

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 5th July 2024

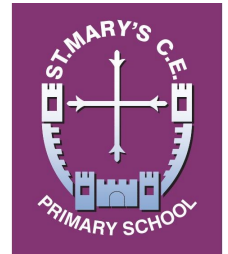
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Attendance Weekly 95.2%

Attendance Year 94.5%



*Our motto: Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow inspired by Matthew 5: 15-16*

**Friendship**

**Trust**

**Truthfulness**

**Compassion**

**Perseverance**

**Respect**

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school.

## **Busy, Busy!**

With just two and a half weeks to go until the end of the term and this academic year, there is still lots to squeeze in with our fantastic pupils. As Sports Day has now been pushed forwards to next Thursday, due to the wet weather we have experienced this week, there is still one final sporting spectacle to look forwards to; let's hope the weather is lovely and sunny (but not too hot!) next week! Don't forget that the Key Stage 1 event is taking place throughout the morning and the Key Stage 2 event is taking place in the afternoon. Who will be our House Champions this year?



Towards the end of next week will be the Butterfly (Reception) pupils Graduation Assembly at 9.00am, with the PTA KS2 End of Year Disco after school from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

The following week will be our Move-up Afternoon, where the children will be spending some quality time with their new teacher/s and after school on the Monday and Tuesday we will be hosting our Meet the Teacher sessions where parents and carers can come along to meet with our teaching teams and find out about the new class' routines and ask questions, if needed. During that busy week we will also be sharing the Year 5 and 6 Performance and our Year 6 Leavers Lunch.

Finally, don't forget the End of Term Service, which will be taking place on Tuesday 23rd July from 11.15am to 12pm. The school day will be finishing at 1.30pm as we depart for the Summer holidays and a well-deserved rest for everyone!



## **Reports:**

At the end of the school day, next Friday (12th July), the school will be sending out all of the end-of-year pupil reports. You will also be finding out the teaching staff positions for each class in the school. Very exciting!

## **Stars of the Week**

Well done to the following Key Stage 1 pupils for displaying our 6 Core Values and 3 Key Skills throughout their learning this week:

**Timmy**— for excellent effort in Maths, working on numbers to 100 and beyond

**Kayhan**— for making so much effort in handwriting sessions with letter formation

**Mason**— for challenging himself with spicy tasks in Maths

**Brogan**— for her effort and perseverance sewing her purse in DT and supporting others

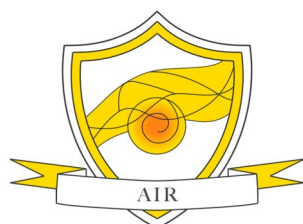


## **Year 5 Quiz**

Last Friday four St Mary's pupils joined me on a visit to RA Butler Primary School. It was for the annual Year 5 Quiz, which takes place in June every year. Our school was competing against a large number of local primary schools including St Thomas More, Katherine Semar, RA Butler, Great Chesterford, Bentfield Primary, St Mary's Stansted and Debden Primary. It was a fun and interactive quiz, with rounds which included: identifying the logos, identifying the famous person, riddles, problem solving and a Maths challenge (very similar to Countdown). Everyone had a great



time and our four pupils performing brilliantly, just finishing out of the top three. I was very proud of how well they worked as a team, showing maturity and fantastic behaviour. Next year, St Mary's will be hosting the Year 5 Quiz and I am already planning the topics of the rounds and the questions I will be asking the pupils who will be taking part!



**1st place  
(41 points)**



**2nd place  
(33 points)**



**3rd place  
(32 points)**



**4th place  
(30 points)**

### House triumphs!

In 1st place this week with 41 points was Air House (yellow); in 2nd place with 33 points was Fire House (red), in 3rd place was Water House (blue) with 32 points; and in 4th place with 30 points was Earth House (green).

Well done everybody!

### Parents/Carers Survey;

A HUGE thank you to everyone who took part in our annual online Parents/Carers Survey. The Senior Leadership Team will be analysing all of this information and feedback we will be sharing this information and our new actions in upcoming newsletters. Watch this space!



