

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 1st December 2023

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Attendance Weekly 94.7%

Attendance Year 95.4%



Our motto: 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, with only a few weeks to go until we break up for Christmas, lets see what we have been up to in class this week, what we have to celebrate and some important reminders.

Shining Light Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week:

Well done to the following pupils for their outstanding efforts in their respective classes this week and looking at their beaming faces:

Year 3 - Milly: for leading the imaginative obstacle course and setting up at lunchtimes.

- Becky: for achieving high Reading test scores.

Year 4 - Charlie— for beautiful expression when reading aloud,

- Georgia : for challenging herself and always working hard

Year 5 - James: for producing an excellent written story.

- Laura : for working with effort and skill in English and Maths.

Year 6 - Molly: for always pushing herself in Computing.

- Jessica: for always giving her best effort and for getting involved in class discussions.



Inclusion Sports Event:

Our gorgeous KS1 children took part in a sports for fun event at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. They had the most wonderful time and fully engaged them selves in all the different activities that were available.

Also, this week all KS2 children have started training for our next up coming event— Indoor Athletics. They have been working really hard mastering right foot, left turns on the reverser boards with baton changes. They have all had a great time! Miss Driscoll

Coats, hats, scarves and gloves:

Just a quick reminder... please can parents ensure their children come to school with their coats, as well as scarves, gloves and hats, if they own them. The weather has noticeably taken a turn for the worse in the last week and it is obviously really important that the children are wrapped up warmly at breaktimes and lunchtimes! Please also note that winter uniforms should be worn, therefore no shorts or summer dresses. Can we also ask that **all garments are clearly labelled with the child's full name** (and if possible the child's class) so that if found they can be returned to the correct pupil!



Thank you for your support in this matter!





Reading Champions!

One of our most important missions, over the next few years, is to emphasise the importance of reading here at St Mary's. Therefore, we are once again asking for any volunteers from our school community to join us in being one of our **Reading Champions** who are available to come into school on a weekly basis to hear our children read.

If you are interested and you have some availability please email the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk. Ideally, we would like to have at least 2 or 3 helpers per class – from Reception up to Year 6. If you have any time in the week that you would be willing to spare and join us as a 'Reading Champion' then please email Xenia (on the above email address) at the school office to let

us know when you are available and we will be in touch.

Please note that for safeguarding reasons you will need to have had a DBS check completed by the school or already have a transferable DBS.

Thank you so much in advance for your help, we really appreciate your time.

Have a lovely weekend and make sure you wrap up warmly!

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

Children's Flu Vaccine—Message from NHS England

The Community School Aged Immunisation Service have already visited your child's school to deliver the flu vaccine. However, we know that some children have missed out and may remain vulnerable to serious or even fatal illness that could have been prevented by the vaccine.

The programme for vaccinating children is due to end mid-December. If you would like your child/the child in your care to be vaccinated against flu, this can still be arranged by contacting the service directly.

There are community clinics available for children or young people who have missed any of the school-based sessions. Details of the community clinic dates, times and venues can be obtained by calling your local Immunisation Team office **on 0300 790 0597**.

More information about flu immunisations in England can be found here: [Protecting your child against flu; Information for parents and carers \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/614442/protecting-your-child-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf)

Yours Sincerely

NHS England – East of England

Christmas Menu

Monday 18th December

Roast Turkey Lunch
Plant Based Christmas Cracker (VG)
Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (GF)

Accompaniments

Skin on Roast Potatoes
Carrots
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Peas
Sage and Onion Stuffing (VG)
Gravy (VG) (GF)

Festive Chocolate and Orange Rocky Road (VG)
Snowball Cookie (VG)
Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

Order to be placed by the School Grid no later than 8.30am Monday 18th December





Reverse Advent Calendar

The Reverse Advent appeal is a way for you to give to others at what can be for some a difficult time of year. This year we will aim to give out 300 Christmas hampers. This year because our stocks are so low we are asking for essentials as well as Christmas items.

Every time you shop just choose an item from the list!
Please make sure all collections are with us
by **Wednesday 13th December at the latest.**
For more info please call Sophie on 07971 631606

Please note we can't accept anything containing alcohol.

Thank you for your kindness!

For a list of drop off points please check our website here
<https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



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Reverse Advent Calendar Shopping list

Every time you shop just choose an item from the list:

Tinned salmon/ham	Tinned vegetarian meals	Tinned fruit
UHT milk	Cheese crackers	Tinned vegetables
Gravy/stuffing	Biscuits	Tinned meat in sauce
Tinned meat in sauce	Festive puddings	Vegetarian options
Chocolates/sweets	Custard	Washing up liquid
Christmas cake	Toiletries	Tinned potatoes
Fruit juice	Jam	Savoury snacks

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Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2023:

Saturday 2nd December	- Spirit of Christmas Choir Performance (St Mary's Church) at 1.30pm
Tuesday 5th December	1.30pm School tour for Reception 2024 pupils
Wednesday 6th December	- PTA Panto
Friday 8th December	- Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December	- PTA Key Stage 2 Christmas Disco 5.00pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 12th December	- EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance in St Mary's Church at 6pm
Monday 18th December	- Christmas Lunch (Special Menu)
Tuesday 19th December	- Carol Service at St Mary's Church (time TBC) Parents/Carers Invited
Wednesday 20th December	- 1.30pm—school breaks up for the Christmas holiday
21st December—5th January	- Christmas holiday closure period
Monday 8th January	- Pupils return to school for the Spring term
Friday 12th January	- Year 3 Swimming (12/1/2024—9/2/2024)
Monday 15th January	- Closing date for Reception 2024 admissions
Wednesday 24th January	- Years 5&6 Indoor Athletics Tournament (12.30—4.00pm). (Teams to be decided)
Monday 29th January	- Year 6 Bikeability (29/1/2024—1/2/2024)
Wednesday 31st January	- Years 3&4 Indoor Athletics Tournament (12.30—4.00pm) (Teams to be decided)
Friday 2nd February	- Year 1 Learn to Ride
Friday 16th February	- Year 4 Swimming (16/2/2024—22/3/2024)
19th February—23rd February	- HALF TERM
Friday 22nd March	- Year 1 Dance Festival
Friday 29th March—12th April	- END OF TERM HOLIDAYS
Monday 15th April	- INSET DAY