

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 21st June 2024

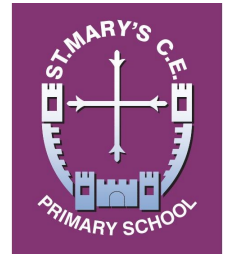
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Attendance Weekly 94.5%

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

On Tuesday this week it was Governors Day and we were visited throughout the day by a number of our lovely governors. The governors started the day in our Collective Worship as we all joined in with Matt Williamson's fun assembly which talked about the Prodigal Son. They then spent time in class and with us at breaktime and lunchtime and they spoke to pupils and staff throughout about their school experiences. It was a great day. You can find out more about this in our Class Updates!

On Wednesday this week, four pupils from Year 4 (our Fireflies Class) delivered a fantastic and interesting assembly to the Key Stage 2 pupils about the dangers of littering and the importance of looking after our environment. Hattie, Sydney, Chloe and Claudia (pictured) designed their own posters, and had also clearly carried out a lot of research in advance of their assembly. They then delivered a range of fun activities to help our other pupils to understand which items of rubbish should be recycled, which should be sent to landfill and which could be re-used.

They even constructed their own PowerPoint to help get their points across! I was very impressed by the effort that these four pupils had put into this presentation, their passion and their enthusiasm and I was also very impressed by how well the Key Stage 2 pupils sat throughout this assembly whilst they listened to the information that was shared. A great example of **Courageous Advocacy** in action here!



Stars of the week

Well done to the following pupils in Key Stage 1 who have received some of our special St Mary's Shining Star Certificates this week!

Oli—for excellent progress in reading and being very mindful in the classroom.

Lottie— for putting so much effort into her handwriting and using her sounds when writing.

Freya—for perseverance in learning her spellings.

Rose—for her dedication to joining her handwriting.

Roux - for brilliant effort in maths and writing.

Alfie—for being super helpful in the classroom.



Packed Lunches

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy mid-week evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list. Recent surveys looking at children's lunchboxes found that they were too high in fat (especially saturated fat), salt and sugar, and just under half of lunchboxes contained no fruit. School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then please visit www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/. For a range of quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas and tips.



House triumphs!

In 1st place this week with 84 points was Air House (yellow); in 2nd place with 52 points was Water House (blue); in 3rd position with 45 points was Earth House (green); and in 4th place with 63 points was Fire House (red). Well done everybody!



**1st place
(84 points)**



**2nd place
(52 points)**



**3rd place
(45 points)**



**4th place
(36 points)**

SNAP's Moving to Secondary School guide

The SNAP team have developed the 'Moving to Secondary School' guide for parents who have children with additional needs in years 4 to 6 in mainstream school. It is full of practical ideas to help with the transition and changes associated with moving to secondary school. Visit [SNAP's website](#) to download the Moving to Secondary School guide.

Uttlesford Social Outreach Service (SOS) HUB is taking place in Saffron Walden on **Thursday 27th June 10am-2pm**

The location is just off the market square next to the Saffron Walden Building society. It is warm and welcoming and there are drinks and biscuits!

This has been set up to offer local people an inviting space to discuss any problems they may be having with local organisations who may be able to offer help, support and signposting.

The following organisations will be at the SOS on the 27th June:

- Open Road
- Phoenix Futures
- UDC Welfare Officers – benefits advise
- UDC Homelessness Officer
- UDC revenues – council tax
- DWP – help with UC queries
- West Essex Mind
- Peabody Floating Support
- Employment Specialist NHS – helping people get back to work and have adjustments depending on need and health
- Essex Fire

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



Parent Invitation Lunch

We would like to invite parents/carers to join their child for lunch, tasting one of our delicious and nutritious school dinners provided by the Dolce catering team.

Year 4:- Tues 25th June (2 spaces) and Thurs 27th June—12.30pm (7 spaces)

Year 5:- Tues 2nd July (3 spaces) and Fri 5th July—12.30pm (4 spaces)

Year 6:- Tues 9th July (6 spaces) and Wed 10th July—12.30pm (8 spaces)

Cost/lunch—£3.00

Payment made via School Money 1 week before lunch required

Spaces are limited to 8 adults/day on a first come first service basis

Menu is available on the school website

Please let the school office know about any allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements in advance



My name is Ben Bouzan and I teach all brass instruments at St Mary's and SWCHS. I demonstrated the different brass instruments I teach to pupils in school, to KS2 in an assembly on Friday morning so the children could hear and see what

they could learn to play if they were interested in learning a brass instrument. I will be delivering another assembly to the KS1 children later this term.



The brass instruments I teach are listed below and can be rented in 3 month blocks so your child can make sure they have chosen the right instrument for them before you think of buying one. I can let you know where to rent/buy instruments from once you have decided on one.

Cornet/Trumpet - Played in the same way, cornet is generally the instrument younger children start on as it is shorter and easier to hold in their smaller hands than the trumpet.

French Horn - Smaller instruments available for younger children

Tenor Horn - Smallest upright brass instrument which can lead on to any of the instruments below. Generally only played in Brass and Wind bands.

Baritone - Slightly bigger than a tenor horn which can also lead on to any of the instruments below. Generally only played in Brass and Wind bands.

Euphonium - Slightly bigger than a baritone which can also lead on to any of the instruments below. Generally only played in Brass and Wind bands.

Trombone - smaller plastic instruments available for younger children in years 1-3 as the full size instrument needs long arms. Pupils can also start on the baritone before moving to the trombone.

Tuba - Very big instrument not for the faint hearted

I generally recommend a 20 minute lesson up to year 2/3 and a 30 minute lesson from year 3/4 up. Some year 3's start on 20 minutes and feel they can cope and would like a 30 minute lesson after a few lessons.

The cost per lesson from September 2024 will be

20 minute lesson - £14

30 minute lesson - £21

Please feel free to contact me at benbouzan@icloud.com if your son/daughter has an interest in playing a brass instrument and would like to try out a brass instrument or two with me in a free one to one taster session in school. I will provide the instruments for this session. If your child is in Year 6 and is interested I can still give them a taster session as I also teach at SWCHS. I can then put you in touch with the SWCHS music administrator if your child would like to start lessons there in September.



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024:

June 2023	- Yr 1 & Yr 2 Phonics Screening checks
Monday 17th to Friday 21st June	- Disability Awareness Week
Monday 17th – Friday 28th June	- ASSESSMENT WEEKS
Tuesday 18th June	- Governors Day
Wednesday 19th June	- Year 6 Bridging Day SWCH visiting St Mary's
Thursday 20th June	- Class Photographs (Kittle)
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
Wednesday 3rd July	- Sports Day & Picnic Lunch
	8.30am—12.15pm - EYFS and KS1
	11.30am —3.15pm - KS2
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
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
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.

