

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 14th July 2023

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Attendance Weekly 96.3%

Attendance Year 95.1%



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

**Friendship**

**Trust**

**Truthfulness**

**Compassion**

**Perseverance**

**Respect**

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

## The end is in sight!

As we rapidly approach the end of the Summer Term, it has been another busy week here at St Mary's. On Monday and Tuesday we hosted our annual **Meet the Teacher** after school sessions, which we always hold towards the end of each academic year, so that parents and carers get the opportunity to make contact with their child's (or children's) class teacher to find out about the new yearly curriculum, as well as some useful hints and tips. Once again, there was a great turnout for each of these teacher workshops—we very much hope that you found these useful. This morning we also enjoyed our special Reception Graduation Event. Once again, there was a brilliant turn out of parents and carers who came to see their children celebrate their journey to the end of their Butterflies class. Where has the time



gone this year?

## Family Fun Run

On Wednesday this week, at 9am, St Mary's hosted our **Sponsored Family Fun Run** - to raise money for our very exciting, upcoming building works, which are taking place throughout the Summer holiday break. It was an absolutely brilliant morning, with every pupil from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 running together. The sun was out, the sky was blue and the silly costumes were out in force and that was just the parents!

# Amount raised so far:

**£3121**

At 9am every St Mary's class came down to the field and joined together with the waiting parents, carers and friends of the school for the Fun Run briefing. Then



everyone separated into their four Houses: Air, Earth, Fire and Water, to complete a crazy warm up to some energetic music. Then, the whistle blew—and off we went! The objective was to try and run, jog or walk as many laps as possible in half an hour. Some fit and healthy individuals sprang out of the traps with lots of vim and vigour and set a rapid

Class	Amount Raised on Investmycommunity	Cash donations (paper forms)	Total:	Current Overall Position:
Reception/Butterflies	£315	£10	£325	5th
Year 1/Ladybirds	£535	£33	£568	2nd
Year 2 /Caterpillars	£499	£10	£509	3rd
Year 3/Grasshoppers	£311		£311	6th
Year 4/Fireflies	£563	£10	£573	1st
Year 5/Busybees	£339		£339	4th
Year 6/Dragonflies	£191	£10	£201	7th
Staff & Friends of the school	£60		£60	8th

Pace running non-stop throughout; some took a more sedentary tempo. Whatever, everyone had a great time building up their fitness, chatting with friends and family—all in a very good cause! At the end everyone who took part (adults included) received a special medal and took part in the Fun Run photo. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who took part in the event and who have helped or contributed to our fundraising efforts so far. A BIG thanks also to Will and Amelia (our Fundraising Ambassadors) for all their help promoting this event.



Remember—there is exactly **one week to go** to make any final donations to your child (or their class) and to ensure that all donation money is collected in. The winning class will be presented with the inaugural Fundraising trophy at the Leaver's Service on the last day of term. As you can see from the Fundraising table on the previous page there is **just £5 separating Year 4 and Year 1 in 1st and 2nd positions in the overall leaderboard**. Big shout out must also go out to Year 2 as well, who have shot up the leader board like little rockets and have moved from last place (a few weeks ago) to 3rd position. Positions are very tight and it could literally go either way!

**Please keep raising money this weekend and throughout next week and let's see who crosses the finishing line first!**

### Ollee

Ollee is a digital friend for ages 8-11 – created by Parent Zone and funded by [BBC Children in Need](#). It helps children explore feelings around school, family, friends, the world and much, much more. Ollee asks how you're feeling and offers ideas about what to do. If you're not sure, Ollee will help you figure it out.



Children and parents can both create and connect Ollee accounts – to share advice together. Try Ollee in a [web browser](#) or download the app to your device. [www.app.olliee.org.uk](http://www.app.olliee.org.uk)

### **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOOL DINNERS**



From September 2023 we are changing the way we provide school meals to all children. We will be using an outside catering company, Dolce. Our current catering staff, Mr Banks and Ms Saville will still be cooking the meals.

There are some important changes that will be made, which you will need to be aware of:

- **Parents/Carers must pre-order a school meal via the School Grid. Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and KS2 Free School Meal children will not be charged. KS2 children who have a paid meal will be charged £2.55/meal.**
- Orders close at 08.55 of the morning the lunch is required, **no orders can be placed after this time. No orders will be taken in class or by the school office.**
- We will be starting back in September with the Week Two menu.
- Once the system closes for the day, changes to orders cannot be made. Please talk to your child/ren to make sure they are aware what has been chosen for their lunch each day.
- Dolce will not be running a credit system and School Grid accounts will need to be kept in credit at all times. The school cannot take payments on their behalf.
- Log in information for the School Grid will be sent out soon. Please note that the School Grid only allows one parent/carer contact per child.
- If your child has a medically confirmed allergy, Dolce will need a copy of medical evidence from a GP or consultant.
- **If you have any questions regarding your child/ren account etc, please call the Dolce Customer Care Team on 01942 707 709 (Opt. 1) or email [customer care@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customer care@dolce.co.uk) (8.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday).**

Please read all information regarding this change which can be found on our school website.

<https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/school-dinnerhealthy-snacks/>



### **End of Year Reports:**

Today, all our parents and carers will be receiving their child/ren's end-of-year report, which will have come home with your child in their bookbag—please keep a look out for this important document. If you have any questions about the contents of this report please speak to your class teacher. If you feel the need to discuss your child/ren's progress this year then you can arrange a meeting with your class teacher next week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

I hope you have a great weekend!

Kind regards

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

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

# LEAVERS LUNCH

Thursday 20th July

**All Day Breakfast**  
(Scrambled Egg, Pork Sausage or Veggie Sausage,  
Hash Brown, Grilled Tomato, Mushrooms  
and Bake Beans)  
Salad Bar, Homemade Bread  
Chocolate Brownies with Ice-Cream  
Fresh Fruit Bar

## Goodbye year 6



# **SORT YOUR SETTINGS**

**HELP YOUR CHILDREN**



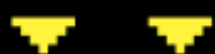
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# School Fundraising Team

## Rocket Lolly Sale



50p

Weekly



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Summer Term:

Monday 10th July

- Moving up session meet the Teacher  
Y1 and Y2 at 3.15 – 3.30 in Y1 and Y2 classrooms  
Y3 3.30 – 3.45 in Y3 classroom

Tuesday 11th July

- Moving up session meet the Teacher  
Y4 and Y5 at 3.15 – 3.30 in Y4 and Y5 classrooms  
Y6 3.30 – 3.45 in Y6 classroom

Wednesday 12th July

- Sponsored Family Fun Run Fundraiser (am only)

Friday 14th July

- Reception Graduation (in the school hall) at 9am  
(CHANGE OF DATE)

Friday 14th July

- Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle

Friday 14th July

- Reports out to parents & carers

Monday 17th July

- Spirit of the Wild visit to the school to Reception & KS1

Monday 17th July

- Year 5/6 Dress rehearsal to the school of Olivia (1.30pm)

Tuesday 18th July

- Year 5/6 Performance to parents/carers of Olivia (6pm)

Thursday 20th July

- PTA Danceathon Fundraising Event

Friday 21st July

- Leavers Service 9.30am in St Mary's Church

Friday 21st July

- Last Day of School Year—1.30pm Finish

*\* new or amended items added are in blue*

