

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 11th September 2026

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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2025



Attendance Weekly 97.8%

Attendance Year 98%

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,

Brilliant Building and Remodelling Works at St Mary's!

We are delighted to share some photographs of the **brilliant building and refurbishment work** that has taken place across St Mary's over the summer.

A huge thank you to **Adam Dowling (from Sustain Property Services)**, who has worked incredibly hard on a number of important projects around the school, ably supported by his apprentice, **Lucas Dyson**. Their work has included a complete remodelling of our **front entrance area**, the creation of a new **photocopying room**, new steps to our external toilets, some important drainage works and a fantastic **complete refurbishment of our Outdoor Classroom**. I am sure you will agree that these improvements have made a real difference to both the appearance and functionality of our school.

We would also like to thank **George Bell Building**, who have carried out extensive work across the school, including recarpeting all of our corridors and offices. You may remember that Bell Builders refurbished our Year 3/4 toilets and Accessible Toilets during the summer term—which also look absolutely amazing!

We are extremely grateful to everyone involved for their hard work, care and attention to detail. These improvements will benefit our children and staff for many years to come.

Please take a look at the lovely photographs around this article to see the transformation for yourselves!



Our Shining St Mary's Stars of the Week!

A big well done to all of these amazing pupils who have been chosen by different members of staff for displaying our key values since the start of this term.

Darcey—for settling into Year 5 so well

Lena—for all her fantastic answers in Science.

Grayson—for always being kind and polite

George—for excellent attitude to learning and great effort

Addalyn—for fantastic engagement and responses in PSHCE e-safety

Effy—for always showing active listening and trying her best

Bel—for working hard and being supportive

Aaron—for excellent active listening

Kairo—for always going out of his to help others or to keep the classroom tidy

Joseph—for a great start putting his hand up to join in class discussions

James—for being a role model and kind friend

Maya—for demonstrating all of our school values and being a great behaviour role model



House triumphs!

As we begin the Autumn/Winter term these are the results for this week: in 1st place with 45 points was Fire House; in joint 2nd place with 35 points were Water and Earth Houses, and in 4th place with 26 points was Air House.

Well done everyone!



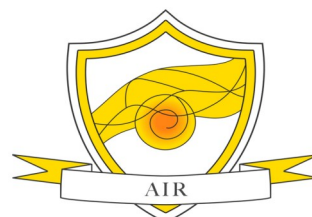
**1st place
(45 points)**



**2nd place
(35 points)**



**3rd place
(35 points)**



**4th place
(26 points)**

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

We would like to remind all parents and carers of Year 6 pupils that the application window for a **Year 7 secondary school place for the 2027–2028 academic year** opens **tomorrow, Saturday 12th September 2026**.

Applications should be made via the **Essex County Council website**.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2026**. We strongly recommend that applications are submitted before the deadline to ensure that your child's application is considered.

Please ensure that you carefully research the secondary schools available to your child and read the relevant admissions information before submitting your application.

Allergy Update from Dolce

We have an important update to the allergen declaration process within SchoolGrid, which may affect your child. Whether your child is starting school or returning for another year, if they have a food allergy or an allergen-related dietary requirement that you have not yet informed us about, please log in to your SchoolGrid account and complete an allergen declaration form. This is an important step in helping every child eat safely and confidently.

To complete a submission, simply:

- Log in to your SchoolGrid account.
- Go to Food > Allergens.
- Select your child's allergy or dietary requirement from the list or provide further details in the text box.
- Upload the required supporting evidence.
- Upload a recent photograph of your child.
- Submit your request for review.

Once your request has been submitted, your child will be placed on a restricted menu while our support team reviews the information. This helps ensure that only suitable meal options are available until the review has been complete.

Following the review:

- Our nutrition team will allocate an allergen menu onto your child's Schoolgrid account, where required, ensuring that suitable meal choices are available. Please note for complex allergen needs this may take up to 10 working days.
- If further information is required, you will receive a notification explaining what is required before the declaration can be approved.

This process must be used for all new allergen declarations and whenever your child's allergen information changes. It ensures that updates come directly from you and are reviewed consistently.

If you need any assistance, please contact Customer Care Team Customercare@impactfood.co.uk 0345 350 3934





Year 1 needs you!



Year 1 are in need of some resources, If you have any of the following going spare, please donate them to Mrs Holmes in year 1.



Role play: dressing up costumes for boys and girls, tiaras, wands, old phones

small vehicles: cars, tractors, trains, motorbikes

Lego

Dolls: babies, barbie style, sylvanian families, horses, my little pony

Bean bag chairs



FOSM Wonderlicious Chocolate Bars

TODAY (Friday 11th September) is the LAST CHANCE to purchase 'Wonderlicious Chocolate Bars' which *could* contain a LUCKY GOLDEN TICKET!

