| Monday 3rd April to
Monday 17th April | - | Easter break |
| Monday 17th April | - | Teaching staff INSET Day |
| Tuesday 18th April | | Term commences for pupils |

** new or amended items added are in blue*