Do have a great weekend and enjoy England's Quarterfinal—if you can!

Kind regards

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

### **Sports Day Timetable**

#### **Reception & KS1**

8.30am - Refreshment Stall – serving Tea and Coffee (CASH ONLY ON THE DAY)

9.00am - Flag Parade

9.15am - Races begin

11.15am - Parent and Carer Race/Toddlers Race (time allowing)

#### **11.30 – 12.15pm Whole School Picnic lunch for all pupils with their parent/carer**

The kitchen will not be serving hot food. Parents/Carers can order a baguette lunch for their child via the School Grid.

The School Fundraising team will be selling Burton's Sausage Hot Dogs (vegetarian option available) – please pre-order via School Money

#### **KS2**

12.15pm - Refreshment Stall – serving Tea and Coffee (CASH ONLY ON THE DAY)

12.30pm - Flag Parade

12.45pm - Races begin

2.45pm - Parent and Carer Race/Toddlers Race (time allowing)

#### **3.00pm - Whole School Winners Presentation**

Entrance to Sports Day will be via the Catons Lane gate.





# KIDS SUMMER WORKSHOPS


Making It Mindful

FREE  
spaces!

FREE FOR CHILDREN FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES. PAID SPACES AVAILABLE.



 United Reformed Church,  
Saffron Walden


 10am - 2pm each day


 Every Friday throughout  
the summer holidays  
2024


- Cooking
- Jewellery making
- Slime workshop
- Graffiti spray painting
- Bath bombs


Every child receives a hot  
vegetarian lunch and snacks.

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# Kids Summer Workshops

## SAFFRON WALDEN

### FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST

- 10am - 12.30pm SLIME MAKING
- 12.45pm - 3.15pm PLANT YOUR OWN

### FRIDAY 9th AUGUST

- 10am - 12.30pm JEWELLERY MAKING
- 12.45pm - 3.15pm PAINT MAD

### FRIDAY 16th AUGUST

- 10am - 12.30pm COOKING CLUB
- 12.45pm - 3.15pm CARNIVAL PARTY

### FRIDAY 23rd AUGUST

- 10am - 12.30pm GRAFFITI TSHIRTS SPRAY PAINTING
- 12.45pm - 3.15pm FUN FOOD MAKING

### FRIDAY 30th AUGUST

- 10am - 12.30pm MAKE YOUR OWN BATH BOMBS
- 12.45pm - 3.15pm UPCYCLING

**Please note if children are booked on for the morning and afternoon session, they can stay during the 15 minute break.**



# Diary Dates

## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024:

Monday 1st July	- Yr 3 Stone Age Session at Forest School
Wednesday 10th July	- Yrs 3, 4 and 5 printing workshop
<b>Thursday 11th July</b>	- <b>Sports Day &amp; Picnic Lunch</b> <b>8.30am—12.15pm - EYFS and KS1</b> <b>11.30am —3.15pm - KS2</b>
Friday 12th July	- School reports out
Friday 12th July (at 9am)	- Reception Graduation Assembly
Friday 12th July	- PTA KS2 End of Year Disco (5pm to 6.30pm)
Monday 15th July	- Moving up afternoon
Monday 15th July (at 3.15pm)	- Meet the Teacher Event for Yrs 1 & 2
Monday 15th July (at 3.30pm)	- Meet the Teacher Event for Yr 3
Tuesday 16th July (at 3.15pm)	- Meet the Teacher Event for Yrs 4 & 5
Wednesday 17th July (6.00pm)	- Yrs 5 and 6 Performance
Tuesday 16th July (at 3.30pm)	- Meet the Teacher Event for Yr 6
Thursday 18th July	- Yr6 Leavers Lunch
Friday 19th July	- Yrs 1 and 2 end of year party afternoon
Tuesday 23rd July (at 11.15am)	- End of Term/Y6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 23rd July	- Last day of the academic year (1.30pm finish)

*Please note all new or changed dates are in blue.*

