

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 25th October 2024

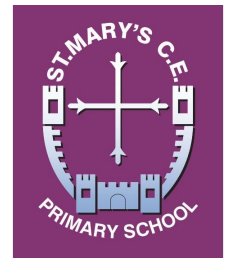
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Attendance Weekly 95.6%

Attendance Year 96.7%



*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,

We have now reached the end of what has been an extremely long and busy, 8 week half term! Nonetheless it has been an extremely productive one, with lots of learning and educational experiences crammed in and loads of fun along the way. Thanks, as ever for your continued support of the school as we continue to grow and go from strength to strength. I am very proud to be the headteacher of such an ambitious and progressive team with such supportive parents and governors who, in partnership, nurture our pupils to be the best that they can be. Don't forget to check out our Class Updates, so you can see what your children have been learning about this week.

## **Grow 10:**

I am happy to share some more photos of our fantastic pupils as they take our St Mary's Grow 10 campaign to wider numbers of our local community—and even beyond! I continue to be extremely proud of all of the hard work and creativity our pupils are putting into their well thought-out fundraising initiatives. I also spend some time each day reading the lovely messages on the GoodHub Grow10 school fundraising page and it is lovely to read the comments there.

I am delighted to report that we have now smashed through our target of **£2,100, with our current total standing at £2,221.38** (which is 105% of our original target!) Now, lets see how much we can raise in the remaining time, as **we still have 35 days to go!** Our aim this academic year is to raise £6000 for new computing equipment and sound system for the school hall, so the more we can raise this term—the better! **Remember the closing date for all Grow10 fundraising is 5pm on Friday 29th November!**

In this week's newsletter I promised to give you a class fundraising overview, to let you know how each class is doing; please note that the school is keeping a spreadsheet to help us keep a log of all fundraising totals (which includes on GoodHub, cash donations brought into the school and other forms of fundraising that we've been made aware of). Do please let us know if your child's fundraising is not included on GoodHub but that you would like us to know more about what they are doing and please do share pictures of their fundraising in action, including any current totals raised. We have now created a giant display board in school to share our pupils hard work with one another (see photo on the right).

**Reception: have currently raised £110.50**

**Year 1 have currently raised £332.25**

**Year 2 have currently raised £975.76**

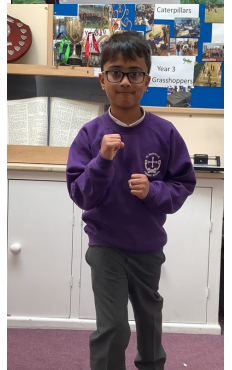
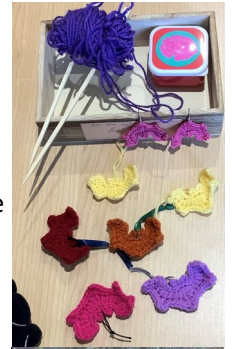
**Year 3 have currently raised £628.56**

**Year 4 have currently raised £340.25**

**Year 5 have currently raised £222.05**

**Year 6 have currently raised £412.50**

As you will know each class' target was to raise £300—so 5 of our classes have already achieved this! Wow!



if you would like to support your child in setting up their Grow10 Fundraising page please visit: <https://app.goodhub.com/grow10> and then cycle to the bottom where you will see other examples of our pupils' fundraising pages. You can also visit our school website <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/school-fundraising/> where you will find each of our class pages, which have the QR codes. Don't forget to link these to your child's class fundraising page and select Gift Aid if you can!

After half term I will be celebrating some more of your fundraising exploits in this newsletter, making sure no child's hard work has been missed out! **Keep up the great work everyone—you are all superstars!**



**1st place  
(73 points)**



**2nd place  
(71 points)**



**3rd place  
(49 points)**



**4th place  
(46 points)**

#### **House triumphs!**

In 1st place this week with 73 points was Earth House (green); in 2nd place with 71 points was Air House (yellow); in 3rd place with 49 points was Fire House (red) and in 4th place was Water House (blue). Well done everybody!

As we have now arrived at the end of this half term, we have added up all of the points and they are as follows:

**1st place - Earth House with 327 points**

**2nd place - Water House with 280 points**

**3rd place - Fire House with 268 points**

**4th place - Air House with 258 points.**

Therefore, as half term House Point Champions, Earth House enjoyed a delicious cup of hot chocolate accompanied by biscuits and marshmallows with staff in the school hall on Thursday morning this week. You can see photos of this lovely event on page 3 of this newsletter.

#### **Student Spotlight! Sporting Achievement**

On Sunday 13th October, Gracie (from Grasshopper Class) took part in the Suffolk Gymnastics Competition in Ipswich. This was a vault & floor competition. Gracie came 3rd in vault & 4th with her floor routine. The whole competition she came overall 4th. We are super proud of Gracie as she completed alongside 17 year olds & the boys squad, this was also only her second gymnastics competition, as you have to be 7 years old to compete. What an outstanding achievement!



Have an amazing half term and we will see you **back at St Mary's at 8.30am on Tuesday 5th November** (as there is an INSET Day for teaching staff on Monday 4th November).

Warm regards

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

# "Earth" House Leaderboard Celebration



## Poppy Appeal/Remembrance Service

Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items before and after school to raise money for The Royal British Legion from **Tuesday 5th November**. Items can be purchased either by cash or scanning a QR code.



**Parents and Carers are invited to join pupils and staff for the Remembrance Service on Friday 8th November at 11.00am at St Mary's Church.**

## Parent/Carers Consultations

**Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November**

Appointments can be booked from **Tuesday 5th November** for the parent consultations via our Parent's Evening System which can be found at <https://stmarys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.



