

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 7th June 2024

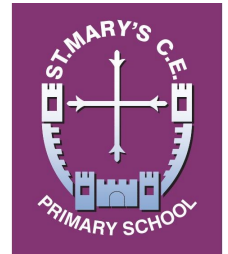
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Attendance Weekly 94.6%

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 and carers and friends of the school,

It has been another busy and productive week here at St Mary's, as our Summer term rapidly progresses. On Monday the Year 6 pupils departed for their residential experience at West Mersea and judging from the amazing photographs and daily reports from Mr Clarke the children and staff are having a really great time. I have no doubt that they will all (staff included!) sleep extremely well tonight—and most probably for the rest of the weekend after all of their endeavours!



It has also been lovely to welcome in parents and carers of Year 1 pupils to our Dolce Parent Invitation lunches. Over the last two weeks we have welcomed some of our Reception and Year 1 parents/carers to book a school meal and take part in our lunchtime experience in the dining hall and the feedback has been great! Next week it will be the turn of our Year 2 parents/carers, and they will be followed by the remaining years groups in Key Stage 2.

This afternoon, we welcomed the Bishop of Colchester, Roger Morris, to St Mary's to deliver an assembly and bless our lovely school and officially 'open' our new wing which includes our new library, Inclusion Office, Nurture Room and much needed SEND Spaces and toilet facilities. We invited over 40 guests to this special event which included: current and previous Governors, current and previous Chairs of our PTA, local church members, a representative from the Stort Valley Trust, our Inclusion Partner from West SEND Services, builders, plumbers, electricians and mechanical engineers, project managers, architects, designers, carpenters and our local artist, who all helped bring our grand vision into reality. Also attending were our brilliant and hardworking staff members and music teachers and some representatives from local businesses (including Tesco, Cheffins and the Saffron Walden Roundtable) who have all made kind and generous donations to our building works. Bishop Roger talked to the children and adults present about his job as a Bishop and about his passions and hobbies and then following the assembly he was then taken on a tour of the school by our Worship Lead, Caroline Jeewan, as well as members of the Worship Council. The other guests were then given a tour of the new buildings with myself and Mrs Robinson leading them and everything was then finished off with some lovely tea and cakes in our school hall. All in all it was a brilliant event and lots of fantastic memories for our fantastic pupils, staff and visitors to take away.

## Stars of the week

Well done to our Key Stage 1 superstars, photographed on the right, for all of your hard work in class and showing our 3 Core Skills of Safe, Effort and Respect.

**Ruby R** - for making consistent effort in reading and handwriting

**Charlie** - for challenging himself in Maths and working on his deeper thinking skills

**Alfie** - for consistent effort in PE

**Ruby B** - for consistent effort with her spellings



## **Warm Weather Reminder:**

### **Hats, Sunscreen and Water Bottles:**



As the weather is now much warmer & sunnier, please can we remind all of our parents and carers that your child/ren should have a high factor sun cream applied before they come to school each day. They should also bring a sun hat and water bottle both clearly named. You can also send a bottle of sun lotion into school (also clearly named) for the children to apply before breaktimes and lunchtimes. Children should also now be wearing their Summer uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.



### **Online safety guide**

#### **Starter tips to get children safe online**

Children's use of the internet is becoming more mobile and interactive offering young people more opportunities to interact and meet new people, so it's never been more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world.

There is a really helpful guide on Internet Matters, for more info visit:

[www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide/](http://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide/)

### **House triumphs!**

In 1st place this week with 102 points was Air House (yellow); in 2nd place with 77 points was Water House (blue); in 3rd position with 56 points was Earth House (green); and in 4th place with 42 points was Fire House (red). Well done everybody!



**1st place  
(102points)**



**2nd place  
(77points)**



**3rd place  
(56 points)**



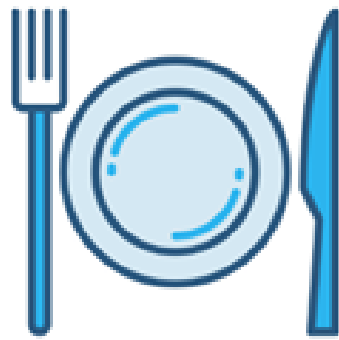
**4th place  
(42 points)**

I hope you all have a fantastic 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 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

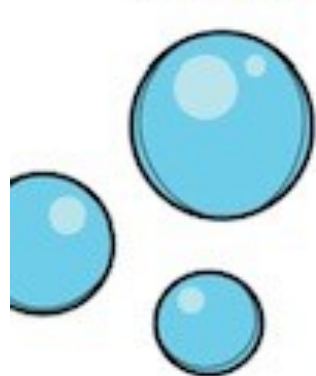
Spaces are limited to 8 adults/day on a first come first service basis

Menu is available on the school website

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

# ARTS & CRAFTS

CRAFTYKIDZ SAFFRON WALDEN



## Under the Sea Arts & Craft Session



Saturday 22nd June

10.00 - 11.15

St Mary's Primary School  
Saffron Walden



For more information and to book  
[bookwhen.com/crafty-kids](http://bookwhen.com/crafty-kids)



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# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024:

Monday 3rd June	-	(8.30am) Pupils returned to school
Monday 3rd June	-	Yr4 Multiplication Checks to be completed - next 2 weeks
June 2023	-	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Phonics Screening checks
Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June	-	Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 5th June at 9.30am	-	Reception Parents/Carers Welcome Meeting (new intake)
Friday 7th June at 1.30pm	-	Bishop Roger visiting St Mary's to bless the school
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
Thursday 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)
Saturday 6th July	-	School Fete (all day) To be confirmed
Monday 8th July at 10.30am	-	Yr5 & Yr6 Dress Rehearsal Performance to whole school
Tuesday 9th July at 6pm	-	Yr5 & Yr6 Performance in School Hall Parents Invited (6pm)
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.*