

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 22nd March 2024
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 Website: www.stmaryssw.org.uk

Attendance Weekly 93%

Attendance Year 94.1%



Our motto: Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow inspired by Matthew 5: 15-16

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

Dear parents and carers and friends of the school,

PTA Sponsored Run & Read – Final results!

Class	Total:	Final Overall Position:
Reception/Butterflies	£358	1st
Year 1/Ladybirds	£198.01	5th
Year 2 /Caterpillars	£272	4th
Year 3/Grasshoppers	£325.50	2nd
Year 4/Fireflies	£135	7th
Year 5/Busybees	£320	3rd
Year 6/Dragonflies	£139	6th
Grand total:	£1747.51	



Congratulations to all of the pupils in our Butterfly Class (Reception) for winning this year's Sponsored Run & Read Trophy - amassing an amazing **£358** from sponsorship from family members and friends. What an stunning amount! In second position came Grasshopper Class (Year 3) who had raised a fantastic **£325.50**, followed closely behind by Busybee Class (Year 5) who had collected **£320** altogether! You can see all of the results in the table above. On behalf of the school I would like to say a massive thank you to the PTA for organising this really fun event (with the excellent twist this year of being tied into World Book Day, with the children getting the choice of running for 30 minutes non-stop or reading in their classroom for 30 minutes non-stop—all whilst dressed in their favourite World Book Day character!) I would also like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone (including the wider community) for contributing money yourself to this very worthy cause - **£1747.51** is a fantastic sum of money to raise throughout this event— please do, also, pass on my thanks to any friends and family who have contributed to this substantial total—so incredibly generously. All funds raised will be added to the PTA pot of money and will go towards the PTA's and the school's targeted fundraising objectives.

House triumphs! In joint 1st place this week with 42 points were Earth House (Green) and Water House (Blue)! Fire House (Red) were in 2nd position with 40 points. In 3rd place with 26 points were Air House (Yellow)! Well done everybody!



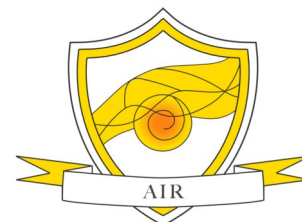
**1st place
(42 points)**



**2nd place
(42 points)**



**3rd place
(40 points)**



**4th place
(26 points)**

Dolce Taster Events:

Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers and friends of the school who attended the recent Dolce Taster Events, which took place over the last two weeks. The feedback from these sessions has been overwhelmingly positive and very useful and has now been shared with the Dolce team. A number of parents and carers noted that they had not realised that the salad bar is unlimited and that children can take as much bread as they wish along with their chosen main course. Some other parents/carers said that they were concerned that their children were allowed to leave the school hall without eating much food, but left feeling reassured that the staff on duty always check how much food the children have eaten and then encourage pupils to eat as much as possible.



As you are aware, the school would now like to further develop opportunities for parents and carers to come in and eat with their children; further information about this will be communicated in the Summer Term. Watch this space!

Stars of the week

Well done to these impressive pupils who have shown one or more of our school values or some of our Core Skills of Safe, Effort or Respect.

Ianis - for his confidence answering questions in class

Ruby - for putting so much effort into improving her handwriting

Freya—for making super progress in writing and reading in phonics

Sage—for a super start to school at St Mary's

Mia—for her effort and perseverance in English

Esther— for her dedication and hard work learning her instrument and performing in the school choir



Kind regards

Mr C. D. Garmain

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

School Communication

Please can we politely remind parents and carers that any communication regarding a pupil via email (eg sickness, appointments, homework, change in pick up arrangements, meeting requests etc) should be sent to info@st-maryschofe.essex.sch.uk **NOT** the admin email address.

Absence Procedures

If your child is absence due to illness, please follow the procedure below.

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. Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 8:45am. More information about attendance can be found on the school website.

Contact Details

School Office 01799 523384 info@st-maryschofe.essex.sch.uk

Monday—Thursday: 8.30am—4.30pm

Friday: 8.30am—3.30pm

Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading?

Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple.

Please visit <https://www.turnonthesubtitles.org/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.

KIDS EASTER WORKSHOPS

2ND - 12TH
APRIL 2024

FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE BENEFIT
RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN SAFFRON WALDEN



- The Big Egg Hunt
- Chocolate making
- Cooking club
- Glow party
- Crafts and games

5.0 ★★★★★

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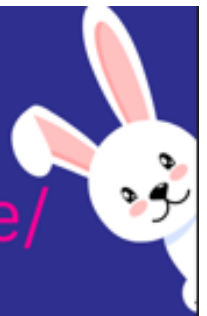
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10am - 2pm each day
Golden Acre community Centre/
United Reformed Church



Week 1 -

Tuesday 2nd April - Cooking club
Wednesday 3rd April - Egg hunt
Thursday 4th April - Painting
Friday 5th April - Crafts and games

Week 2

Monday 8th April - Crafts and games
Tuesday 9th April - Glow party
Wednesday 10th April - Cooking
Friday 12th April - Chocolate making

BOOKING OPENS ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH
WONDE CODES WILL BE SENT TO YOU
FROM HOLIDAY ACTIVITES. SEARCH
MAKING IT MINDFUL TO BOOK ON TO OUR
CLUBS.

Please contact us if you need assistance
booking on to our clubs.



EASTER ACTIVITIES

DELIVERED BY ESSEX BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

Essex **ACTIVATE**



ESSEX

FREE HOLIDAY SESSIONS

Funded by



Department for Education

Uttlesford

Silver Jubilee Hall, Takeley, CM22 6QX

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th April- 10am to 2pm

Age: 5 - 13

Chelmsford

Harway House, Rectory Lane, Chelmsford, CM1 1RQ

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th April- 10am to 2pm

Age: 5 - 16

Colchester

St Annes Community Centre, Colchester, C04 3DH

2nd, 3rd, 5th & 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th April- 10am to 2pm

Age: 5 - 13

Thurrock

Seabrooke Rise Community House, Grays, RM17 6DR

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th April- 9am to 3pm

Age: 4 - 16

Fun activities and a healthy lunch provided every day!

TO BOOK FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR WONDE VOUCHER.
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

For more information or to book without a WONDE code please call the EBGC office on 01245 264783 or email rebeccas@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

Sessions are for young people that are on Benefit Based Free School Meals, Low Income families and families that will benefit from the support over the half term.



Essex Boys and Girls Clubs Harway House, Chelmsford, CM1 1RQ
Tel: 01245 264783 Charity No: 1163658 Web: essexboysandgirlsclubs.org





Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024:

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| Monday 18th March | - | Bringing Books to Life Workshops (Whole School) |
| Wednesday 19th March | - | Dolce School Dinner Tasting (2.30pm—3.00pm) |
| Thursday 21st March | - | 2Johns Online Safety sessions today (Yrs 1 & 2 – 9.30am to 10.15am; Yrs 3 & 4 – 11.00am to 12.05pm; Yrs 5 & 6 – 1.30pm to 3.00pm; staff – 4.00pm to 5.15pm; parents carers – 8.00pm to 9.30pm). |
| Friday 22nd March | - | Year 1 Dance Festival |
| Tuesday 26th March | - | Year 4 Parent & Carer Presentation (School Hall) - 9.00am |
| | - | KS1/KS2 Music Concert (5.00pm—6.15pm) |
| Wednesday 27th March | - | Year 5 School Trip—Wellcome Genome Campus |
| 9.30am—10.00am | - | Year 3 Parent & Carer Presentation (School Hall) |
| afternoon | - | PTA Easter Bonnet Parade |
| Thursday 28th March | - | Easter Service in St Mary's Church at 11.00am |
| | - | School finishes at 1.30pm |
| Friday 29th March—12th April | - | END OF TERM HOLIDAYS |
| Monday 15th April | - | INSET DAY |

