

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 27th September 2024

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Attendance Weekly 96.5%

Attendance Year 97.5%



*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 fundraising initiative

This academic year, St Mary's School Council has an ambitious campaign to raise **£6,000** to upgrade all of our school computing equipment and our school hall sound system. This technology is at the heart of everything we do – it is not just used in our ICT lessons, but in pretty much every curriculum subject, as well as our daily collective worship. Sadly, over the last few years our computing equipment is starting to show its age – getting slower and slower and offering less and less functionality compared to the very latest computing technology. Therefore, the School Council now feels it is the perfect time to upgrade all of our equipment so that all of our pupils can enjoy the advantages of the most up-to-date computing equipment in our ever-evolving technological world.

# GROW 10!

Therefore, today your child will have come home from school with a small brown envelope containing a £1 coin and an information sheet and QR code for their class, telling you about our new Grow10 Fundraising initiative, which will be run and facilitated by our School Council this term. Each class has its very own fundraising page.

**Grow10!** is an exciting new fundraiser for all of our pupils. We need your child to use their creativity and their entrepreneurial skills to turn £1 into £10 and help their class raise £300! If every class reaches their fundraising target, we will raise a massive £2,100 which will go directly towards some new computing equipment for our pupils, including new laptops, iPads and Chromebooks as well as a fantastic new sound system for our school hall!

Can your child help their class to smash the target and make even more money? The School Council thinks they can!

### **So... What do we do?**

- \* With the start-up £1 (given to every one of our pupils by the School Council) each child will need to generate as much income as possible to **grow their money** & make as much profit as they can. At the end of this fundraiser (on **29th November 2024**) all profits are then returned to the school to help us reach our £2,100 target!
- \* Profits can be reinvested by each pupil (or group of pupils) to generate more income and more profits
- \* Children can work on their own or together with their classmates to pool their money and raise their profits  
***If each child grows their £1 to make £10 then each class will reach their Grow10 target of £300!***



### **To collect and donate your child's profits**

There are two ways to do this online:

1. Add your profits to the class pot by donating directly to your child's GoodHub class page (which you can access using the QR code on the information sheet provided inside the brown envelope along with your £1 coin. You can also share the QR code with friends and family so they can donate too)
2. Set up a mini-campaign page that links directly to your child's class page. Just click on the red "Fundraise" button ON YOUR CHILDS CLASS PAGE BELOW. Then follow the instructions to create a personal page. Children can write their own text, add pictures, and promote their idea here. They can also share their personal QR code or page link with friends and families so they can donate. All money raised on your child's personal campaign page will feed directly into their class total. ***Families will also be able to donate cash or make a one-off payment on School Money (please speak to a member of the school office team if you need more information on payment).***



### **Fundraising ideas...**

Your child could... Grow a plant or bake some cakes  
They could... Recycle or upcycle items from home and sell on  
Or... Create or make something you can sell to friends and family  
Perhaps they could... Help a neighbour or family member with odd jobs  
Or... Loan out things you own for a fee  
Your child could... Challenge themselves to do something and get sponsored  
Or even... Come up with an inventive idea all of your own...

### **Prizes:**

At the end there will be **TWO** prizes awarded to each Class:

- ◇ **A prize for the MOST CREATIVE idea**
- ◇ **A prize for the MOST ENTREPRENEURIAL idea**

There will also be a prize for the CLASS WHO RAISES THE MOST money collectively.



### **Message from the School Council:**

Please support and encourage your child to take part and please return the £1 coin if your child does not wish to participate.

If you have any questions, or wish to donate your time and expertise to support the School Council on this fundraising project, please contact the school office on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

**Thank you so much for your support!**

### **Stars of the Week**

- Grayson**- for always being a kind , caring and respectful friend
- Nina** - great effort in all lessons and showing kindness to peers
- Louis** - for trying very hard with his handwriting
- Freddie** - for always working hard and getting involved in lessons
- Libby** - for showing great manners and respect to everyone
- Bailey** - for showing great effort in maths
- Liza** - for working consistently hard
- Hugo** - for always contributing in lessons and working incredibly hard
- Elsie** - for always being a role model, showing active listening and being a superstar
- Thomas** - for putting up his hand a lot and getting involved in class discussions
- Blakely** - for persevering in his maths- particularly his long division
- Ava** - for always contributing in class discussions



### **School Census Lunch—Thursday 3rd October**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, is the annual Autumn/Winter term Census Day. On this day the school office team completes a detailed statutory census report which records a large amount key information about the school, which is then returned to the government. One of the key questions on this data return is about school meal numbers taken **on that day**. As I am sure you all know, each school receives a large proportion of its funding from the information entered on each Census Day – and the greater number of our pupils enjoying a healthy & delicious cooked school meal on that day means that the school receives a greater amount of funding later in the school year.



