

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 30th June 2023

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Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

## **Fundraising galore!**

As you will be aware, St Mary's is going full-speed-ahead with our fundraising efforts for the upcoming building work which is due to start in the next few weeks.

Earlier this week, every St Mary's pupil will have come home with the printed instructions for how to set up their own fundraising page, ready for the Sponsored Fun Run on Wednesday 12th July (these may be in their bookbags—so do check through!). Can I please urge as many parents, carers and friends of the school (and the pupils themselves!) to sign up and ideally create their own sponsorship page, using these instructions.

The competition between our classes is really hotting up and the pupils are all desperate to get their hands on the inaugural Sponsored Fundraising Trophy (and accompanying mini trophies for each pupil. As you can see from the Leaderboard (on the right) which has been taken from the InvestMyCommunity platform, Year 4 are currently in first position with an extremely impressive £293 already raised before a lap has been run! with Year 1 a close second with £210 and Year 3 in third place with an a brilliant £155.

I would like to say a massive **thank you** to everyone who has already donated, whether you are parents, carers, family members or friends. **From the Sponsored Fun Run Donations already pledged our school community has already raised £1054 towards this event. WOW! There is now 12 days until this sponsored event takes place.**

Please note that we also have paper copies of sponsorship forms, which are available at the school office.

School Fundraising Team

Rocket Lolly Sale



## **Friday Lolly Sale:**

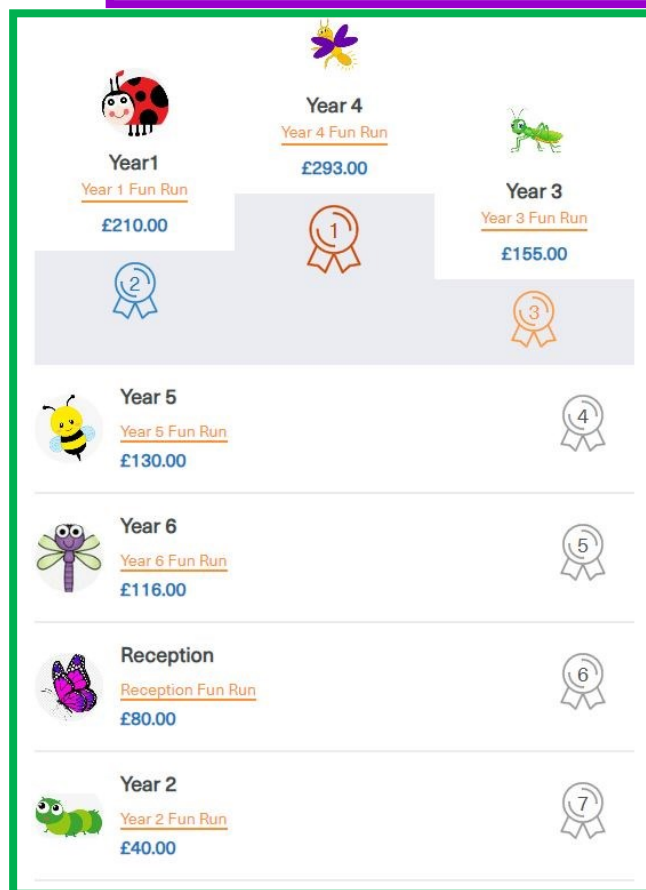
I am delighted to report that the school has currently **raised £78** from selling delicious ice-lollies every Friday after school.

A big thank you to Miss Driscoll for driving this initiative.

Lollies will be available **every Friday after school** until the end of this term.

**Total: £1,054.00**

Donated to date



## **Ofsted Inspection Report for St Mary's C of E Primary, Saffron Walden**

On Monday this week, we were very pleased to release the final Ofsted Inspection report following the successful inspection visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May this year. We felt, as a school, that the inspection was positive, fair and reflective of the school and its staff and pupils. Ofsted have confirmed that the school's good rating will be maintained. The report reflects the strongly positive feedback given orally by the inspectors in May 2023.