**The booking system closes on Monday 11th November at 12.00pm.**

In order to log on securely parents/carers will need to put in their name as given to the school, your child's given name (or chosen first name as given to the office) and your child's date of birth as an 8 digit number e.g. 25/09/2008.

Please use the link below to login into the Parents Evening System to book your appointment. <https://stmarys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Please arrive promptly for your meeting.** The meetings will be face to face and held in the main school hall from 3.30pm - 6.30pm, with each family having the opportunity to make a 10 minute appointment per child.

**Parents who have already had a One Plan Meeting will not be offered a separate parent consultation meeting.**

If you need any assistance with booking your appointment, please contact the school office.

**The Essex Local Roadshows** are back in the autumn term! This is an opportunity for parents, carers, and families to come along to ask any questions about SEND. You can find more information visit [The Essex Local Offer website](#)

**Date and time** - Wednesday 6 November, 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Address** - Peter Kirk Centre, St Johns Road, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted, CM24 8JP

**Who will be there** - Details of who will attend this roadshow will be available closer to the date. You will also be able to watch a video about what to expect from a roadshow and see a list of which services will be attending closer to the time.

For more info visit: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

## Secondary School Applications for September 2025 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents



As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2025) is **31 October 2024**.

I would be most grateful if you could place an item in your next school newsletter before the half term break, reminding parents of Year 6 children who have yet to submit an application, that they must do so **by 31 October 2024**. Any applications made late are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chances of being offered a preferred school. Applications can be made via our website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

## School Photos—Carmel Jane Photography



Carmel Jane Photography will be visited our School on the 14th of October 2024, to take the Individual & Sibling Photos.

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Registration will be opened until tomorrow afternoon and then all photos will be released.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to [www.carmeljanesshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljanesshop.co.uk)
2. Enter your unique code : JRJVA9996S
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Don't miss out - pre-register today!

### Book Sale

Following on from the Bonanza Book Sale carried out today by Sydney, Hattie, Claudia and Chloe in Year 5.... Pre-loved books will also be sold again at a further date after half term in case you missed it. Also please see below the QR code if you wanted to donate some money as well as the GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/b42717db>

**Book Sale**

Join Year 5 in the play-ground for a **BOOK SALE!!!**  
We're raising money to get some recycling bins in the playground.  
We need your help!  
Please bring cash if possible.

**Time: 15:15**  
**Date: 25/10/24**

A small inset photograph showing four children sitting at a table, possibly during a book sale or fundraising event. They are holding books and looking towards the camera.

Saffron Walden Town Council  
**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**  
**FAMILY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**  
**TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2024**  
**TOWN HALL CB10 1HR & MARKET PLACE CB10 1HR**

**FREE!**

with cast members of Jack and the Beanstalk



with Saffron Walden Library

**THEMED ACTIVITIES...**

- 10.45
- 11.45

**STORY TIME...**

- 10.00

Plus...

**10AM – 2PM**

- Face painting
- 'Grow your own' beanstalk
- Colouring, books & MORE!

*Children must be supervised by an adult at all times*



[visitsaffronwalden.gov.uk/events/01799 524002](https://visitsaffronwalden.gov.uk/events/01799524002)

[events@saffronwalden.gov.uk](mailto:events@saffronwalden.gov.uk)

**Saffron Hall**

The Friends of  
BRIDGE END  
GARDENS





# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2024:

w/c Monday 21st October	- One Plan Meetings take place (for two weeks)
<b>Tuesday 22nd October</b>	- <b>Grow10 Cake Sale—3.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd October</b>	- <b>Year 6 Dodgeball Competition (PE Kits required)</b>
<b>Thursday 24th October</b>	- <b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Interhouse Tag Rugby Competition</b>
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	- <b>Light Day—non uniform day (wear colourful clothes)</b>
	- <b>Whole School Diwali workshop</b>
	- <b>Year 5 Book Sale</b>
	- <b>Half term</b>
<b>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</b>	
<b>Monday 4th November</b>	- <b>INSET training day for staff members</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th November (8.30am)</b>	- <b>Pupils back to school (from 8.30am)</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th November</b>	- <b>Grow10 Lego and MEGA Blok Sale—3.15pm</b>
	- <b>Grow10 Bracelet and Scrunchie Sale—3.15pm</b>
<b>Thursday 7th November</b>	- <b>Parent/Carer book look 8.30—9.00 and 3.15—4.00</b>
<b>Friday 8th November</b>	- <b>Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church 11.00am</b>
	- <b>Years 5 &amp; 6 Inter-house Tag Rugby Competition</b>
	- <b>Grow10 Board Game Shop—3.15pm</b>
	- <b>Grow10 Tattoo Stall—3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 11th November</b>	- <b>Parent/Carer Consultations (School Hall) 3.15pm-6.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 12th November</b>	- <b>Parent/Carer Consultations (School Hall) 3.15pm-6.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	- <b>Grow10 Bake Sale—3.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 15th November</b>	- <b>Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11.30</b>
<b>Monday 18th November</b>	- <b>Grow10 Teddy Tombola/Toy Store—3.15pm</b>
	- <b>Grow10 Sweet Sale—3.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 22nd November</b>	- <b>Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11.30</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th November</b>	- <b>PTA Pantomime</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th December</b>	- <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	- <b>PTA KS2 Disco 5.00pm—6.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	- <b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Nativity at St Mary's Church 6.00pm - 7.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	- <b>Flu Immunisation</b>
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	- <b>Christmas lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday 16th December</b>	- <b>Carol service at St Mary's Church 9.30am—10.30am</b>
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	- <b>Last day of term—1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	



*Please note all new or changed dates are in blue*