Therefore, please support us by getting your child (or children) to eat a delicious school meal on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, so that we can receive as much funding as we can - especially in these challenging economic times! A special menu has been arranged which you can see on the School Website, the school Facebook page or the notice board by the main entrance on Castle Street. <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/school-dinnerhealthy-snacks/>

Please can we politely remind parents to pre-order a school dinner using their School Grid account. Orders must be placed no later than 8.55am on the day the dinner is required.

If you are having trouble logging into your account, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

### House triumphs!

In joint 1st place with 60 points each were Water House (blue) and Fire House (red) and in joint 2nd place with 50 points each were Yellow House (yellow) and Earth House (green). Well done everybody!



**1st place  
(60 points)**



**1st place  
(60 points)**



**2nd place  
(50 points)**



**2nd place  
(50 points)**



### Bags2School:

Just a reminder that the Bag2School Initiative is now firmly underway. All clear bags have been sent home with the children earlier this week. Please do fill these in and bring to school, where they will be collected on the morning of Tuesday 8th October. All proceeds raised will go towards our **fundraising objective for this year: new computing equipment.**

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards

*Mr C. D. Jarmain*

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

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Half Term

Essex County Council

**OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS  
GO LIVE TO BOOK ON  
MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**

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# CHARACTER FAVOURITES

Thursday 3rd October 2024

## Mains

- Spongebob's Krabby Patty with Cheese (Cheeseburger)
- Lilo & Stitch's Hawaiian Pizza Adventure
- Sonic's Golden Coins (Vegetable Nuggets) (VG)
- Mr Jacket Potato Head (GF)

## Sides

- Mickey's All American Fries
- Super Mario Slaw
- Barbie Beans
- Ken's Ketchup
- Spiderman Salad Bar

## Desserts

- Willy Wonka's Ice Cream Factory (V)
- Gingerbread Man from Far Far Away (VG)
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

dolce

# Saffron Walden County High School Open Evening

For Prospective Year 7 Students  
Thursday 3rd October 2024  
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Booking Open Now via  
[www.saffronhall.com](http://www.saffronhall.com)

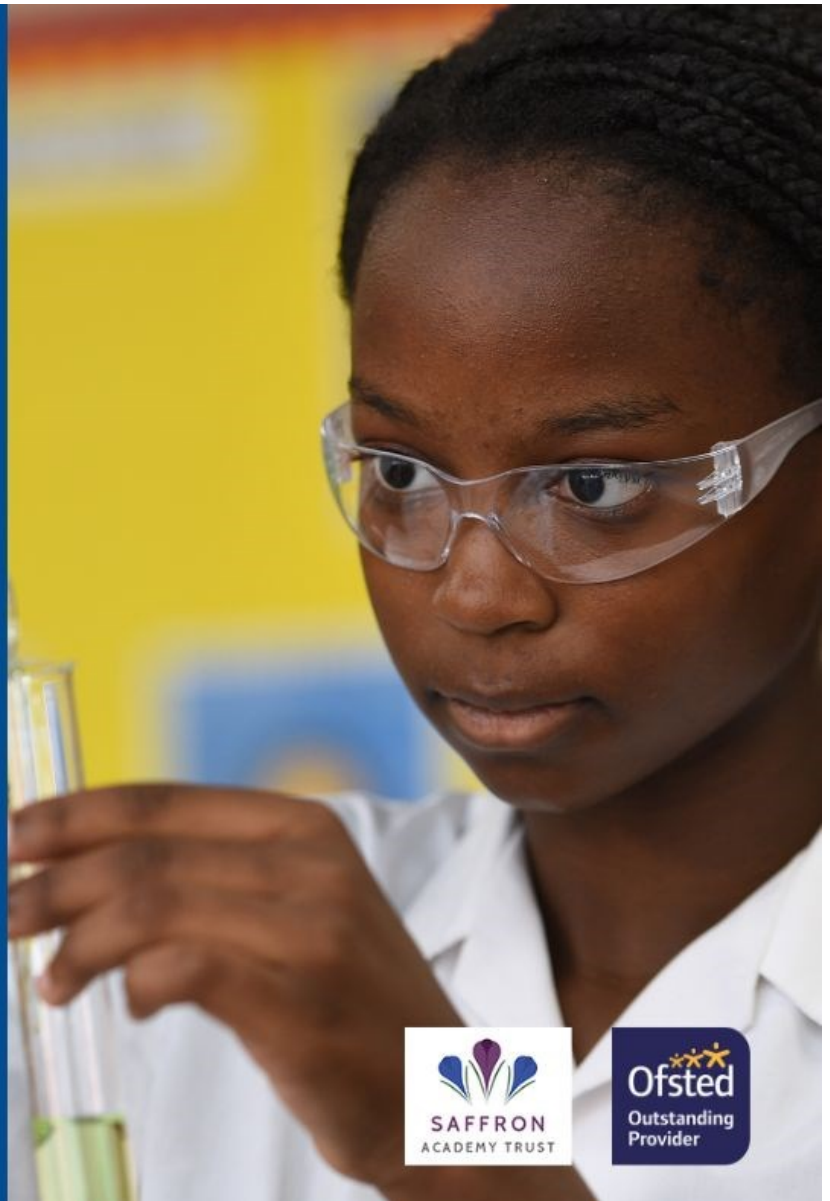
- Tour the school
- Meet teachers & students
- Headteacher's talk