### ***The report highlights:***

1. the ethos of respect and compassion that exists throughout the school, allowing all who attend to feel valued and safe and to enjoy being at school, with a "strong culture" of keeping children safe;
2. The strong feeling of teamwork from leaders, teachers, support staff and governors, which supports pupils well. "This is very much a school team".
3. the high standards of behaviour and the excellent opportunities offered to pupils both educationally and in terms of extra curricular activities, with the school offering "a happy and supportive school environment and a broad, engaging and well-taught curriculum". The inspectors felt that "Personal development opportunities and lessons are a strength of the school";
4. that staff sensitively and thoughtfully consider the needs of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities and support them effectively;
5. that both parents and pupils are "overwhelmingly positive" about the school.

The report also highlights some areas in which progress can continue to be made, particularly in relation to the areas of challenging learning, handwriting and centralising management of support staff. We have identified these as areas of development and are grateful for the constructive feedback that we have received from the inspectors, which we will use to continue to develop the school.

We are very pleased that the inspection by Ofsted has recognised the progress the school is making and that it has given us a platform to continue that going forwards. Perhaps most importantly, the report recognises that "Pupils are at the heart of all [we] do". We agree. We are grateful to the continuing support of the governors, staff, parents, carers and pupils in making **St Mary's a happy and fulfilling school to attend**.

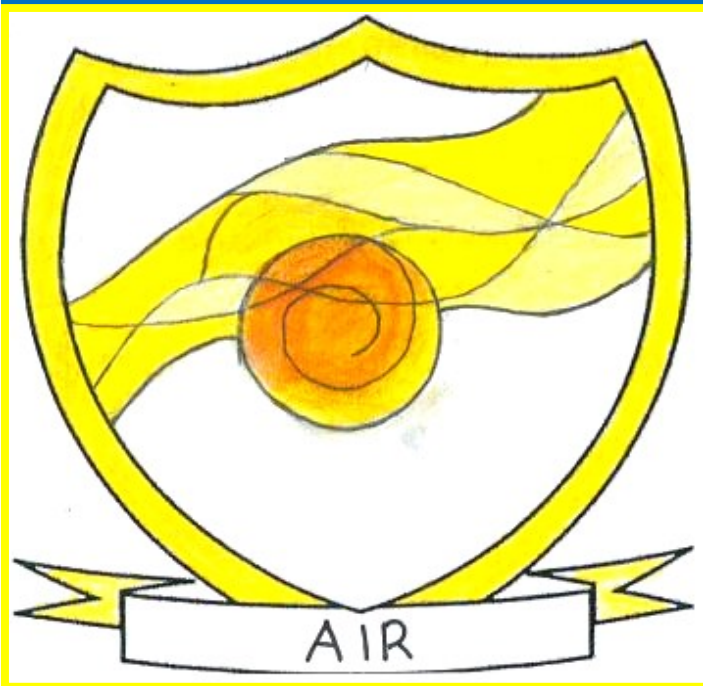
If you would like to read our newly published Ofsted report (and you have not done so already) please click this link to our school website <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/click-here-for-headline-performance-data-and-ofste/>

### **Next year's classes! New Class teachers and members of staff for September:**

In this week's newsletter I am sharing the new class staffing teams for each of our classes for the next academic year (2023 to 2024). Please take a look at the table below to see which members of staff will be teaching and supporting your child(ren) from September.

Everyone is very excited about the upcoming academic year and I know that each of our staff teams are excited to be working with their new class and welcoming them back to school in September. I think that everyone would agree that it is going to be another very busy, fun and productive year!

<b>Name of class:</b>	<b>New Year Group:</b>	<b>Class staff members:</b>
<b>Butterfly class</b>	Reception	Mrs Jeewan, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Mrs Willis
<b>Ladybird class</b>	Year 1	Mrs Nicholson, Mrs McInnes, Mrs Wulfse
<b>Caterpillar class</b>	Year 2	Miss Gilmour, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Slade, Miss Flack, Mrs Segar, Miss Stevens
<b>Grasshopper class</b>	Year 3	Mr Brown, Mrs Norman, Miss Humphreys
<b>Firefly class</b>	Year 4	Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Ms Dye, Mrs Tagg
<b>Bees class</b>	Year 5	Mrs Potter, Mrs Robinson, Miss Driscoll
<b>Dragonfly class</b>	Year 6	Mr Clarke, Miss Naunton



### **New House Logos!**

**HUGE** Congratulations to two of our St Mary's pupils who have won our two House Competitions this term.

First of all, Ernie (a pupil in our Ladybird class, pictured) was selected by our House Captains and Sports Ambassadors as the winner of the new House Name competition. Ernie suggested the four classical elements: Water (for the blue house team), Fire (for the red house team), Air (for the yellow house team) and Earth (for the Green house team).