Golden tickets prizes include:

Free KS2 Disco Ticket
Tea and Cake with your favourite teacher for you and a friend
Non-uniform for the class
Hot chocolate for the class
Wonka style hamper
Rally experience
£10 Harts voucher
£10 Harts voucher
Cake Party for 4
Free film night tickets

Wonderlicious Bars are priced at £2.50 and a dairy-free option is also available.

Key facts and ingredients information - PLEASE READ:

- *(Galaxy Smooth Milk Chocolate Bar 100g)*
- *Sugar, skimmed **milk** powder, cocoa butter, cocoa mass, **milk** fat, whey permeate (**milk**), palm fat, and emulsifier (**soya** lecithin).*
- *Milk Solids: 14% minimum*
- *Cocoa Solids: 25% minimum*
- *Dietary Info: Suitable for vegetarians*
- *Allergens: Contains milk and soya*
- *(Galaxy Dairy-Free Chocolate Classic Bar 100g)*
- *Sugar, Cocoa Mass, **Hazelnut Paste** (11%), Rice Flour, Palm Fat, Shea Fat, Cocoa Butter, Emulsifier (**Soya** Lecithin) The Galaxy® Vegan range is registered with the Vegan Society and is also Gluten Free.*
- **May contain other nuts.**

The link to purchase our wonderful Wonderlicious Bars is here - <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/the-friends-of-st-marys-parent-teacher-associations-shop>

Wonderlicious Bars will be available to collect on Roald Dahl's birthday (the author of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory) - this **Monday 14th September** from the school office/foyer from school drop-off.

Tickets are placed in the bars at *random*. If you are a lucky winner, please email fosm@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk and let us know what you've won! We'll do the rest!

GOOD LUCK!



14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

WE CELEBRATE

ROALD DAHL'S BIRTHDAY!

AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS TO BE
THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING!

FIND A
GOLDEN TICKET
IN THEIR

FOSM WILL BE OFFERING YOU THE CHANCE TO

FIND/WIN A GOLDEN TICKET

IN THEIR

“WONDERLICIOUS” BARS!

WONDERLICIOUS BAR

A MAGICAL TREAT
FULL OF WONDER!

ONLY
£2.50
EACH



GOLDEN TICKET

AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!



A CLASS
NON UNIFORM DAY



A MINI PICNIC WITH
YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER



EXCITING GIFTS



VOUCHERS

AND SO MUCH MORE!



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St Mary's**

for the children of St Mary's
Primary School, Saffron Walden
Charity number: 1046048

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PRE-ORDER VIA THE LINK PROVIDED
IN THE FOSM SHOP!



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SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND HELP US CREATE WONDERFUL MEMORIES!



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Autumn 2026 Term

Thursday 10th September	- Year 1—First Forest School
Friday 11th September	- Year 5 swimming starts
Saturday 12th September	- Year 7 Secondary School Application open
Monday 14th September	- Reception—First Full Day (8.30am—3.15pm)
	- FOSM Wonderlicious Bars Collection—School Office
Wednesday 16th September	- Yr 3 Egyptian Workshop at Saffron Walden Museum
	- Year 6 Dodgeball Festival
Thursday 17th September	- Reception—First Forest School
Tuesday 29th September	- 9.00am and 6.00pm Little Wandle Phonics and Independence Workshop
Wednesday 30th September	- Choral event Year 4 pupils St Mary's Church 12.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday 1st October	- Census Day—special school lunch
Friday 2nd October	- SEND Coffee morning 9.00-9.30 (TBC)
Monday 5th October	- Harvest Festival 9.30am St Mary's Church
Monday 12th October	- Individual Photographs
Thursday 15th October	- Yr 1 and 2—Aurora Orchestra at Saffron Hall
Friday 23rd October	- Light Day (pupils & staff wear colourful clothes)
Friday 23rd October	- Last day of Autumn Half Term
Mon 26th—Fri 30th October	- Half Term Holiday
Monday 31st October	- Year 7 Secondary School Application close
Monday 2nd November	- INSET Day—Staff Training
Tuesday 3rd November	- Pupils return at 8.30am
Wednesday 4th November	- Flu Immunisation Team visiting School
Tuesday 10th November	- Parent/Carer Consultations
Thursday 12th November	- Parent/Carer Consultations
Monday 16th November	- R27 Open Morning for Parents and Carers
Tuesday 24th November	- R27 Open Morning for Parents and Carers

