

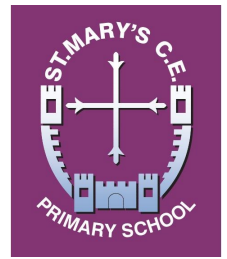
# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 14th November 2025

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Attendance Weekly 95.7%  
Attendance Year 96.7%

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

Compassion

Friendship

Perseverance

Respect

Trust

Truthfulness

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Although the weather is not quite as lovely as we'd like—the pupils and staff are still working incredibly hard. Please read on to find out what we've been up to this week. Don't forget to check out our Class Updates to see what our pupils have been learning about in class, as well as our Diary Dates (which is on the last page of this newsletter).

## Remembrance Week at Our School

This week, pupils and staff took part in two very special events to mark Remembrance.

On **Monday 10th November**, the whole school walked to **St Mary's Church** for our annual **Remembrance Service**. The church was calm and peaceful as pupils, staff and families gathered together to reflect. Children from Years 6 led readings and prayers, reminding us of the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. The school also sang *"This is Remembrance Day"* beautifully, and everyone joined in a thoughtful one-minute silence. Reverend Jeremy spoke to us about hope, peace and the role we all play in building a kinder world.

On **Tuesday 11th November**, representatives from the **School Council, Worship Council**, and I visited the **town memorial** to lay a wreath on behalf of the whole school community. The pupils behaved with great respect and pride, taking time to read the names engraved on the memorial and consider the stories behind them. At 11am, they stood alongside other members of the community for the national two-minute silence. This was followed by all of our pupils reading aloud a moving poem on behalf of the fallen. **Please see page 3 of this newsletter to see more photos of these events.**

Both events helped our pupils understand why Remembrance matters and gave them the chance to show gratitude for those who gave so much. We are very proud of the maturity, kindness and respect shown by all our pupils throughout this week.

## St Mary's Shining Stars of the week

**Claudia**—for always having a positive attitude

**Hattie**—for always having a positive attitude

**Zara**—for settling in well to Year 5 and her amazing drawing skills

**Sofia**—for being kind, helpful and always showing respect

**Amy**—for always giving her best effort in every lesson

**Daniella**—for her effort in Maths and Phonics

**Kathryn**—for pushing herself when she finds something difficult

**Zachary**—for his enthusiasm during nativity rehearsals

**Alfie**—for his effort and perseverance in writing

**Aoife**—for her effort and vocabulary choices in writing

**Hattie**—for always giving her best effort, no matter the subject or lesson

**Reception Class**—for sitting so beautifully in the Church—well done!

**Muhammed**—for a great first week at St Mary's and a great attitude to learning

**Charlie**—for showing real commitment to learning in Maths and a wonderful effort

**Huxley**—for making thoughtful observations during class discussions and tackling harder maths problems

**Jude and Elsie**—for a wonderful start to their school life at St Mary's



### **House triumphs!**

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 58 points was Water House; in 2nd place with 44 points was Air House, in 3rd place with 43 points was Earth House and in 4th place with 37 points was Fire House. Well done everybody!



**1st place  
(58 points)**



**2nd place  
(44 points)**



**3rd place  
(43 points)**



**4th place  
(37 points)**

### **Movement for fun**

This week 11 KS1 children attended a movement through physical fun event hosted by Jackie Coleman and Carron Shaw at the lord Butler Leisure Centre. The morning was full of laughter and joy and was a huge success. They took part in various activities led by SWCHS students – Obstacle race, Net catch, football skills, human rock paper scissor stone, stacking cups and trampolining. All the children had a wonderful morning exploring new activities and working as part of a team. All our pupils behaved impeccably, and we were extremely proud of them all how they embraced the morning.

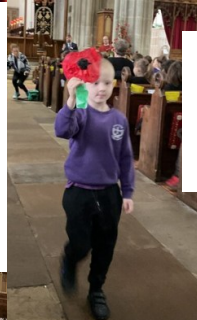


Have a lovely weekend.

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

# Remembrance Week at Our School



## Dolce—School meals

Just a polite reminder from Dolce, please remember to always pre-order your children's meals and that your account is always in credit please.



## Admissions September 2026

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 10 November 2025**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above

## FOSM KS2 Disco—Friday 5th December



We're excited to announce that the **KS2 Disco** will be held on **Friday 5th December 2025** from **5:00pm to 6:30pm** in the school hall! Children can look forward to an evening of **music, dancing, fun, and festive cheer** with their friends - a great way to kick off the Christmas season!

**Tickets are now available to purchase online here:**

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/KS2Disco>

As always, proceeds raised from this event will go towards supporting **Friends of St Mary's** projects to enhance our school for all the children. Please purchase your tickets by **Monday 1st December 2025**.



## FOSM Christmas Fair—Father Christmas Tickets. Friday 12th December

We are absolutely delighted to announce that tickets are **available** to visit **Father Christmas at the St Mary's Christmas Fair!**

We're thrilled that Father Christmas has found time in his very busy schedule to visit Saffron Walden, at our Christmas Fair on **Friday 12th December**, between **4:30pm and 6:30pm**. The Friends of St Mary's team will be creating a magical grotto for his visit, to meet the children in - a truly special experience for all!

Each ticket costs **£7.50 per child** and includes a **special gift from Father Christmas**. Visits will be in **five-minute slots**, accommodating up to **three children** at a time.

Tickets are selling fast, and we have already been blown away by the support and excitement from our school community. If you haven't received the booking link via your class WhatsApp group, you can find it here:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/visitfatherchristmas>



We can't wait to see you at the Christmas Fair and to share a wonderful festive evening together!

DECEMBER 5TH

5:00PM - 6:30PM



# KIS2 Disco

TATTOOS - REFRESHMENTS -  
BUBBLES - SWEETS

Friends of St Mary's and St Mary's Primary School  
presents their annual

# Christmas FAIR

**MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS!**

(Bookings only and a small fee applies)

Join us, and Father Christmas, for an evening of  
crafts, food, cakes and games!

**12/12/2025**  
4.30pm until 6.30pm

St Mary's Primary School

**FREE  
ENTRY**





# Diary Dates

## Key Dates for the Autumn & Winter Term

Monday 10th November	- Reception—Year 6 Book Look (8.30am—9.00am)
	- Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (11.00am)
	- Parent/Carers Consultations (3.30pm—6.30pm) Year 1 only
Tuesday 11th November	- Parent/Carers Consultations (3.30pm—6.30pm)
Thursday 13th November	- Parent/Carers Consultations (3.30pm—6.30pm) - NOT YEAR 1
Monday 24th November	- Year 5 Parent/Carers Residential Information Meeting (5.00pm)
Monday 1st December	- Friends of St Mary's AGM (3.30pm—4.15pm)
Friday 5th December	- FOSM KS2 Disco (5.00pm—6.30pm)
Saturday 6th December	- School Choir—Spirit of Christmas at St Mary's Church (1.30pm)
Monday 8th December	- EYFS/KS1 Nativity at St Mary's Church (6.00pm)
Wednesday 10th December	- EYFS/KS1 Scoot Fit
Thursday 11th December	- FOSM Panto
Friday 12th December	- FOSM Christmas Fair (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Wednesday 17th December	- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 19th December	- Carol Service at St Mary's Church (9.30am)
	- End of Term—1.30pm Finish
Monday 5th January	- Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January	- First Day back for pupils
6th—8th January	- Year 5 Residential Trip (Burwell House)

