

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 13th September 2024

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Attendance Weekly 97.2%

Attendance Year 97.2%



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

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school.

As we come to the end of our second week of the school term (and our first full week) I am delighted to report how well the children have continued to settle in, in their new classes. Behaviour and attendance have both been excellent and the pupils have been hard at work impressing us with their attitudes to learning. Please read on to find out what the children have been up to this week.

Stars of the Week

Millie - for her incredible writing in English this week.

Max— for his marvellous maths this week.

Matthew— for settling in so well and working really hard.

Isla— for showing a vast improvement in her handwriting.

Alex - for his focus and determination when doing his work.

Georgia—for having a fantastic attitude in all that she does.

Penny—for always being involved in class discussions and sharing her great ideas.

Blake—for persevering in his Maths even when he is finding it tough.

Lottie— for always showing respect to adults and pupils in the class.

Antoni—for always showing 'Safe, Respect and Effort' so far in Year 2.

Ruby— for amazing reading quizzing and general great effort and hard work.

Zachary — for using all the cursive writing skills she learnt last year.



Grapes and cherry tomatoes:

Just a reminder that if you send your child into school with grapes or cherry tomatoes that these should be cut up length ways as these food types can be a choking hazard. Thank you for our support with this.

House triumphs!

In 1st place with 60 points was Earth House (green); in 2nd place with 55 points was Fire House (red), in 3rd place was Water House (blue) with 38 points; and in 4th place with 35 points was Air House (yellow). Well done everybody!



**1st place
(60 points)**



**2nd place
(55 points)**



**3rd place
(38 points)**



**4th place
(35 points)**

Cycle safety for children

Cycling is a fun and healthy way for your child to get around, but there are dangers to be aware of.

Recently we have been made aware of 2 incidents of local primary children who have been cycling on the road without helmets and both were hit by moving vehicles, fortunately no one was seriously hurt. By setting a good example and making sure your child is trained and has the right clothing and equipment, you can help keep them safe. We would also encourage those on scooters to wear safety helmets too.



Bags2School

We are pleased to let you know that we will be having the Bag2School collection again this year in order to raise funds for computing equipment for pupils. A letter with more information will be coming out next week together with a bag for donating items and which items are accepted.



Drumming Workshop

You may have seen from correspondence earlier in the week that on Tuesday 17th September Jeff Rich from the British Rock band Status Quo, will be coming into St Mary's school to run a drumming workshop for the whole school. Mr Rich will start by talking about how he got into the music business and will then go through his career and give our pupils some facts about his music and tv background and some interesting 'behind the scenes' information.



Jeff will then go on to tell the children the history of the drum, starting with Africa and going through all the types of African drums that he will bring with him and then invite children up to play various drums. He will then demonstrate European drums, old military drums, right through to the modern snare.



There will be a large kit set up and during the sessions he will demonstrate all aspects of the drum kit including playing techniques. Children will be invited to play percussion alongside Mr Rich and Jeff and his team will be bringing along 200 pieces of percussion, so everyone will play an instrument.

The whole essence of the workshops is to inspire the children and show that music is a fun thing to do.

I am sure that you will agree that this will be a fun, engaging and informative workshop and we are asking parents to make a contribution to the cost of the workshop of £3.50/child which can be paid via School Money.

Forest school and Eco Garden Helpers!

Mrs McInnes, our fantastic Forest School Leader, is looking for some parent/carer helpers to help out every Thursday with her Forest School sessions with Reception and Year 1. She would particularly appreciate help with the Reception class sessions—which are on Thursday mornings.

We would also appreciate some gardening assistance in our Eco Garden area—which has become quite overgrown over the Summer holiday break. If you would be able to help us with either of these matters please could you notify the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk and we will be in touch.



Warm regards

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

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 16th 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*

Girls' Football

Free training sessions

Years 3-6

Thursdays 4-5pm

At SWCHS 3G pitch

19th September - 5th December

(no session in half term)

Wear any sports clothing, boots
available to borrow



No experience
needed – come
and try it!



USSP
Uttlesford School Sports Partnership

For information
please contact
jcoleman@swchs.net



FAMILY COOKING *Workshops*

WITH MAKING IT MINDFUL

Each week will make different plant based recipes from pizzas, to flapjacks, from smoothies to curries! You will also be given brand new cooking equipment to keep.



Thursday starting on 12th September



4.15pm - 5.30pm



St Marys Church,
Saffron Walden

CB10 1JP



Making It Mindful uk



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To book a space, please email
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www.makingitmindful.co.uk





Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2024:

Tuesday 17th September	- Whole school drumming workshop with Jeff Rich
Friday 25th September	- Light Day—non uniform day (wear colourful clothes)
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
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
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 and Thursday 14th November	- Parent/Carer Consultations (School Hall) 3.15pm-6.00pm
Monday 18th November and Tuesday 26th November	- Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11.30
Wednesday 4th December	- Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11.30
Friday 6th December	- PTA Pantomime
Tuesday 10th December	- Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	- EYFS & KS1 Nativity at St Mary's Church 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 16th December	- Flu Immunisation
Thursday 19th December	- Christmas lunch
Friday 20th December	- Carol service at St Mary's Church 9.30am—10.30am
	- Last day of term—1.30pm

Please note all new or changed dates are in blue.

