

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 17th January 2025

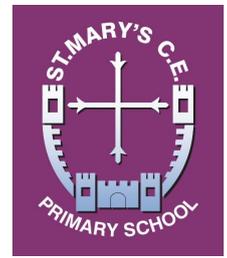
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Attendance Weekly 93.6%

Attendance Year 95.6%



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,

On Tuesday, one of our lovely governors, Carey Dickinson, came into school to deliver an assembly to the whole school about her pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, which is located in South America, which she took part in before



Christmas. Carey talked to the children about why she had wanted to do the pilgrimage, who she went with and she also shared some of the equipment that she had used whilst on her (very long) trek. The children even got to try on some of her equipment!



At the end, some of the children asked her some excellent questions about her trip! Huge thanks to Carey for taking the time to come in and share her experiences and photos with the children and for drawing attention to the importance of courage, perseverance and resilience—values

we hold dear here at St Mary's.

Stars of the Week

Andrea - for her progress in writing

Roux - for her incredible reading

Ela - for her effort and determination

Finley - for his great reading

Lennon - working hard on 2, 5 & 10 times tables

Cody - for joining in with PE lessons

Teddy - for his improvement in his times tables score

Millie - for her positive attitude to learning

Beatrice - for her excellent contributions to class discussions

Emmanuel - for his hard work in maths & athletics

Ethan - for his effort in English writing

Bertie - for his resilience in tackling long multiplication and improvement in his approach to independent work.



**1st place
(87 points)**



**2nd place
(79 points)**



**3rd place
(65 points)**



**4th place
(53 points)**

House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: In 1st place with 87 points was Earth House; in 2nd place with 79 points was Fire House; in 3rd place with 65 points was Air House and in 4th place with 53 points was Water House. Well done everybody!

Warm regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



The next Saffron Walden Social Outreach Service will be, Thursday 23 January, 10am to 2pm.

Saffron Walden Community Link - Market Street, Saffron Walden.

Mind in West Essex - Local mental health charity.

Peabody - A not-for-profit housing association. Here to help people flourish - at home, at work and in local communities.

Employ-Ability - An Essex based specialist employment support charity working with people experiencing mental ill health

Open Road - Open Road provides information, support and advice services to anyone affected by drugs and alcohol.

Phoenix Futures - Phoenix Futures is a charity and housing association providing services for people affected by drugs and alcohol.

Uttlesford Foodbank

UDC Welfare Officers – help with benefits/rent/rent arrears/rent shortfall

UDC Homelessness Officer

UDC Revenues – help with Council Tax and Cost of living fund



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch



Would you like to be involved in the world's largest garden wildlife survey? The children in Reception and Year 1 will be practising their bird spotting skills and helping to look after our feathered friends during their forest school sessions this half term. They thought it would be great to get more people involved. If you would like to learn more, head to:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Here, you can register and get sent all of the information you need to get on board. Then it's just a question of finding your spot between 24-26 January, recording the birds you see land for an hour and sending the data off to RSPB online or in the post.

Having lost 38 million of our garden birds over the last 60 years, it is clear that they are facing plenty of challenges. Let's do our bit to look after them. Happy spotting and let us know how you get on!

Thanks

Mrs McInnes, Forest School Leader

FEB
17TH-21ST

NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS

9am-
4pm

FEBRUARY HALF TERM



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FEB HALF TERM 2025

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Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024:

Monday 13th January	-	Year 4 Library Visit
Wednesday 15th January	-	Closing date for Reception 2025 applications
Thursday 16th January	-	Census Day—Special School Lunch
Monday 20th January	-	Year 2 Library Visit
Wednesday 29th January	-	Year 1 Saffron Walden Museum School trip
Thursday 30th January	-	Year 3 Active Maths Festival (PE Uniform required)
Thursday 30th January	-	Pre-loved uniform sale before and after school
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
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

