

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 28th June 2024

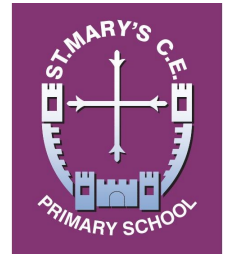
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Attendance Weekly 95.1%

Attendance Year 95.3%



*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.

Wow! What a busy and productive week it has been here at St Mary's and it has been lovely to (finally!) enjoy the gorgeous Summer weather—which has been a long time coming! Please do enjoy this week's newsletter and Class Updates—where you will find out what our amazing pupils have been learning about this week!

## Amazing Athletics Achievements!

I was almost literally blown away on Wednesday morning, when I was fortunate enough to join our Key Stage 2 Athletics Team, as they took part in the annual Uttlesford School Sports Partnership Athletics Competition, which always takes place at Carver Barracks Athletics Track each Summer term. Taking part against a large number of local primary schools (in the Medium-sized schools category) our pupils ran, hopped, skipped, jumped, leapt and threw their little hearts out in some pretty hot and sticky conditions. Putting aside the fact that our pupils kept returning



from their individual or group events adorned with lots of shiny 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed stickers, I could not have been any prouder of the effort that they all put in and how well they supported each other during their events. Furthermore, their behaviour was exemplary! At the end of the competition, Jackie Colman, who organised and ran the event along with Carron Shaw - both from the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership - revealed the final results: **St Mary's had won** and we were presented with the incredible impressive USSP Athletics Shield as overall winners—for the first time ever! Needless to say the pupils and staff (especially Miss Driscoll) were absolutely over the moon with excitement, pride, passion and emotion—deservedly so—and Miss Driscoll even did a special celebratory jog around the children and the track.



With that in mind, I would like to say a particular thank you and well done to Miss Driscoll for all of her amazing work, not just with the Athletics Team, but also all the other sports teams. I have seen the hard work that she has put into this area of our school of the last few years and can testify that quite often it can take a long period of time to see the fruits of your labours—and this is a very good example of that. Very well done Miss Driscoll! A very big marker has now been put down—I very much look forwards to this sporting success being continued! Please do enjoy the myriad of pictures on page 3 and 4 of this newsletter of our pupils enjoying this wonderful sporting occasion.

## Stars of the Week

**Jasper**—for having an excellent week and showing great effort in his learning

**Addalynn**— for always showing effort in all lessons

**Amber**—for amazing focus and attention to detail in Art

**Oliver**—for fantastic effort in English

**Lumi**— for always working hard and being a kind and supportive peer

**Sammy**—for helping with District Sports

**Bella-Rose** —for helping with District Sports

**Mbalenhle**—for excellent class discussion involvement, putting up her hand to share ideas and answer questions



## House triumphs!

In 1st place this week with 54 points was Air House (yellow); in joint 2nd place with 46 points were Fire House (red) and Earth House (green); and in 4th place with 35 points was Water House (blue). Well done everybody!



**1st place  
(54 points)**



**2nd place  
(46 points)**



**2nd place  
(46 points)**



**4th place  
(35 points)**

## Cyberbullying

We often get reports of cyberbullying or unkind comments being sent to the children from their peers via Text Or WhatsApp (13+). Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place online. As part of PSCH we hold lessons on being safe online. Unlike bullying offline, online bullying can follow the child wherever they go, via social networks, gaming and mobile phone. A person can be bullied online and offline at the same time.

Staff are trained in how to manage disclosures of cyberbullying and the process to follow, but as a parent / carer it is your responsibility to monitor your child's online use and behaviour.

The NSPCC has further information that we would encourage you to look at.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the much improved weather.

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.









# Diary Dates

## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024:

June 2023	- Yr 1 & Yr 2 Phonics Screening checks
Monday 17th – Friday 28th June	- ASSESSMENT WEEKS
Wednesday 26th June	- KS2 Athletics (Carver Bks)
Friday 28th June	- French Theatre Sans Frontieres Visit (Yrs 2–5)
Friday 28th June	- Year 6 Secondary School Transition/Taster Day (all day)
Friday 28th June (1.30pm)	- Year 5 Quiz (for 4 Year 5 pupils, 2 boys and 2 girls)
Friday 28th June	- Homework due in
<b>Monday 1st July</b>	- <b>Yr 3 Stone Age Session at Forest School</b>
Wednesday 3rd July	- Sports Day & Picnic Lunch 8.30am—12.15pm - EYFS and KS1 11.30am —3.15pm - KS2
<b>Wednesday 10th July</b>	- <b>Yrs 3, 4 and 5 printing workshop</b>
Friday 12th July	- School reports out
Friday 12th July at 9am	- Reception Graduation Assembly at 9am
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
<b>Wednesday 17th July (6.00pm)</b>	- <b>Yrs 5 and 6 Performance</b>
Tuesday 16th July (at 3.30pm)	- Meet the Teacher Event for Yr 6
Thursday 18th July	- Yr6 Leavers Lunch
Tuesday 23rd July	- 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.*

