

# St Mary's Newsletter

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Attendance Weekly 96.7%

Attendance Year 94.5%



*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 5 Danbury Residential**

It's been another busy week here at St Mary's. The Year 5 pupils have been away at Danbury on their residential trip along with Mrs McInnes, Mr Pike, Mrs North, Miss Driscoll and Mrs Crocker. I have heard that they have had a whale of a time there taking part in lots of outdoor and adventurous activities whilst putting their problem solving skills to the test. Mrs McInnes (the Visit Leader and one of our Year 5 teachers) has been sending daily updates, including a number of photos, which have been added each morning to our school website. If you would like to see these then please go to the **News and Events** section, then **Latest News** tab, or follow this link: <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/stream/news/full/1/-//>



There will be a comprehensive article on this in next weeks newsletter, along with a wider range of photographs. As ever, thank you to all of the staff who attended this residential visit and for supporting our pupils throughout these activities.

## **Testing times!**

The Year 6 and Year 2 pupils have also been working hard this week on their respective SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests). The Year 6 pupils started with a lovely SATs breakfast at 8am every morning of this week—and enjoyed croissants, brioche, pain au chocolate, yoghurts and wide variety of fruit accompanied by a range of fruit juices. Very posh! Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman have been incredibly impressed with how maturely and diligently they have been working throughout this week on these challenging papers and throughout the year.

Moreover, the Year 2 pupils have also begun their KS1 assessments this week—and have until the end of the month to complete them. Miss Allin and Miss Naunton have said how proud they are of how well these young pupils have been tackling each test. Well done to all of the pupils and staff involved!



## **Inclusion Multi-skill Sports event:**

On Wednesday 10th May, 11 pupils from Key Stage 1 (years R to Year 2) attended an Inclusion event at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. The event had been organised by Jackie and Carron from the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership and was facilitated by pupils from Saffron Walden County High. Pupils from other local schools joined our St Mary's pupils in a range of multi-skills sports including: curling, trampolining and obstacle courses.



Every single one of our pupils had a fantastic time and their behaviour was exemplary - mixing in with the pupils from the other schools and working brilliantly as a team. Well done to everyone who attended - and for showing our three St Mary's key disciplines of **Safe**, **Respect** and **Effort**.

### **PTA Quiz Night, Friday 16th June—Tickets now on sale**

We are excited to announce our next Parent-Teacher Quiz Night that is taking place in the school on **Friday 16th June 7:00 pm (for a 7:30 pm start)**.



Tickets are £10 per person and can be purchased through the Classlist app\*. Funds raised will cover the costs of the evening, as well as topping up our fund-raising total for the school year. Tickets include our famous cheese & crackers. There will also be a licensed bar selling alcoholic and soft drinks throughout the evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the parents of St Mary's to come together for some fun! Why not team up with some of the other parents in your child's year group, or friends/family and get yourself a table? We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Coram Life Education—workshops**

Coram Life Education ran our SCARF Live Online Health and Wellbeing Workshops this week for pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. The children's charity



Coram Life Education provides health and wellbeing education support to schools. These fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health. The children learnt about keeping their bodies healthy, managing their feelings and being a good friend. The Year 3 children also learnt about exploring their emotional needs and choices that could affect health and wellbeing.

If you would like to find out more, please use the link below (where parents/carers of children of all ages can find out some very useful information and activities).

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf>

A HUGE thank you to the parents/carers who attended the SCARF Parent/Carer workshop on Wednesday afternoon.

### **Year 6 Bikeability and Year 1 Learn to Ride**



Please can Year 6 remember to bring in their bikes from Monday 15th May—Thursday 18th May. Year 1 will be having a Learn to Ride session on Friday 19th May. If you haven't already done so, please bring the signed consent form on Monday to the School Office.

I hope you have enjoyed this week's newsletter. Don't forget to check out our Diary Dates (on the last page) as well as our class updates—which is sent out as a separate document.

Kind regards

*Mr C. D. Jarmain*

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



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Summer Term:

Monday 1st May	-	Spring Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May	-	King's Coronation Celebrations
Monday 8th May	-	Bank Holiday (for King Charles' Coronation)
Wednesday 10th May	-	Reception, Years 1-3 Coram Life Education Zoom Meeting
Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May		SATS Week (for Year 6 pupils)
	-	Year 5 Residential Trip
Thursday 18th May	-	Ascension Day (and assembly)
	-	KS1 Multi Skills Event
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May		Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 24th May	-	Fit4Kids workshop (all classes)
Tuesday 6th June	-	Reception 2023/2024 Parent Information Meeting (9.30)
Friday 16th June	-	PTA Quiz
Friday 30th June	-	Year 6 Secondary School Taster Day
Monday 3rd July at 7.00pm	-	Saffron Walden County High Year 7 Transition evening for Parents and Carers
Wednesday 5th July	-	Sports Day—timings TBC
Thursday 20th July	-	PTA Danceathon
Friday 21st July	-	Last Day of School Year—1.30pm Finish

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