Visit [www.swchs.net](http://www.swchs.net) for more information



**Saffron Walden**  
County High School

*A local school of  
exceptional  
quality*



## HOLIDAY COURSES

### **Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 and 3 and Learn to ride courses**

**To book, please visit link**  
[essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking](http://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking)

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



## Harvest Festival Donations

Uttlesford food bank have reached out to us at St Mary's, asking for donations this harvest festival. With the cost of living crisis, they've had a huge amount of strain on their supplies. They do fantastic work in the community and we'd love to help them continue to do so!

We ask for you to please donate if you are in a position to do so. Please see attached for some ideas of items they are in sorest need of.

**Please bring donations directly to the School Office from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

Thank you,



Thank you!

Uttlesford  
**foodbank**

### Harvest Festival List

- Suggested items:
- Tinned fruit & vegetables
- Tinned meat & fish
- Cooking & pasta sauces
- Rice (inc. microwave) & noodles
- Tinned potatoes & instant mash
- Tinned pasta (e.g. ravioli etc.)
- Cereal & oats
- Tinned rice pudding & custard
- Fruit squash & long life juice
- Shampoo & soap (adult & baby)
- Toothpaste (adult & child)
- Toilet roll & sanitary items
- Unfortunately, we cannot accept fresh produce, baby formula or prescribed items



# BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection  
has been arranged for  
Tuesday 8th October

*Any questions, please speak to the  
School Office*



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2024:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 26th September       | - Yrs 3 & 4 Girls Football Tournament (9.00-12.30)        |
|                               | - Yrs 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament (12.30-3.30)        |
| Monday 30th September         | - EYFS & Yr 1 Parent Phonics Meeting (9.00am)             |
|                               | - EYFS & Yr 1 Parent Phonics Meeting (6.00pm)             |
| Thursday 3rd October          | - School Special Lunch                                    |
| Friday 4th October            | - Yrs 4 & 6 Benedetti Workshop at Saffron Hall (9.30am)   |
|                               | - Yrs 1 & 2 Benedetti Workshop at Saffron Hall (11.00am)  |
|                               | - Yr 3 Organ Recital at St Mary's Church (afternoon)      |
| Monday 7th October            | - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church at 9.30am          |
| Tuesday 8th October           | - Bags2School pick up date                                |
| Monday 14th October           | - Individual/Sibling Photos                               |
| Friday 25th October           | - Light Day—non uniform day (wear colourful clothes)      |
| Monday 28th October to        | - Half term   |
| Friday 1st November           |   |
| Monday 4th November           | - INSET training day for staff members                    |
| Tuesday 5th November (8.30am) | - Pupils back to school                                   |
| 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         |
| Tuesday 12th November         | - Parent/Carer Consultations (School Hall) 3.15pm-6.00pm  |
| Thursday 14th November        | - Parent/Carer Consultations (School Hall) 3.15pm-6.00pm  |
| Monday 18th November and      | - Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11.30                  |
| Tuesday 26th November         | - Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11.30                  |
| Wednesday 4th December        | - PTA Pantomime   |
| Friday 6th December           | - Christmas Jumper Day                                    |
| 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.*

