

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 18th October 2024

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Attendance Weekly 97.6%

Attendance Year 96.9%



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.

Grow 10

I am absolutely amazed at how well all of your Grow10 fundraising has gone. As of the time of writing this article our fantastic pupils have **already raised £1747** (which is 82% of our fundraising objective!). This week we have shared a few more outstanding examples of our pupils developing their entrepreneurial skills

Freddie in Yr 3—made cakes and took them to dad's work and sold for £52.50

Filip in Yr 3—made Polish cakes and sold them from home and raised £151.00

Lily in Yr 2—making and selling bird seed balls £163.75 so far

Darcy in Yr 3—sold chocolate apples and raised £62.50

Timmy and Toby in Yr 2 and Yr 4—have been making chutney so far raised £30.00 and still going

Sophia in Yr 2—is doing a 5 mile walking challenge this weekend raising £305.00 so far

Emily, Maisie and Libby in Yr 4—held a shop this week and have raised £54.50

Ranveer in Yr 3 is running a mile after school each day and has already raised £200

Ruby in Yr 2—crafting some Gonks and has so far raised £19.50

Phoebe in Yr 1—writing letters to local businesses and raised £101.25 so far

Linda in Yr 4—baking cakes and selling for daddy's work and raised £60.00

Antoni in Yr 2—making jelly and gummy bears £10.00

Vivien, Lily Z, Leah in Yr 6—clubbed together to buy ingredients and they have been baking and selling cakes and have raised £118.75

Ela in Yr 2—mum and dad donated £1 per cake made and offered to friends £41.25

Lily in Yr 2—is doing a sponsored bike ride on 2nd November. She has already raised 147.50

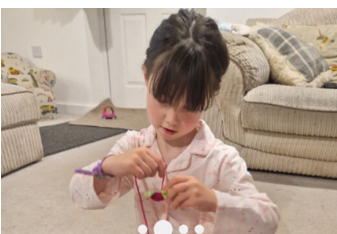
Aoife in Yr 4 is dog walking, babysitting, pet sitting, & collecting rubbish off the streets continues to add to her pot of £166.25

I am extremely proud of all of the hard work and creativity our pupils are putting into their fundraising initiatives and how they are extending their efforts to include the wider school community. I also love reading the lovely messages on the GoodHub Grow10 school fundraising page. I am also excited to see what we manage to raise by the end of this initiative as **we still have 42 days to go!**

Remember the closing date is Friday 29th November!

If you are happy for your child's fundraising work to be included in future newsletters **please do share with us any photos of your children carrying out their fundraising activities and these will also be added to our Grow10 Fundraising display board in school.**

Keep up the great work everyone!



Stars of the week

A huge well done to this week's Shining Stars for displaying our 3 Core Skills: Safe, Effort, Respect:

Toby - Excellent attitude at the football tournament

Joshua - Always trying his best

Phoebe - Working hard

Frankie - Trying his best even when tired

Dillon - Perseverance reading his Tom Gates book

Thomas - Trying his best

Philip - Fantastic art work

Khan - Trying his best

Sofia - Always following the school rules

Nicolas - Trying hard to self regulate

Cece - Always following the rules

Nuala - Being a fantastic role model and always following the school rules



Uttlesford Foodbank—Harvest collection

Following on from the very generous collection from our Harvest collection, please see the email below from Uttlesford Foodbank.



Everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank would like to thank the children, parents and staff of St. Mary's C of E Primary School for your very generous Harvest Festival collection which weighed 122.9kg. This is enough to provide around 250 meals! How fantastic is that?

Every month we hand out on average 5 tonnes of food which is the same as 10 baby elephants! Without the support of children and schools like yours and our amazing community, we couldn't do the work that we do. Harvest donations are so important to keep our shelves topped up after a busy summer and keep us going until all the Christmas goodies come in

We have been overwhelmed by the level of generosity. Above all, your thoughtfulness will provide so much hope and comfort to those people who are going through a difficult time and will help them while steps are taken to provide more permanent support.

Once again thank you so much for your generous donation.

Best wishes from everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank.

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.

Essex Local Roadshows

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>



Responsibility and Leadership:

Over the last few weeks we have been presenting our annual leadership and responsibility badges to a number of pupils who have been voted into positions at our school—utilising some of the 5 key **British Values**: specifically **Respect and the Rule of Law**.

From the smiling and proud pupils in the photos on this page we have awarded special badges to the:

- Librarians**
- School Council members**
- Playleaders**
- Sports Ambassadors**
- Monitors**

We have had a delay in receiving the Worship Council badges, but these will be presented as soon as we received them. Well done to all of these pupils!



Eco Garden

We thought you'd like to see these pics of some of our pupils beavering away in our Eco- Garden area. This week, during their Forest School sessions with Mrs McInnes and Mrs Wulfse, the children found loads more potatoes, which they then dug up and brought back to the school to be made into tasty food; they also composted the lettuce, harvested the pumpkin in addition to some more chard. It was wonderful to watch them having so much fun ! Excellent work!



Bags2School:



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Receipt No: 34531 Date: 8-10-24
Organisation Name: St Marys CE Primary School CB10 1BA
Organisation Postcode: CB10 1BA

We are pleased to confirm receipt of the goods below:
Weight of articles collected (kg) 431 kg

Amount paid: £86.20

Collected by: [Signature] Collection authorised by: [Signature]

Print Name: [Signature] Print Name: [Signature]

Thanks for your collection, don't forget to re-book on 01659 786222



Once again a big thank you to everyone who brought in clothing and other items for the School Council's Bag2School collection. Overall the school raised £86.20 towards school fundraising. Some members of the School Council and Worship Council also helped to transport all of the bags of clothing into the big white van! There were lots of tired children afterwards!



Have a great weekend.

Warm regards

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

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.

Xmas4schools—CHRISTMAS CARDS

For those of you who may not recognize this concept, it involves the children making a design of their choosing on a special template, which parents/carers can then choose to turn into and purchase greetings cards, gift labels and other products. Many families choose to design Christmas cards or gift labels, but it does not necessarily need to be a Christmas design. It could be something much more general; some have made nice thank you cards, which can be used for all occasions.

You can collect a card/gift design template from the School Office.

For every product families choose to order, the School will receive £1.

The deadline to return the artwork is 9.00am on Friday 25th October. Please take all design directly to the school Office. Please note that the card design needs to fill the whole page and if you are sticking anything on, make sure it is stuck securely. See the attached photo for more tips. Many thanks and happy designing!

Xmas4schools™

ARTWORK INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS/ORGANISERS
Please read these instructions carefully to ensure you get the best results:

DO ✓	DON'T ✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bright, colourful Christmas designs that fill the A4 paper produce the best results.• Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils.• Use collage.• Use glitter glue.• Make sure any text is bold, legible and kept AWAY from the edges of the A4 paper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please DO NOT use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) - it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!• If you are doing collage, please MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE FIRMLY STUCK DOWN TO STOP THEM FALLING OFF• Avoid metallic finishes over large areas.• Pale coloured pencils on a white background do not reproduce well.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW FOR THE BEST RESULTS

DO ✓

DON'T ✗

- You can colour right up to the edges, but any important drawings or wording needs to be kept at least 1cm away from the sides of the paper.
- Please also **DO NOT** draw a border unless you want it to appear on the final product.

Book Sale



Join Year 5 in the playground 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



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/
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**Saffron
Hall**

The Friends of
BRIDGE END
GARDENS





Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2024:

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

Please note all new or changed dates are in Blue.