Following this, Scarlett F (from Dragonfly class, pictured) then took this concept and has carefully created the winning designs for each of our new houses. Please see her fantastic designs above. Scarlett has clearly put in an incredible amount of work into designing these new House logos for St Mary's. Although she will be leaving St Mary's in a few weeks and setting off on her new journey at secondary school, she will be leaving behind a lasting legacy!

These new house names and designs will be shown off for the first time in public at our upcoming Sports Day, next week! Very exciting!



## **PTA Quiz Night**

We are delighted to report that the PTA raised in excess of £600 through the recent Quiz Night! This is fantastic news, as it will likely mean that all of their 'standing' expenses (such as the Christmas Panto and the other items in blue below) are now covered for next year, so we can now focus all future fundraising for the upcoming building works! Congratulations, also to the winning quiz team - 'Mother Knows Best', who defeated the school staff team this year—a very impressive performance!



I would particularly like to thank the helpers for this fun evening who were: Sam La Roche, Ada Sula, Ruth Gilmour, Gemma Connell, Hailey Leverett & Holly Bailey as well as Neil Griffiths for organising this event and John Griffiths.

### **PTA End-of-Year Update - from the PTA team:**

Dear Parents & Carers – the end of term is fast approaching and the PTA team wanted to thank you for all your support this year, and give a quick update on what we are planning for Sports Day (July 6), the Danceathon (July 20), as well as a round-up of what you've helped us to fund this school year. Please read on!

#### **Sports Day (July 6)**

Our wonderful PTA volunteers will be running a refreshment stand where you can purchase tea, coffee and squash throughout the day. Please bring your own cups if you can (to help reduce waste) and it will be cash only for payment. All proceeds will cover costs and go into the fundraising pot.

#### **Danceathon (July 20)**

Originally, this was to be our summer term fundraiser, but with the Family Fun Run now taking place the week before, we have arranged that this is a non-uniform activity that is more of an end-of-term treat for the children. We're asking for a £1 donation to be brought into school in exchange for wearing non-uniform and encourage lots of bright colours / face paints / etc. We will remind you before the day.

#### **Recap of PTA-fundraising / impact**

It has been another busy year for the PTA. We know it feels like we are constantly on the go and asking you to do a lot (!), but we have helped to put on lots for the children this year that otherwise they would not have had. Here's a recap:

- \* **Book Bags for new Reception starters**
- \* **School Disco (December) for KS1 & KS2**
- \* **In-school pantomime performance**
- \* **Christmas Tree & Christmas Crackers for school Christmas lunch**
- \* **Easter Eggs**
- \* **Leaver Hoodies / Jumpers (Year 6)**
- \* **Leaver Disco (all KS2 – if you have not done so already, please purchase tickets here)**

We've also organised sweet raffles, Krispy Kreme sales, Christmas Card designing, as well as the Easter Hop and this term's activities listed above. Our recent Quiz Night was also a big hit and the Parents/Carers finally took the crown from the Teachers (whoop whoop!) in addition to raising £600+. We are delighted to say that we have raised enough this year to cover all our regular activities for the year ahead, which means all near-term fundraising can go to assist the school with the new library building. Your contributions have also enabled the purchase of 5 new balance bikes, 4 regular bikes, plus didicars and helmets for KS1. There is also money ring-fenced for books for the new library when it is built.

We are so grateful for all your support and look forward to getting you involved in all the activities we have lined up this month and beyond! A huge thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time this year to help with all our activities. In particular, Ruth and Gemma, who have been such great PTA Chairs for the past several years.

