

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 14h June 2024

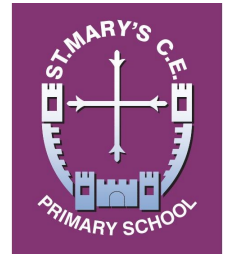
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Attendance Weekly 95.4%

Attendance Year 94.4%



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

Friendship

Trust

Truthfulness

Compassion

Perseverance

Respect

Dear Parents / Carers

This week at St Mary's has seen the Year 5 pupils head off, and return, from their residential experience to Danbury. I was fortunate enough to spend a day and a half with them and I have got to say that their behaviour was impeccable. Having also spent a lot of time on residential at my previous schools I have never seen children go off to sleep so quickly—specifically Cabin 1, who were asleep within about 20 minutes of me saying 'lights out' - well done lads! The children consistently showed our six values - with many, many examples of trust, compassion, friendship and perseverance shown throughout the adventurous activities they tackled throughout their time there. I was also very proud to see (and hear) our children displaying their excellent manners to the staff at Danbury and our teaching staff there; a fine example of their outstanding levels of respect we always expect and see on a daily basis here at St Mary's.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who attended this residential experience, particularly Mrs Potter who organised the trip and was our group leader, Mrs Burgess (our Finance Officer) and Ms Driscoll (who had also attended the Year 6 residential to West Mersea during the previous week! What incredible stamina!)

Please check out the huge array of photos that we have included in the Year 5 Class Updates which is included separately along with this newsletter today.

Stars of the week

Maisie — for always presenting her work so beautifully and working so hard in all subjects

Thomas — for always showing compassion towards his peers

Sidney — for reading aloud in Reading Comprehension

Blossom — for sharing her knowledge and showing confidence in SPAG lessons

Lilianna — for showing passion in her poetry

Jake — for commitment and focus in poetry

Max — for making good choices to burn off energy on the residential

All the Year 6s for coping so well in tents on the residential



House triumphs!

In 1st place this week with 39 points was Fire House (red); in 2nd place with 34 points was Water House (blue); in 3rd position with 28 points was Earth House (green); and in 4th place with 25 points was Air House (yellow). Well done everybody!



**1st place
(39 points)**



**2nd place
(34 points)**



**3rd place
(28 points)**



**4th place
(25 points)**

Essex Domestic Abuse Services

COMPASS is a single point of access funded by Essex County Council in partnership with the Office of Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to support victims of domestic abuse across Southend, Essex and Thurrock.

The aim is to provide a single number, which will be available 24hrs a day, for callers to speak with a trained member of staff who will complete an assessment and ensure contact is made with the most appropriate support service.

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0330 333 7 444

Messages responded to within 24 hours

For information on other services please visit:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/safeguarding/domestic-abuse/

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444

Helpline available from 8 am to 8 pm weekdays and 8 am to 1 pm weekends.

Messages will be responded to within 24hrs.

Joanna Crocker, St Mary's Welfare & Support Officer

DDSL & SMHL

As ever, please don't forget to check out our important Diary Dates (the last page of this newsletter) as there are lots and lots of events crammed in during the res of this term. We also have a few places left on our Parents Invitation lunches (see page 4). The cost of a school lunch for our visitors is £3.00, so if you are interested please contact the school office.

Finally, please don't forget to look at our Class Updates, where you will see what our pupils have been up to this week!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



CANCER
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Race for Life

Tomas in year 6 is taking part in Race for Life event this **Saturday 15th of June**, to raise funds for Cancer Research.

As a keen runner Tomas has been practising for this race. He has even helped his mother with the training. He has raised an impressive £202.50 (including Gift Aid) so far. If anyone wishes to contribute towards Tommy's fundraising please follow the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/tommys-race-for-life-3275>



Summer Fair

The PTA started the plans for a Summer Fair for 6th July. This was an ambitious event and it has been a long time since we held one. Our aim was to raise much needed funds for new IT equipment for the children.

Although we received some replies to the call for volunteers, the number of people that volunteered (staff and families) was simply not enough to pull this event together. We discussed the above with the school's senior leadership team and regrettably,

have decided not to go ahead this year. We hope this is an event we can organise in the future.

We would like to thank those parents who came forward to volunteer. We hope you and others will be able to help the PTA in the upcoming and future events. Some of you have been in touch with the PTA regarding sponsorships. We will contact you individually if you or your employer has made a donation.

In the meantime, we are exploring the possibility for the PTA to hold a prize raffle to be drawn at the end of the Sports Day on 3rd July. The raffle tickets will be available for sale on Classlist in the weeks to come.

PTA

The PTA team has really enjoyed the challenge of organising the PTA fundraising events in the last couple of years.

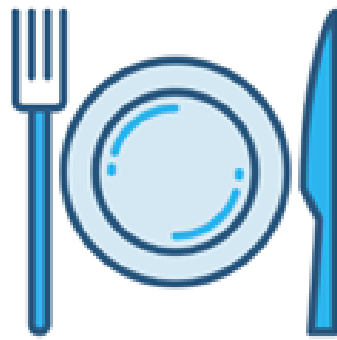
One of our trustees, Neil Griffiths, has now taken a step back and resigned from the PTA as of 23rd of May. Given ongoing work commitments, Ada Sula, also a trustee, will be resigning at the end of this academic year.

In the last two years we have organised multiple events and activities and we have raised close to £10,000 for the school. These funds have been donated to the school towards furnishing the new Library, paying for in-school events such as the annual panto, purchasing bikes, trikes and other outdoor equipment, books for the library, book bags for the children in the reception year, the leavers hoodies, as well as giving treats for Easter and Christmas. We have had a lot of fun and we hope it has helped to enrich our children's school life and learning. We would like to thank you all for all your support the PTA's fundraising efforts.

However, it is now time for us to pass the baton to the next team of PTA. Therefore, we are now looking for other members of the PTA who would like to take on leadership role within the PTA from the next academic year. If you enjoy organising fun events for the children and the school community, getting in touch with various people in the community as well as our parents and teachers, please get in touch with us as soon as possible at pta@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk to find out more. We look forward hearing from you.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Friends of St Mary's School PTA



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 2:- Tues 11th June (full) and Wed 12th June—12.20pm (4 spaces)

Year 3:- Tues 18th June (7 spaces) and Wed 19th June—12.30pm (5 spaces)

Year 4:- Tues 25th June (4 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



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024:

June 2023	-	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Phonics Screening checks
Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th June	-	Year 5 Residential Trip
Monday 10th June	-	One Plan Reviews this week
Tuesday 11th June	-	Crucial Crew Event for Year 6 pupils
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)
Thursday 27th 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 (all day)
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	-	Friday 19th July - Book Fair Week TBC
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
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.

