

St Mary's Newsletter

Autumn Term – Friday 2nd October 2026



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Attendance weekly: 94.8%

Attendance Year: 96.1%



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,

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following pupils who are our shining lights of the week!

Theo – for his enthusiasm and effort, especially in history

Elif – for her effort in her reading

Kayhan – for improved classroom focus and lots of effort in all lessons

Woody – for always having the biggest smile and being a kind friend

Leo - for being an independent learner and putting so much effort into everything he does in class.

George - for always trying his best and putting so much effort into his learning at school and at home

Mabel – for excellent effort in English and producing some wonderful writing

Elena – for her perseverance and effort across all her given tasks

Elsie – for her fantastic effort in reading and completing quizzes

Skye – for her effort when learning subtraction

Alycia – for showing safe, respect and effort consistently

Muhammed – for showing lots of effort in class



House Captains!

A huge congratulations to our new **House Captains – Edith, Eva, Joseph and Tommy** – who have been selected to take on this important leadership role for the year ahead.

Each of our Year 6 House Captains represents one of our four Houses:

Air | Earth | Fire | Water

Our House Captains will work closely with **Miss Driscoll** to help organise and support House activities, encourage participation, celebrate achievements and promote positive competition across the school.

Being a House Captain is about much more than simply wearing a badge or leading a team. It is an opportunity for **others, set a positive example and demonstrate our school values** of friendship, respect, compassion, perseverance, truthfulness and trust.

We are looking forward to seeing Edith, Eva, Joseph and Tommy grow into their roles and make a positive contribution to school life. We are sure they will be excellent ambassadors for their Houses and for St Mary's.

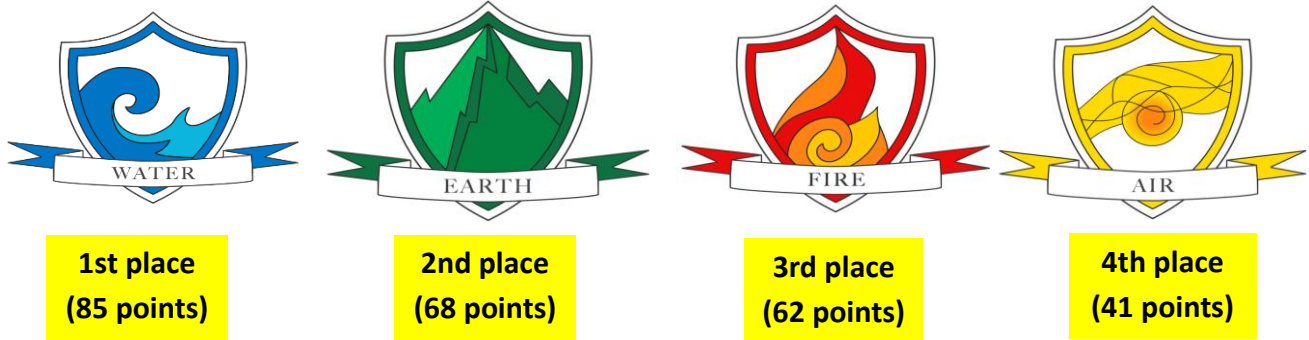
Well done and congratulations to you all!



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 85 points was Water House; in 2nd place with 68 points was Earth House, in 3rd place with 62 points was Fire House and in 4th place with 41 points was Air House.

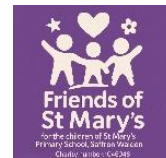
Well done everyone!



Brilliant news! Friends of St Mary's

I am delighted to report that the FOSM team have secured £100 worth of material (paint, brushes, sandpaper and other resources) from our local new Wickes store for the renovation of the Inclusion Bench!

We look forwards to seeing the finished refurbishment in the coming weeks!



Have a great weekend.

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Autumn/Winter Term 2026

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
Wednesday 7th October	-	Years 5 and 6 Boys and Girls Football tournaments
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