## Careers Month

As you will know, June has been Careers Month at St Mary's Primary School and we have been inviting some of our parents, carers and friends of the school to come in to talk to our pupils about their interesting jobs and careers. This week and last week we have had another three parents/carers visit our lovely school to deliver talks to our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils.



At the end of last week, Mr Neil Griffiths came in to talk to our pupils about his role as Head of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging. Neil read the children a story called 'Everyone's Welcome' and then got some of the children to carry out an activity about fairness to highlight that sometimes people are favoured because of what makes them who they are. Part of that involves giving a bigger reward to one child, which included

using Haribo. Then, earlier this week Mr Doron Solomon, came into to talk to our pupils about his interesting and diverse job as a software engineer. Doron lead a practical demonstration using his Coding Caterpillar and it was lovely to see and hear the excellent questions from our pupils who were clearly inspired. Finally, this afternoon Mr Andrew Mynott, who is a Drug Safety Specialist, came in again to talk to our pupils about his fascinating job as a member of the pharmaceutical industry, where he ensures that medicines are safe for people to use—a complex career which involves lots of logical thinking and analysing data!

I would like to pass on a massive thank you on behalf of the school to Mr Walker, Mr Mynott, Mr Griffiths and Mr Solomon for very kindly sharing their valuable time with us. The children really enjoyed each and every one of these talks - and they have given our pupils a lot of ideas for their own future jobs/careers!



## E-Safety Update:



Screen time can offer children opportunities to learn and develop new skills at a touch of a button but like anything, too much of it can have a negative effect on their wellbeing. Please see the attachment from Internet Matters which is a helpful balancing screen time guide. This may be particularly useful with the summer holidays looming.

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online](#) Working with online safety experts, we're here to guide you through the many issues children can experience when using the internet.

Please see the attachment included along with today's newsletter.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend!

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.

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location Main Hall

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## Sports Day Bacon Rolls—Thursday 6th July



The School Fundraising Team are selling Burton's Bacon Butties for £2.50 each on Sports Day, Thursday 6th July (please pre-order via the School Money Shop)

## YEAR 6 MINI SUMMER FAYRE



We are delighted to announce that Year 6 will be holding a fundraiser on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023 from 3.15pm to 4.30pm** for their Leavers Party at the end of term. We will be raising money by having a number of different stalls/activities for everyone to enjoy on the playground. Parents, carers, pupils and friends of

the school are welcome to bring cash to take part in these fun activities. We are running each stall with tokens, so before you can enjoy our stalls you will need to buy a token for £1.00. There are five stalls.

Thank you for every donation that is made.

Kind regards  
Year 6 Pupils



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# SCHOOL FUN RUN

Wednesday  
12th July



Amelia and Will  
Fundraising Ambassadors



## School Fundraising Team Rocket Lolly Sale



50p

Weekly

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50p

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SPONSORED FAMILY FUN RUN

Fancy dress!

# SCHOOL FUN RUN

12th July

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



# SPORTS DAY



*Thursday 6th July*



## Reception & KS1

- 8.30am Refreshment Stall
- 9.00am Opening Dance by Year 1
- 9.15am Races begin
- 11.15am Parent and Carer Race  
Toddlers Race

11.30am - 12.15pm Whole School Picnic Lunch for all pupils with their parents/carers

## KS2

- 12.15pm Refreshment Stall
- 12.30pm Opening Dance by Year 6
- 12.45pm Races begin
- 2.45pm Parent and Carer Race  
Toddlers Race

3.00pm Winners Presentation with Reception and KS1

11.30am The School Fundraising Team will be selling Burton's Bacon Butties for £2.50 each (please pre-order via the School Money Shop)

**The School Fundraising Team will also be selling secondhand uniform**



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Summer Term:

- Wednesday 28th - SWAT assembly
- Friday 30th June - Year 6 Secondary School Taster Day
- Friday 30th June - Year 5 quiz (4 pupils) at RA Butler school
- Monday 3rd July at 7.00pm - Saffron Walden County High Year 7 Transition evening for Parents and Carers
- Tuesday 4th July from 5pm to 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*