

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 28th April 2023

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Attendance Weekly 95.3%

Attendance Year 94.4%



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,

Welcome to this week's Newsletter—the second of the Summer Term, although I am sure that you will agree with me that this week's weather has been far from Summery!



Monday started with a fantastic **music workshop**, lead by members of staff from **Saffron Hall**. Each Key Stage 2 class thoroughly enjoyed their session. I asked Frank, from Year 4, what he'd learnt about in the session. He said that they had found out about families of instruments—such as Percussion, Woodwind, Brass and String, as well as some interesting technical musical vocabulary—terms such as ostinato, harmony and melody. Frank also explained that the children had been shown (and demonstrated) a variety of musical instruments which included the vibraphone, which is similar to a xylophone (see picture on the left) as well as a drum which you sit upon and play, called a Cajon (picture included on the right). The pupils that I spoke to agreed that they had really taken a lot from this workshop and learned lots and lots. Thank you to Mrs Potter (our Music Leader) for organising this workshop for our KS2 pupils, as well as the staff from Saffron Hall, who said that our children were brilliantly behaved and very attentive. Please see the Class Updates for some photos of the workshop.



Today (Friday) the **Year 6 pupils** in Dragonfly class attended their **weekly swimming lesson** at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. Our Year 6 teacher, Mr Clarke, has told me that they are doing brilliantly and noticeably improving their swimming skills and are a real credit to the school. Finally, this afternoon, the **Year 5 pupils** visited Saffron Walden County High School for a **Rounders tournament**. The children had a brilliant afternoon and gave a great account of themselves against a wide range of local primary schools. More information (and photographs) will follow in next week's newsletter!

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS)

Working in partnership with Barnardo's, HCRG Care Group is commissioned to deliver improved outcomes for families with the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing

Service, such as reduced parental smoking, increased school readiness and families making healthier choices.

The timetable can be found on our website <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

For further information on services in Uttlesford please see the Spangles Timetable which can be downloaded here: <https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/spangles-family-hub/>

Careers Month in June

At St Mary's, throughout the month of June, we are going to offer our pupils the opportunity to hear from a wide range of professionals, who we are inviting into our school to talk to our pupils about their rich and varied careers. At St Mary's, we are always eager to broaden our pupils knowledge and understanding about their potential future careers and professions, so that the children can begin to think carefully about their own future jobs—when they are older. Over the last few years we have had a number of parents, carers and friends of the school, as well as members of the local community, pop into school to talk to the children about their jobs—including local police officers, nurses and more! There is simply nothing better than our pupils hearing from passionate members of the school community about the jobs they love and the journeys they went on to get there. Already booked in for June we have a parent/carer who is a journalist, a computer programmer as well as a scientist from the pharmaceutical industry! Very exciting!



St Mary's would really love to hear from you if you would be willing to come in to talk to the children about your own job so that you can share your own passion and also your path into your chosen career. If you feel that this is something that you would be interested in doing, please contact the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk and we will be in touch to explain more and (hopefully) arrange you to come into school to share your experiences with our pupils.

Reading Volunteers (or as we call them... Champions!)

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and friends of the school who have kindly volunteered to come into St Mary's on a weekly basis to hear our children read. Over the years this is something that has proven hugely successful at St Mary's, as the children enjoy nothing more than sharing a book with a friendly place- plus, it helps us to ensure that children are progressing as fluent readers— and they get to practise the key skills that they have been learning in school.



Thank you so much to the parents who have already volunteered and are currently reading with our pupils in school. We are always on the hunt for more parents to join us so if you are interested and you have some availability please email the school office on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk. Ideally, we would like to have at least 2 or 3 Reading Champions per class – from Reception to Year 6. If you have any time in the week that you would be willing to spare and join us as a 'Reading Champion' then please email Xenia in the school office. Please note that you will need to have had a DBS check completed by the school or already have a transferable DBS. Thank you so much in advance for your help, we really appreciate your time.

I hope you have a lovely extended Bank holiday weekend. The school will re-open on Tuesday 2nd May at 8.30am.

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.

2.5.23

St John's Church Hall, St John's Rd, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted CM24 8JP

15.30 _ 17.00hrs

6.6.23

Saffron Walden Hospital Clinic Room in Outpatient Department

15.30- 17.00

4.7.23

St John's Church Hall, St John's Rd, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted CM24 8JP

15.30 _ 17.00hrs



Grief Matters Event

Dying
Matters

*Let's talk
about it*

This Dying Matters Week (2-6 May) we are hosting a free, information event, to help you find support for yourself, or others, who are facing grief.

Drop in and...

Hear from speakers on grief

Relaxation and self-care sessions

Market stalls offering support



Daytime event:

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

1pm - 3pm

Saffron Walden
Community Link, 1B
Market Street, Saffron
Walden, CB10 1HX



Evening event:

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Saffron Walden Library,
2 King Street, CB10 1ES

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Our summer social for parents and friends of SWCHS

Hampers & Champers
SWCHS

Save the Date: 30th June 2023

**Live music & dancing, bring your own hampers
and we'll provide the champers!**

We are excited to announce tickets for the
Saffron Walden County High School fundraising event
Hampers & Champers 2023 will be on sale soon.

Save the date and start planning who you'd like to share a table with!



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term:

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| Monday 17th April | - | Teaching staff INSET Day |
| Tuesday 18th April | - | Term commences for pupils |
| Friday 21st April | - | PTA Non-Uniform Day/Sweet Raffle |
| Monday 24th April | - | Year 3, 4 & 5 Music Workshop |
| Tuesday 25th April | - | Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (5pm) |
| Wednesday 26th April | - | Year 5 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (5pm) |
| 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*

