

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 7th February 2025

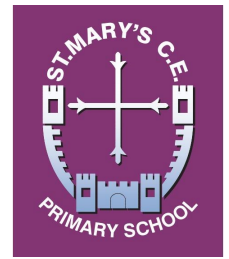
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Attendance Weekly 94.9%

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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. Don't forget to have a good read of our Diary Dates (on the last page) as well as our Class Updates! Have a great weekend! Here's to some warmer weather!

Stars of the Week

Oliver—for his stellar knowledge of the countries of Europe

Nuala—for always showing our school values

Poppy—for self-challenge and effort in maths

Lottie—for making positive contribution in class

Adrian—for his much improved attitude and respect towards others

Franek—for showing a keen interest in a range of literature

Alfie—for showing kindness to others

Marcel—for always being so helpful

Tomas—for showing great enthusiasm when learning about Space Race

Elsie—for her beautiful, neat presentation in her maths book this week

Blakely—for taking ownership of his own learning and seeking help on his homework

Teddy - for being so dedicated to his learning, especially his DT project



Year 4 Public Speaking Competition:

This afternoon I was privileged to accompany four students from Year 4 to a Public Speaking Competition at Great Chesterford Primary School. A number of local schools also took part, including Katherine Semar Primary, R. A. Butler, St Thomas More Primary, Bentfield Primary, Great Chesterford Primary and ourselves! The



focus of the competition was for the pupils to talk about a topic connected to 'Environmental Awareness', which fits in beautifully with our **Courageous Advocacy Sustainability** theme for



the next two years. Thomas E, Maisie W, Cassia K and Teddy T represented the school excellently and had clearly spent some time preparing and practising their speeches beforehand with Mrs Norman—delivering their speeches and introductions clearly and passionately, with thoughtful answers to the questions which were posed by pupils from other schools. Everyone was also extremely impressed by their

impressively constructed 'Gruesome Greenhouse Gases' collage poster (see accompanying photograph). All in all it was a fantastic afternoon and all four pupils should be very proud of their efforts and engagement.

Friends of St Mary's: Logo competition

Earlier this week, Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) sent out an invite, asking our school community to help them to design their new logo. The winner has the exciting opportunity to have their creation brought to life by a local children's graphic designer and it will also feature on all FOSM correspondence. On page 3 of this newsletter we have included the FOSM logo design form—which you can print off and use. Please note that some extra copies of the design form will be kept in the school office if you are unable to print these at home. Just a reminder that the **closing date** is at the end of the school day on **Friday 28th February 2025**.

House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: In 1st place with 301 points was Earth House; in 2nd place with 284 points was Fire House; in 3rd place with 282 points was Air House and in 4th place with 239 points was Water House. Well done everybody!



**1st place
(301 points)**



**2nd place
(284 points)**



**3rd place
(282 points)**



**4th place
(239 points)**

Cake sale—Y6 Librarians and friends

On Monday, after school, a number of Year 6 librarians (and friends!) are carrying out a cake sale to raise funds for our lovely school library. They would like to buy a number of items, which include bean bags and small furnishings to make the library even cosier. Please bring in your spare coins to purchase a cake (or two) for this worthy cause. See below for the poster they have constructed to advertise this event.



Have lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



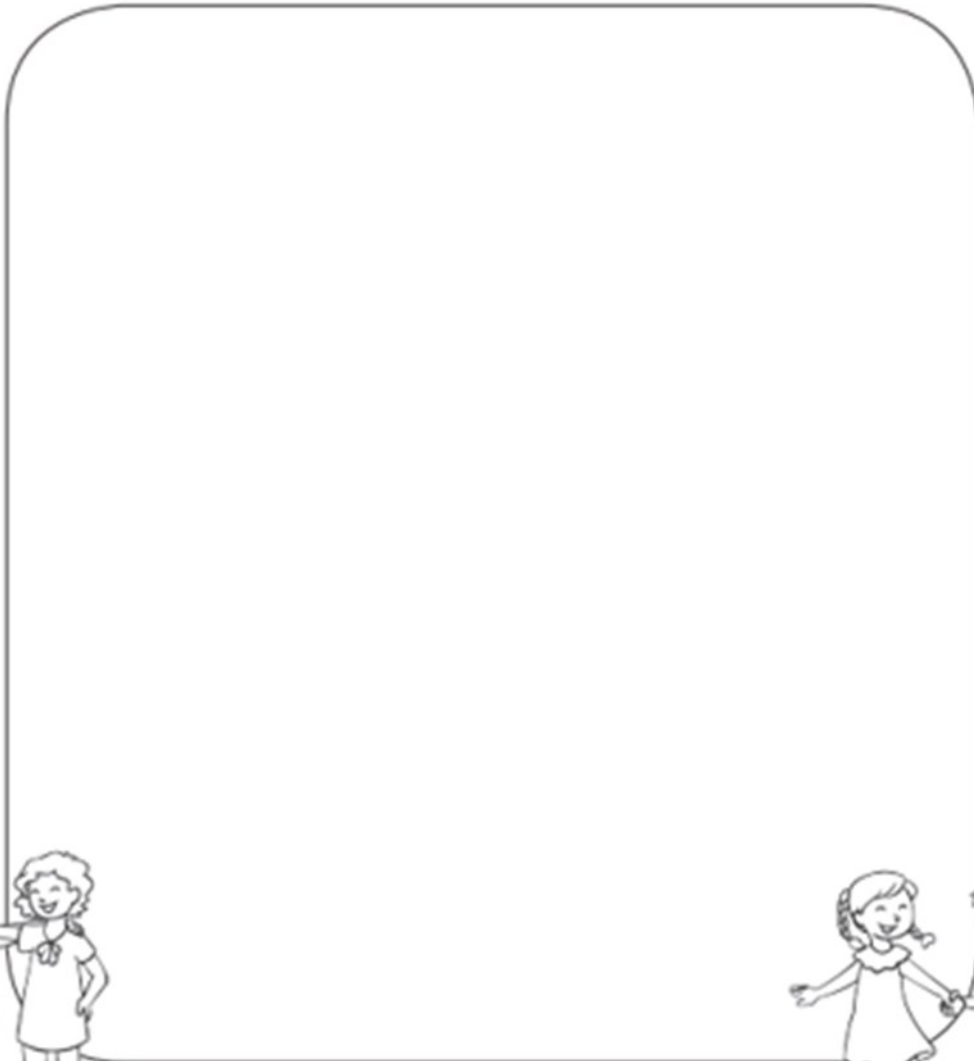
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Name _____ Class _____

**You could include a character or animal in your logo.
Think about which colours you'd like it to have.**





Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024:

Mon 3rd - Fri 9th February	-	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
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
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

