

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 7th July 2023

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Attendance Weekly 96.3%

Attendance Year 95%



*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,

## Year 6 Fundraiser:

A **HUGE** well done to the Year 6 pupils, who ran a fundraiser on Monday this week to raise money for their end of year Leavers celebration. The Year 6 pupils came up with the Summer Fayre concept themselves, and cleverly hosted a range of fun stalls in the school hall for other St Mary's pupils to come along and enjoy. These included face-painting, target throw, apple bobbing (with a twist!), hook the duck, a tombola—and much, much more! Please see their amazing poster on the right of this article.

The Year 6 pupils who organised this fundraiser should be highly commended for their innovation, creativity, organisation and people-management skills—particularly how they turned this event around so quickly, especially having to cope with a number of last minute challenges—including the rain! I was incredibly impressed to find out that they had raised over £300 by the end of this event! Thanks also to the parents/carers who came along to oversee them and help out. Congratulations to everyone involved!



## Sports Day 2023

This year, St Mary's Sports Day took place on the rearranged date of Thursday 6th July. This year, excitingly, we introduced our four new House Colour groups which had been chosen by St Mary's pupils. Throughout the event Green was to be called Earth, Yellow was Air, Blue was Water and Red was Fire. Each House also had four newly designed House crests/logos, created by Scarlett F in Year 6. The Key Stage 1 event took place in the morning, with the Key Stage 2 event taking place in the afternoon.



The morning's and afternoon's events were both started off with brilliantly co-ordinated dances, in the morning by the Year 1 (Ladybird) class, and in the afternoon by the Year 6 class; we all agreed this was a lovely way of starting both events, as well as welcoming our visiting parents and carers and friends of the school. Then both key stage competitions began in earnest. All of the Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils, in their colour groups, took part in a series of sporting challenges which included: the space hopper race, egg and spoon race, balance race, skipping race, obstacle race, sack race, flat race and finally the relay race and then took a well-deserved rest under their decorated gazebos (with their special new house logos on display). Points were awarded to children who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each race, with all pupils given stickers for participation. Every few races, Mr Jarman gave everyone a score update on his loudspeaker with Miss Hunter keeping everyone visually updated by recording the points on the large whiteboard.

At the end, certificates were presented to pupils for showing our six school values of compassion, friendship, perseverance, respect, trust and truthfulness in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Throughout the PTA and the School Fundraising Team raised money for the school by selling bacon

butties, hot and cold drinks and even topping up water bottles! Furthermore, pre-loved uniform and bespoke programmes were sold and all monies added to our fundraising pot. The PTA also kindly donated ice-lollies for every single pupil; these were awarded as a special treat at the very end of the day. Please watch this space to find out what we raised altogether, in next week's newsletter!

Huge thanks to Miss Driscoll for all of her hard work in organising this brilliant event, as well as all of the help from the PTA team! Congratulations also to Water (Blue) House for winning the Key stage 1 event and to Earth (Green) House for winning the Key Stage 2 event!

### **KT Haynes from the Stort Valley School's Trust**

At St Mary's we appreciate that everyone is an individual and we work hard to create an environment where all children are nurtured, not only in their academic life, but also in their personal, social and emotional development. We encourage our children to make good choices, to communicate confidently and show consideration for others at all times.



We are extremely fortunate to have KT Haynes (pictured from the Stort Valley Schools Trust (SVST) working with us, contributing to the spiritual and emotional development of the school community. The chaplain is on site every week offering pastoral support and working closely with the inclusion team and class teams, offering gentle interventions to both pupils and staff.

For some, the support is a planned weekly session and for others this may be as a drop-in. Planned sessions are offered to year groups or the whole school as assemblies or collective worship, which is part of the school curriculum. Other sessions have included "rooted" a lunch time club, as well as class-based sessions. This term the focus has been on transitions for the year 6 pupils with each pupil having a 1:1 session as well as a whole class soul space

session, run by the chaplain and class teacher, which focused on the children's plans for the future.

We are so fortunate to have such a great relationship with SVST and really value what they do and what they offer to us as a whole school community. This support is vital to the well-being of both pupils and staff and contributes to the school's ethos of being an inclusive, supportive and friendly school.

### **Safe and happy childhood**

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives. They have a wealth of experience and knowledge and some excellent parenting tips. For more information visit: [www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)



### **Reports and new class staffing team:**

As you will be aware, next Friday (14th July) each child will receive their final yearly report. Along with your child's report you will find a letter which will again share their new class teacher and the staffing team for their new class as well as your child's attendance for the academic year up to that point. If you have any questions about your child's report, please speak to your class teacher, at the first instance.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

*Mr C. D. Jarmain*

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



# SCHOOL FUN RUN

Wednesday  
12th July



Amelia and Will  
Fundraising Ambassadors



School Fundraising Team

## Rocket Lolly Sale



50p

Weekly

School Fundraising Team

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50p

Weekly

SPONSORED FAMILY FUN RUN

Fancy dress!

# SCHOOL FUN RUN

12th July

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Love Essex • Love Wildlife



# Make summer Wild

NATURE TOTS  
DROP OFF DAYS  
FOREST FUN  
SUMMER EVENTS  
PLUS LOTS MORE!

## School holiday activities

Let your children **connect with nature** in the great outdoors this summer holiday! With fun Forest School days, weekly Nature Tots group, creative activities to help wildlife, trails to explore and amazing family events and activities, this will be the **best summer holiday yet!**

Book a place or find out more:  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/school-holiday](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/school-holiday)



**Essex**  
Wildlife Trust



# Wild Drop-off days

EXPLORE  
LEARN ABOUT WILDLIFE  
NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
BUILD CONFIDENCE  
PLUS MORE!

## School holiday drop-off days

We are offering drop-off days **for children aged 5 and over** to **explore our fabulous outdoor locations for wildlife!** Our programmes help to build confidence, enhance self-esteem and develop social skills. Each group is led by an experienced Wilder Learning Officer.

Book your sessions or find out more:  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/drop-off-days](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/drop-off-days)



**Essex**  
Wildlife Trust

Thursday 27th  
Monday 31st July  
9.00am-3.00pm



ANGLIAN  
LEISURE  
JOYCE FRANKLAND

Ages 5-12 years

£15.00 per  
child

# SUMMER SPORTS

## CAMP!

FOOTBALL / DODGEBALL / FUN GAMES

NERF WARS / BADMINTON

AND SO MUCH MORE...

TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE CALL 01799 796264



### PE kit and school uniform:

Just a quick reminder that if you are buying sports kit or school uniform ready for the next academic year in September to check out our School Uniform Policy, which is available on our School Website if you follow this link: <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/uniform-information/>

Please may I ask that in the case of sports kit that tracksuit tops, bottoms and leggings are **plain black** (without large logos and without other colours) and that children wear the purple St Mary's sports top with our special crest. Please also be aware that we have some spare school uniform, which has kindly been donated to the school.

Please email us on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk) if you would like to find out if any of this uniform would be available for your child/ren.



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Summer Term:

- Monday 3rd July at 7.00pm - Saffron Walden County High Year 7 Transition evening for Parents and Carers
- Tuesday 4th July 5—6.30pm - Leaver's Disco for all Key Stage 2 classes
- Thursday 6th July - Sports Day—see poster for timings
- 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*

