

# St Mary's Newsletter

Attendance Weekly 95.4%  
Attendance Year 94.7%

Spring Term – Friday 21st March 2025

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*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,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. With just two weeks to go of the Spring Term, please read on to find out what our pupils have been up to this week.

## **British Science Week—article by Mrs Holmes, Science Leader**

In celebration of British Science Week, every class across the entire school have worked hard on their own class investigations. This week, Year 6 held a School Science Fair. In groups, they chose their own enquiry to investigate, made prototypes, collected data,



presented their data in graphs, changed variables and

presented their results to the rest of the school. They took it in turns to talk about their enquiry, to discuss their findings and inspired many of their younger peers, as the room filled with 'wow!' and 'that's so cool!'. As a school, we have been working



incredibly hard this year on elevating

our science curriculum and have been taking part in the PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark), which we hope to achieve at the end of the year. Well done year 6 on your confident delivery and outstanding science knowledge.



## **Stars of the Week**

**Daniella**—for her effort and perseverance in improving her handwriting

**Nkosi**—for showing respect and kindness to all members of his class

**Blakely**—for his stellar work on his arithmetic skills

**Blake**—for his effort in his writing

**Casey**—for all his hard work during maths

**Ava-Mae**—for her work ethic and always wanting to improve

**Mason**—for his engagement and enjoyment in music

**Joshua**—for having a fantastic work ethic

**Layla-Mae**—for perseverance and improvement with her handwriting

**Lexi**—for showing kindness to others in school

**Elijah**—for his confidence and positive attitude to everything he undertakes

**Zachary**—for respect shown to his peers and the school values

**Sofia**—for always following the rules and setting an example

**Grayson**—for his perseverance and showing trust at RDA





**1st place  
(77 points)**



**2nd place  
(76 points)**



**3rd place  
(60 points)**



**4th place  
(55 points)**

### **House triumphs!**

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 77 points was Earth House, in 2nd place with 76 points was Fire House, in 3rd place with 60 points was Water House and in 4th place with 55 points was Air House. Well done everybody!

### **Eco Warrior! Courageous Advocacy at work!**

Well done to Nuala, in Busybee class, who spent her last weekend constructing a brilliant interactive lapbook to encourage other pupils to help to look after the environment. *'I made my lapbook out of leftover cardboard paper and glue, as well as printed sheets. It was very easy to make—and you can do different topics. I chose to do this because I was stuck on trying think of different ways to spread the message about Climate Change, until I realised the best way is to show it in an interactive way'*. Nuala will be sharing her fantastic project with pupils in an assembly next week as we continue to progress our Courageous Advocacy theme of helping to look after our environment.



### **Year 5 Dance Show**

On Wednesday I was very lucky and got to go to Saffron Hall to watch Year 5 in the dance show. There were 13 different dances to watch. They were all very good but Year 5 were the best. They danced to Matilda's revolting children and it was amazing. There was dancing and cartwheels. Everyone did the best job ever! At the end everyone cheered and clapped. I felt very proud of them. Sophia F—Caterpillars



### **Bikes and Scooter helmets**

The number one reason to wear a helmet when riding a bike is to protect your head and brain. We have noticed before school and after school that some children wear helmets when on their bikes or scooters and others do not. We would like ALL pupils who are coming to school on bikes or scooters, trikes etc to wear a helmet. Can we also ask children walk with their bikes or scooters when on site.

If you would like further information on bike safety, please visit here: [www.capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/](http://www.capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/)

### **Vacancy for 2 school cleaners**

We are currently advertising for 2 school cleaners, for more information please look at the school website: <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/current-vacancies/>

Have a great weekend.

