

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 19th April 2024

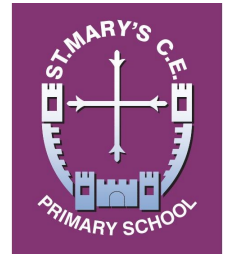
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Attendance Weekly 96.2%

Attendance Year 94.3%



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,

Welcome Back

Hello and a warm (ish) welcome back to our Summer term at St Mary's – I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed your time with family and friends and that every single child feels fully rested, refreshed and ready to return to school for the final term of this academic year—and, as ever, it promises to be an extremely busy one!

I am delighted to report that it has been a calm and positive start to our new term and all of the pupils have once again settled in really well. We must say hello to Mr **Powlesland**, who has joined the Year 1 team, teaching the Ladybirds class **every Friday**. I am sure that he will settle in really quickly to our lovely school and that everyone will help him to feel truly welcomed – particularly his fantastic class.

Please take time to read this week's **Class Updates** where you can see what each of our classes have been learning about and which topics they will be studying this term. Don't forget to have a look at our **Topic Pages**, available on our school website, using this link: <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/summer-april-2024-july-2024/> These Topic Pages are updated at least once a term, and for some classes once a half term. In the curriculum section of our website you can also have a look at the previous Topic Pages from their current class and previous classes too!

Finally, please make a note of all of the **Diary Dates** listed on the last two pages of this newsletter. Yes—there are indeed **two pages worth** of diary dates to add to your own calendars—and it would be great to see lots of friendly faces in our community events this term. More information about these events will follow in future Newsletters.

Kind regards

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

Summer Term Clubs — There are still places on the following clubs

KS2 Science Club (Mondays after school)

Yrs 3/4 Art Club (Mondays after school)

Yrs 1/2 Lego Club (Tuesday lunch)

Yrs 1/2 Art Club (Tuesdays after school)

On Track (Free club Wednesdays after school)

If you would like to book a place for your child/ren please contact the School Office. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium are entitled to one free club.



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FREE

'SEND Support for Parents & Carers' Meet Ups

Join like minded
people who
understand!

Can I attend if my
child hasn't got a
diagnosis yet?

YES!

Share your
experiences,
views & gain
advice

SEND
(Special
Educational Needs
& Disabilities)



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Harlow

Colchester

Basildon

Online

Online



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FAMILY FIRST AID WORKSHOP OFFER

FREE



FIRST AID KIT

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

*2 x 2 hour 'Family First Aid'
sessions in your school for
parents, carers,
grandparents, staff

*FREE

*Qualified tutors available
to deliver sessions from 10
June 2024 onwards

*FREE of charge (you just
provide a suitable room)

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Essex County Council



National Smile Month 2024

Love your Smile.

Community
Dental
Services



National Smile Month

is a great way to promote oral health within your setting.

This year's theme is
"Love your Smile"

Here are some activity ideas for your setting.

Activity Ideas

1. Create a poster competition.
2. Draw a silly smile picture board.
3. Hand out brushing charts to the children.
4. Hold an assembly promoting oral health.

The Oral Health Foundation has activities your setting could participate in:-

<https://www.dentalhealth.org/Pages/Site/national-smile-month/Category/activities-for-schools>

or visit CDS Family Fun Page

<https://www.communitydentalservices.co.uk/oral-health-improvement/family-fun-information/>

Write a letter to the Tooth Fairy

During this year's National Smile Month, the tooth fairy wants to receive letters from her most admiring followers, so make sure to write one!

The tooth fairy wants to know how well children are taking care of their teeth.

The letters can be sent to the Oral Health Foundation office who will publish some on their social media.

**Tooth Fairy
Smile House
2 East Union Street
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV22 6AJ**

The tooth fairy is looking forward to receiving and reading all the lovely letters!




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My Brushing Chart

Name: _____ Age: _____

Put a smiley face or a tick in the box every time you brush your teeth and gums!

 morning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 bedtime	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday



Notes for Parents.

Children should have their own toothbrush and be supervised at all times when brushing. Teeth should be brushed last thing at night and one other time during the day, usually in the morning.

Children under 3 years old should have a smear of fluoride toothpaste containing at least 1000ppm F on the brush.

Children over 3 years old should use a small 'pea-sized' amount of fluoride toothpaste containing at least 1000ppm F.

After brushing **SPIT DON'T RINSE!!**



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024:

Monday 15th April	-	INSET DAY
Friday 19th April	-	Yr6 pupils begin swimming lessons (last day 12th July)
Friday 26th April	-	Homework Out
Thursday 2nd May	-	Yr4 Rapid Fire cricket tournament
Monday 6th May	-	BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)
Thursday 9th May	-	Ascension Day- book Church TBC
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May	-	Yr6 SATs Week
Thursday 16th May Census Day	-	Special Lunch
Friday 17th May	-	Yr1 Learn to Ride & Reception Scoot Fit TBC)
Monday 20th May	-	Yr5 Residential Parent Meeting (5pm)
Tuesday 21st May	-	Yr6 Residential Parent Meeting (5pm)
Tuesday 21st May (all day)	-	Cricket Tournaments – Chris J and Bryna attending
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	-	Yr6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 5th June at 9.30am	-	New Reception Parents/carers Meeting (new intake)
Thursday 6th June	-	9.30am New Reception Parents Meeting
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 20th June	-	Class Photographs (Kittle)
Thursday 27th June	-	KS2 Athletics (Carver Bks)
Thursday 27th June	-	Year 6 Bridging Day (TBC)
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





Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024 (continued...):

Wednesday 3rd July	- Sports Day (all day)
Saturday 6th July	- School Fete (all day)
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
Monday 15th	- 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
Friday 19th 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 take a look at the new outlook calendar – where all important school dates are now stored. Please note these important dates in your diary/calendar. Staff members will share any important dates from their class/phase or subject specialism in this area.

