

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 14th February 2025

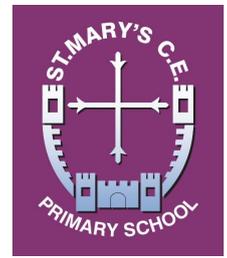
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Attendance Weekly 93.8%

Attendance Year 95.3 %



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, our final one before we break up for the February half term holiday. I am delighted to report that our KS2 pupils (in Yr 3 and Yr 4) have enjoyed some further successes in the Sportshall Indoor Athletics tournament, which took place at Lord Butler on Wednesday this week (please see article below). The 21 pupils involved finished in 1st place in the Partnership Final. Once again I am so proud of the outstanding effort put in by all of these pupils as they have prepared for this event, but particularly to Ms Driscoll (our Sports Coach) whose organisation and diligent preparation has led to our sustained success in PE and Sport at St Mary's over the last few years.

Indoor Athletics Team (article by Ms Driscoll)

On Wednesday, our Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics Team headed to the Uttlesford School's Sports Partnership finals. St Mary's were the only team to represent their year group for Saffron Walden (and surrounding villages) and faced various teams from other pockets of Uttlesford. And what a performance they put on...they finished in first place and won the finals! We had some astonishing performances on the track displaying great technique and determination to win their races. The finals also saw an increase in the number of pupils that finished in the top three positions for their field events - Joseph managed to take 1st place in standing long jump and 2nd for vertical jump, Chloe finished in 1st and 2nd for long jump and 5 bounding strides along with Hugo. Lili managed to achieve 1st place for her chest push throw with Penny taking 3rd. Millie also ran incredibly and finished 3rd place in the vertical jump.



A huge well done to you all, you really did let your light shine on Wednesday.

Stars of the Week

- Blake** - for pushing himself in his reading, writing and maths.
- Penny**—for only dropping one mark on her maths assessment
- Louis**—for working so hard in class and in group work
- Dillon**—for his incredible progress in phonics
- Sofia**—for always showing safe, respect and effort
- Blake**— for his enthusiasm and contributions to classroom discussions
- Darcey**—for compassion and support of others in the class
- Brogan**—for her excitement and self challenge in Maths
- Tom**—for always using excellent manners in and outside of school
- Joseph**—for his fantastic team spirit at the indoor athletics competition
- Isla**—for her growing confidence in contributing to class questions and discussions



Amazing Gesture

In a world full of negativity, it is always nice to highlight the good.



This week we are sharing the extremely thoughtful, and compassionate act that Rose (from Year 3) decided to carry out recently, once she discovered the work of a certain charity. The charity is called the **Little Princess Trust** who are responsible for making and providing real hair wigs for children affected by hair loss, as well as carrying out vital research into childhood cancer. Not only did Rose

decide to donate **10 Inches** of her hair but she also raised over **£500 for this important charity**. Her parents have told us that they are incredibly proud of her selfless, kind, and thoughtful actions; that they wanted to share the news with the School as they believe it shares a lot of the schools' values.

Well done Rose—you should be very proud of your selfless actions.



**1st place
(50 points)**



**2nd place
(45 points)**



**3rd place
(41 points)**



**4th place
(40 points)**

House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: In 1st place with 50 points was Fire House; in 2nd place with 45 points was Water House; in 3rd place with 41 points was Earth House and in 4th place with 40 points was Air House. Well done everybody!

Have lovely half term break.

We look forwards to welcoming you all back to St Mary's on Monday 24th February at 8.30am.

Warm regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

Young Artists' Summer Show

2025

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online.

How to enter

From 6 January 2025, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 5 March 2025.

Important dates

6 January – 5 March 2025

Registration and submission open

May 2025

Judging

15 July 2025

Online exhibition opens

15 July – 10 August 2025

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

#RAYoungArtists

Made possible by Robin Hambro

ST MARY'S PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 28th February

Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes, in return, we are asking for donations towards the school Rainbow Easter Raffle.

Each class is assigned a colour of the rainbow and should bring in a small donation of anything in that colour.

It can be sweets, biscuits, toiletries, a candle, drinks for adults or children, toys, stationery, or any small new gift item that you can spare.

We will then create some lovely hampers as prizes for a colourful Easter Raffle.

As this is a raffle for parents, friends and family, donations do not have to be nut-free, as this is not a school time event for the children.

Thank you for your support.



Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you a parent/caregiver looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions?

**Look no further; The Mental Health Support Team
is here to support you!**

Evidence-based
intervention,
based on
Cognitive
Behavioural
Therapy (CBT)

Parent support
group - online
4 weekly
sessions, led by
two friendly
practitioners

Helping **you** to help
your young person
develop coping
strategies and take
charge of their
well-being

Online Group
Thursday 6th,
13th, 20th, 27th
March
1-2pm

Online Group
Thursday 6th,
13th, 20th, 27th
March
6-7pm

Online Group
Friday 7th, 14th,
21st, 28th
March
9.30-10.30am

Scan the QR code to sign up to ONE group
Attendance at all 4 sessions is essential
Questions? Email mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk



Information for parent/carers



Registered Charity No. 1091154

WORLD
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WORLD BOOK DAY

6TH MARCH
2025



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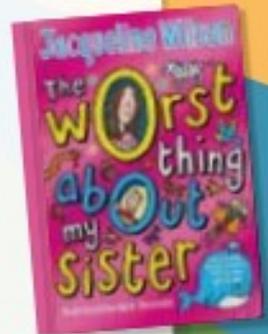
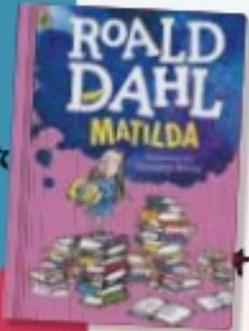
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs & Pasta
Katsu-in-the-Hat Quorn Dippers & Rice (V)
Wheres Wally's Wrap bar (V)
Jaqueline Wilson Jacket Potatoes (V) (VG) (GF)

SIDES

Walliams Super Sleuth Slaw
Golden Snitch Sweetcorn
Snozzycumber Salad Bar

DESSERT

Mr Messy's Ice Cream & Sprinkles (V)
Queen of Hearts Jam Tart (VG)
Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)



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Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024:

Friday 14th February	-	Year 3 Swimming Starts (5 weeks)
Week beginning 17th February	-	Half Term Break
Monday 24th February	-	Pupils return to school at 8.30am
Thursday 27th February	-	Year 5 Stingers Netball Competition
Friday 28th February	-	Non uniform day Rainbow Raffle
Wed 26th February—Tues 4th March	-	Book fair
Tuesday 4th March	-	Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch
Thursday 6th March	-	World Book Day Special Lunch
Wednesday 5th March	-	Bringing Books to Life Workshop
Thursday 6th March	-	Parent/Carer Book Look 8.30 to 9.00 and 3.15 to 4.00
Monday 10th March	-	Reception and Year 6 NHS Screening
Tues 11th March and Thurs 13th March	-	Parent/Carer consultations from 3.30pm
Friday 28th March	-	Year 1 Dance Festival @ Great Sampford Primary
	-	Year 6 Swimming Starts
Thursday 3rd April	-	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

Please note all new or changed dates are in blue

