

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 24 May 2024

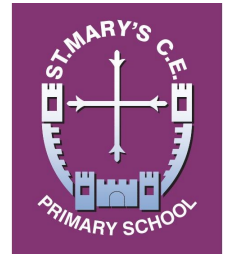
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Attendance Weekly 94.6%

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,

Active Travel Pledge:

This year St Mary's is taking part in the Uttlesford District Council's school pledge scheme to help promote active travel. As part of Saffron Walden's Clean Air project, we're encouraging everyone to travel to and from school by either walking, cycling or scootering. When people need to use a car, we're promoting car sharing to help reduce congestion and air pollution.

Making the switch is easier than you think.

- Walking - Simply give yourself a few more minutes in the morning to walk to school, enjoy the warmer weather and get fitter too!
- Cycling/Scootering - Head out on your cycle and scooter to and from school.
- Car sharing - If you have to travel to school by car, why not see if you can car share with a friend that lives close by? Car sharing saves you money and also helps to reduce congestion and air pollution.

This summer term we'd like to see how many people we can get to make the switch! Help us make a difference in our community. Go for it!

Stars of the week

Huge congratulations to the following pupils who have been showing one of our six school values of **Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Perseverance, Compassion** or **Respect**, or one of our three Core Skills of being **Safe**, showing **Respect** or putting lots of **Effort** into their work consistently. See if you can spot which one of these values or skills the pupils below have been displaying!

Eva - for always showing effort and respect.

Barney - for showing compassion & kindness to all of the pupils in Year 3.

Hattie and **Sydney** - for being passionate and proactive with their litter-picking project.

Jesse - for continued hard work and progress in maths.

Elsa - for fantastic achievements in reading.

Molly - for being an active learner in all our English lessons.

Maisie - for showing great leadership abilities as a playleader.

Goodbye Mrs North!

On Thursday, it was our Inclusion Leader and SENDCo, Mrs North's, last day here at St Mary's and she will be really missed!

At the end of the day we had a special assembly and presented her with some gifts, some flowers and a card from everybody at the school. Mrs North said what a great, inclusive school we have got and how lucky we are to have such amazing, hard-working staff and brilliant pupils.

We all thanked Mrs North for everything she has done for the school and closed with a prayer all about new beginnings—which made us think of what we all have to look forward to and also new challenges and new starts— something that we all have to think about from time to time! I am sure you will all join us in keeping Mrs North in our thoughts and prayers as she begins this new chapter in



Talented Artists! By Mr Powlesland

Every Tuesday, our small English Language group have been spending time on some art projects while talking informally, in English, to help everyone grow in confidence whilst learning some new vocabulary. You may already have noticed some colourful bird boxes in the



tree outside the main school entrance, made by these lovely children, and now we have been trying our hand at painting canvases of our local area using acrylics. Three of our pupils decided to

paint St Mary's Church which is great as it is our school's namesake. We also like to go to the park and chat, or play board games. You may even have seen us in Saffron Walden in some of the shops as we do some exploring.



What a talented group! Thanks Mr Powlesland!

Please do have a great half term and I look forwards to seeing you all back at school on Monday 3rd June at 8.30am.

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop-in sessions held once a month around the Uttlesford District, support and advice offered by a School Nurse and the 5-19 Healthy Family Support Practitioner.

Parents can ask advice about behaviour and emotional needs, bed wetting and soiling issues plus other health needs that may be impacting on both home and school life.

SAFFRON WALDEN HOSPITAL Radwinter Rd, Saffron Walden

Clinic Room outpatients department 15:30 – 17:00

4th June 2024

SPANGLES FAMILY HUB, St John's Rd, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted CM24 8JP

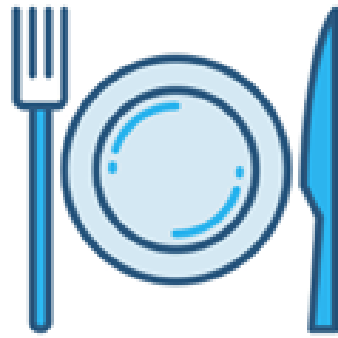
15.30-17.00

2nd July



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WE CHANGE LIVES BY TRANSFORMING HEALTH AND CARE.



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.

Reception:- Tues 21st May (2 spaces) & Thurs 23rd May— 12.00pm (full)

Year 1:- Tues 4th June (3 places) and Thurs 6th June—12.10pm (7 spaces)

Year 2:- Tues 11th June (5 spaces) and Wed 12th June—12.20pm (6 spaces)

Year 3:- Tues 18th June (7 spaces) and Wed 19th June—12.30pm (6 spaces)

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

Year 5:- Tues 2nd July (7 spaces) and Fri 5th July—12.30pm (8 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:

Monday 20th May	-	Yr5 Residential Parent Meeting (5pm)
Tuesday 21st May	-	Yr6 Residential Parent Meeting (5pm)
Tuesday 21st May (all day)	-	Cricket Tournaments for Year 5 and 6
From 27th—31st May	-	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 3rd June	-	(8.30am) Pupils return 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.