

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 14th March 2025

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Attendance Weekly 94.8%

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,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, as we reach the halfway point of this half term, with 3 weeks left until the Easter break. In this week's newsletter you will find some information about the **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel** (which takes place next week), our **St Mary's Stars of the Week**, our **House Champions**, some **Bikeability courses**, our upcoming **Music Concert**, and our ever important **Diary Dates**. Finally, don't forget to check out our weekly **Class Updates**.

Stars of the Week

Blossom—for always being a supportive peer and working hard

Kaan—for consistently displaying active listening

Lumi—for showing kindness and compassion to her classmates

Sage—for his impressive writing this week

Ozan—for showing his soft skills when working in a team

Sofia—for producing some fantastic art in RE based around Easter

Charlie—for being a good role model and working hard

Alfie—for showing a huge improvement in effort and focus

Casia—for expanding her Maths knowledge by learning her Prime Numbers

Florence—for always being a role model and a wonderful friend

Gracie—for focus at her table, effort and practicing her timestables and TTRockstars



**1st place
(75 points)**



**2nd place
(70 points)**



**3rd place
(61 points)**



**4th place
(60 points)**

House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 75 points was Air House, in 2nd place with 70 points was Water House, in 3rd place with 61 points was Fire House and in 4th place with 60 points was Earth House.

Well done everybody!

Have a great weekend.

Warm regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact the office and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: [Sign up to receive your free school run guide - Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk)

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes
Mrs McInnes
Sustainable Travel Champion

Bikeability Courses

The Easter Holidays are fast-approaching. Are you looking for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

Various levels are available as well as our beginner Learn to Ride courses.

The courses are being held in the following locations:

- **Braintree**
- **Colchester – Learn to Ride, Level 1, Level 1&2 and Level 3**
- **Harlow – Learn to Ride, Level 1, Level 1&2 and Level 3**

To book Easter half-term holiday courses, please use the link below

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

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

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



**SAFER
GREENER
HEALTHIER**


Essex County Council



Pupils of St Mary's Choir and
Peripatetic Music Lessons

Music Concert

Tuesday 1st April, 2025

5.00pm

School Hall



Refreshments will be served



Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Spring Term

Monday 10th March	- Reception and Year 6 NHS Screening
Tues 11th March and Thurs 13th March	- Parent/Carer consultations from 3.30pm
Friday 14th March	- Year 5 Saffron Hall Visit (packed lunch required)
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
	- Year 6 Swimming Starts
Monday 31st March	- Year 5 Residential Meeting for Parents/Carers (5.00pm—5.30pm)
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

Please note all new or changed dates are in blue

