

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 26th June 2026

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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2025



Attendance Weekly 92.1%

Attendance Year 95.9%

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

Compassion

Friendship

Perseverance

Respect

Trust

Truthfulness

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

As we come to the end of this exceptionally hot week, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our pupils, parents and staff for their resilience, patience and support. Our children have shown great maturity in adapting to the challenging conditions, our staff have gone above and beyond to ensure learning continued safely and positively, and our parents have been incredibly supportive by helping children come prepared with water bottles, sun hats and appropriate clothing. Working together as a school community has made a real difference, and we are grateful for everyone's understanding and cooperation during this period of extreme weather.

Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Archie—for his effort in his work and always contributing his ideas-especially in shared writes

Bonnie—for always trying her best

Florence—for her effort in reading fluency books and assessment

Ana—for effort and progress in the quality of her writing

Azaan—for his confident contributions in maths

Bel—for her amazing test scores

Ranveer—for consistent enthusiasm and effort in all areas of learning

Sofia—for wonderful writing recognised by another teacher

Zach—for effort and progress in Maths

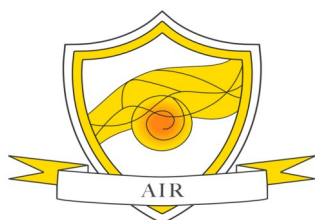
Isla—for always listening well and contributing to class discussions in all subjects

Playleaders—for the Year 5 children who took on the role of playleaders last week



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 131 points was Air House; in joint 2nd place with 124 points were Fire and Water Houses and in 3rd place with 122 points was Earth House. Well done everyone!



**1st place
(131 points)**



**2nd place
(124 points)**



**3rd place
(124 points)**



**4th place
(122 points)**

Have a great weekend and enjoy the lovely Summer weather. Make sure you remember to wear suncream, stay in the shade when you can and keep hydrated.

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

**RESCHEDULED
DUE TO WEATHER**

NON UNIFORM DAY!

ON
FRIDAY 3RD JULY

IN EXCHANGE FOR A
SWEET TREAT!

(NOT FRESH, THANKS!)

For example:
a packet of biscuits, a pack of sweets etc.



ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE
SWEET TREAT TOMBOLA

AT THE SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 11AM – 2PM



Upcoming Events

MAY
1
LEGOLAND DAY
(FOSM PERK!)

MAY
10
6:00PM
FOSM/CHATER'S QUIZ
NIGHT

MAY
21
GLADIATOR 'STEEL'
VISIT

JUL
4
TIME TBC
SUMMER FETE

AUG
SPONSORED SUMMER
READ

SEP
14
ROALD DAHL DAY -
"WONDERLICIOUS!"

DEC
11
4:00PM - 6:00PM
CHRISTMAS FAIR

More to
come!

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St Mary's BAKE OFF

at the Summer Fete!



Take part in St Mary's very first Great Summer Bake-Off! All St Mary's children, parents, carers and friends of the school are invited to enter our annual Bake-Off cake decorating competition at the Summer Fete on **Saturday 4th July**.

As it's our first bake-off, we have

★ **NO THEME** ★

— we want to see what the St Mary community has to offer!

Our very special guest judges will have the delicious job of awarding points for taste, creativity and presentation. There will be prizes for the top bakers, and entries will be assessed either as whole cakes or smaller baked items, e.g., cupcakes or biscuits. Once the winners have been announced, all cakes entered will be sold at our **St Mary's Bake-Off cake sale**, giving us all the chance to take home something yummy!



★ **SATURDAY 4TH JULY** ★ **11:00AM – 2:00PM**

HOW TO ENTER:

Get baking! ♥

Label your cake carefully with the following information:

- Name
- Class at St Mary's (if applicable)
- Mobile number
- A brief description of your cake and a list of ingredients (for allergies – **NO NUTS, PLEASE**)



Please bring all cakes to the Cake Stall by 10.20 am on the day of the fete. Judging will begin shortly after 10.30 am (Judges will need to arrive then, please).



Judges will pick a 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner, with the first prize being a voucher worth **£110** (2 adults and 2 children) for afternoon tea at *Poppy's Barn!*



STRICTLY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY (SORRY!)



PLEASE EMAIL

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to enter the bake-off and judging competition.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A

★ **'VERY SPECIAL JUDGE'?** ★

We are looking for one child from St Mary's to represent the school by becoming a very special judge!

- Do you live for cake?
- Do you think you have a good eye for decorating, icing swirls and soggy bottoms?
- Are you the next Prue Leith or Paul Hollywood?



We need you! All you need to do is write a short paragraph as to why you'd like to be a judge of our St Mary's Bake-Off competition. Mr Jarman will read all entries and decide on our winner!



PLEASE HAVE BOTH ENTRIES IN BY MONDAY 22ND JUNE

We can't wait to hear from you!

Good luck to all our bakers and to the children entering our judging competition!





ST MARY'S

— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
SAFFRON WALDEN

BIGGER
AND
BETTER
THAN
EVER!

SUMMER FETE

JULY 4TH

11AM – 2PM

GAMES

TOMBOLA

INFLATABLES

STALLS

AND LOTS
MORE!

SAVE
the
DATE!

FUN FOR
EVERYONE!

— ♥ —
COME AND
SUPPORT OUR
WONDERFUL
SCHOOL!



Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd June	-	KS2 Athletics Competition
Wednesday 24th June	-	KS2 Panathlon Team Final
Thursday 25th June	-	Y6 Secondary School Visits at JFAN and SWCHS
Wednesday 1st July	-	Sports Day
		Yrs 3 –6 (8.30am—11.45am)
		Whole School Parent/Carer Picnic 12.00pm—12.45pm
		R—Yr 2 (12.45—3.15pm)
Friday 3rd July	-	Non-uniform day (Sweet treat)
Saturday 4th July	-	FOSM Summer Fete
Friday 10th July	-	FOSM KS2 Leavers Disco (5.00pm—6.30pm)
Monday 13th July	-	Move Up Afternoon
Monday 13th July	-	Meet the Teacher (Yrs 1 & 2 3.15pm, Yr3 3.30pm)
Tuesday 14th July	-	Yrs 5/6 Performance—6.00pm
Tuesday 14th July	-	Meet the Teacher (Yrs 4&5 3.15pm, Yr6 3.30pm)
Wednesday 15th July	-	Leavers Lunch
Thursday 16th July	-	R26 Transition Morning
		(Group A—9.30-10.25, Group B—10.30-11.25)
Friday 17th July (20th July INSET Day)	-	Leavers Service at St Mary's Church (9.30am)
	-	Last day of term—1.30pm finish