Warm regards



*Mr C. D. Jarmain*

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





Pupils of St Mary's Choir and  
Peripatetic Music Lessons

# Music Concert

**Tuesday 1st April, 2025**

**5.00pm**

**School Hall**



**Refreshments will be served**

# April Easter Crafts



**THE CRAFTY BEANIE**



**WED 9TH  
10.30am**

**TEDDY BEAR AND T-SHIRT DESIGN**

**SAT 12TH  
10.30am**

**ADULTS PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY**

**WED 16TH  
10.30am**

**KIDS PAINT YOUR OWN KEYRING**

**BLOSSOM BITES,  
WIMBISH,  
CB10 2XA**



**For more information and to  
book visit:  
[www.thecraftybeanie.co.uk](http://www.thecraftybeanie.co.uk)**





# KIDS EASTER WORKSHOPS



FREE FOR CHILDREN who receive benefit related free school meals and children from low income families. Paid spaces available.



Saffron Walden



10am - 12.30pm and  
12.30pm - 3pm

- CHOCOLATE MAKING
- EGG HUNT
- PIZZA MAKING
- SOAP MAKING
- CIRCUS GAMES
- PAINTING CLUB



and many more fun activities!

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# Spring break!



South  
Mill Arts  
Family



Leap into tons of fun  
this Spring at your  
local Arts Centre!

[southmillarts.co.uk](http://southmillarts.co.uk)

# Spring break!



## There's a Monster in your show

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> - 2pm & 5pm  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar - 11am & 2pm | 2+  
£17 | £15 Concs. | £14 Groups

A high-energy 50-minute adventure featuring lively original music.



## Storytime: Zoe and Beans

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Apr | 10.30am  
Ages 2.5 - 5 | Free

Enjoy a story and some colouring and craft. Free to join. Colour Beans and his friends on their see-saw.



## Moana 2

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April | 11am & 2pm  
PG | £10 Adults  
£8 Children (under 16s)

Sequel to Disney's smash hit! Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho and Alan Tudyk.



## Kids Crafts - Pets

Tue 8<sup>th</sup>, Wed 9<sup>th</sup> & Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Drop in between 10am-2pm  
£1 per child | Ages 3-11

International Pet Day is in April. Join us to make the pet you wish you had!



## Woman Like Me: The Little Mix

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Apr | 7pm  
£18 | £66 Family

Chart-topping hits, incredible voices, and the electrifying energy of Little Mix brought to life in an unmissable celebration!



## Singing Cinema: Encanto

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Apr | 3.30pm  
£15 | £12 Concs. | PG

Join us for an all singing, all dancing Encanto screening! Sing along to your favourite songs from the movie.



## Kids Crafts - More Pets

Tue 15<sup>th</sup>, Wed 16<sup>th</sup>  
& Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Drop in between 10am-2pm  
£1 per child | Ages 3-11

More Pets to make! Your £1 donation can be paid on the day.



## Claytime

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Apr | 11am & 2pm  
£14.50 | Ages 3-6

The award-winning Indefinite Articles present their work for the very young: Claytime, a play with clay, where the audience are invited to participate.

southmillarts.co.uk





# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Spring/Summer Term

Tuesday 18th March	- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Scoot Fit
Wednesday 19th March	- Year 5 Dance Festival @ Saffron Hall (4.00pm—6.00pm)
Monday 24th March—Friday 4th April	- Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge
Friday 28th March	- Year 1 Dance Festival @ Great Sampford Primary
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
	- 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)
Friday 9th May	- FOSM Non Uniform Day
12th—14th May	- Year 5 Residential
12th—15th May	- Year 6 SATs
Thursday 15th May	- Special Census Lunch
26th—30th May	- HALF TERM
2nd—6th June	- Year 6 Residential
Friday 25th April	- Year 6 Swimming starts
Wednesday 11th June	- Linton Zoo Visit (Year 1)
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
Wednesday 2nd July	- Sports Day
Monday 7th July	- Boydells Dairy Farm Visit (Reception Class)
Wednesday 9th July	- Reserve Sports Day
Friday 11th July	- KS2 Leavers Disco (5.00-6.30pm School Hall)
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*

