

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 4th April 2025

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Attendance Weekly 93.6%

Attendance Year 94.7%

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, it has been another extremely busy and productive week here at St Mary's, with our Spring Music Concert on Tuesday evening (which was brilliantly organised by Mrs Potter), the Year 3 and Year 4 Parent Presentations on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and the end of term Easter Service this morning. Please check out our Class Updates so that you can find out more about these events from the class teachers as well as the Diary Dates for upcoming Summer events.

I'd also like to say a HUGE thank you to all the parent helpers who have supported at Forest School over the last few weeks. The parents/carers and friends of the school who have helped have been wonderful with the children and we really appreciate their time. If they ever want to join us again, they are always welcome!

As ever, thank you for your continued support throughout this term.

School Crossing Patrol Officer

We are pleased to let you know that Martin Shaw will be the new School Crossing Patrol Officer and he will be starting on 23rd April when the school returns after the Easter break. For the first three days Martin will be joined by Richard Watson who will be training him at the crossing area on Little Walden Road (at the crossroads area). Martin can't wait to get started, and he is looking forward to meeting the school staff, the parents/carers and of course the children!



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025: Mrs McInnes



Thank you to all of our school community who have supported the Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel Initiative. I have been incredibly impressed with all of the pupils' efforts in coming to and from school in a variety of healthy and environmentally friendly ways. The classes have tried really hard to use their leg power over machine power to get them to school and the totals as of end of play Thursday are really impressive: 1359 leg powered journeys logged in total and placed 95 out of 1195 small schools who took part. Especially well done to Year 2 who logged the most walks/scoots/cycles with a huge total of 245 journeys. How wonderful to be part of a bigger project too: over 2 million journeys logged and 2758 schools taking part throughout

the UK. Here at St Mary's we continue to work on looking after our environment by decarbonising wherever we can and being more sustainable through our travel options, waste management and energy choices.

PTA Raffle: Jess and Amie

Congratulations to our raffle winners who have all received email confirmation. We hope you enjoy the incredible hampers. Thank you to all those who brought tickets for the fantastic rainbow raffle and supported us in this event. A phenomenal £1191 was raised for the Friends of St Mary's. This is going to make a huge difference in enabling us to provide enriching and unforgettable experiences for all our fantastic students.

Our next big event is the hotly anticipated Summer Fete. **Please save the date - Saturday 28th June, 10am - 1pm.**

We wish everyone a fantastic Easter break.





**1st place
(636 points)**



**2nd place
(618 points)**



**3rd place
(601 points)**



**4th place
(557 points)**

House triumphs!

These are the results for the end of term: in 1st place with 636 points was Fire House, in 2nd place with 618 points was Earth House, in 3rd place with 601 points was Air House and in 4th place with 557 points was Water House. The overall winners were Fire House and their reward was time on the Adventure Playground and playing with the basketballs. Well done everybody!

Please note that there is a Staff INSET Day on Tuesday 22nd April for staff to receive training. I look forwards to welcoming you all back to St Mary's on Wednesday 23rd April at 8.30am.

Have a great Easter break and do enjoy the warmer weather.

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



New Club for the Summer Term

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

10 WEEKS

TENNIS LESSONS

SUMMER TERM

MONDAYS

3.15-4PM

AGES 5-11

ALI: 07581087325

Text
ART

We are excited to announced that we have a new Monday afternoon club starting in the summer term.

Ali will be running a 10 week tennis club. If you would like to book a place for your child or find out more information, **please contact Ali directly on 07581 087325**

PRO-KARATE ACADEMY ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL (term time)
3.15PM-4.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
First come first served basis (only 20 spaces available)

Karate fees exclusive to St Mary's Primary School are at a discounted rate of just £30 per student based on a 6 week course. Some courses are 7 weeks long depending on the school term but the fee will stay the same. Classes from 4+ years.

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Saffron Walden**



Could this be you?

Children and Families Worker

to lead our ministry with
0-11 year-olds and their families in
church and school-based activities.

15 hours per week

Salary dependent on qualifications and experience

We are looking for a Christian with proven
ability to work with this age group, preferably
in a church setting.

**Full details and application form
available from
www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org**

Closing date: 28 April

Enhanced DBS check required

This post is subject to an occupational requirement to be a practising Christian

Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Monday 31st March	- Year 5 Residential Meeting for Parents/Carers (5.00pm)
Tuesday 1st April	- Spring Music Concert—5.00pm School Hall
Wednesday 2nd April	- Year 4 Parent Presentation - 9.00am School Hall
Thursday 3rd April	- Year 3 Parent Presentation - 9.00am School Hall
Friday 4th April	- FOSM Rainbow Raffle draw
Friday 4th April	- Easter Service at St Mary's Church 11am
Friday 4th April	- Last day of term—finish at 1.30pm
Mon 7th April—Mon 21st April	- EASTER BREAK
Wednesday 16th April	- Reception 2025 National Offer Day
Tuesday 22nd April	- INSET DAY
Wednesday 23rd April	- Pupils return to school at 8.30am
Thursday 24th April	- Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parents/Carers (5.00pm)
Monday 28th April	- Imperial War Museum, Duxford Visit (Year 2)
Friday 9th May	- FOSM Non Uniform Day
Mon 12th— Wed 14th May	- Year 5 Residential
Mon 12th— Thurs 15th May	- Year 6 SATs
Thursday 15th May	- Special Census Lunch
Mon 26th— Fri 30th May	- HALF TERM
Mon 2nd— Fri 6th June	- Year 6 Residential
Friday 25th April	- Year 6 Swimming starts
Wednesday 11th June	- Yr 1 Linton Zoo Visit
Friday 20th June	- INSET DAY
Thursday 26th June	- District Athletics (Carver Barracks)
Friday 27th June	- SWCHS Transition Day for Year 6
Saturday 28th June (10am-1pm)	- FOSM Summer Fair
Tuesday 1st July	- Yr 4 Museum of Zoology Visit
Wednesday 2nd July	- Sports Day
Monday 7th July	- Reception Boydells Dairy Farm Visit
Wednesday 9th July	- Reserve Sports Day
Friday 11th July	- Reception Graduation Assembly (9.00am School Hall)
Friday 11th July	- KS2 Leavers Disco (5.00-6.30pm School Hall)
Monday 14th July	- Moving Up Afternoon
Monday 14th July	- Meet the Teacher (3.15pm Years 1&2), (3.30pm Year 3)
Tuesday 15th July	- Meet the Teacher (3.15pm Years 4&5), (3.30pm Year 6)
Tuesday 15th July	- Yrs 5&6 Production (6pm School Hall)
Tuesday 22nd July	- End of Year/Leavers Service (9.30am St Mary's Church)

Please note all new or changed dates are in blue