

St Mary's Newsletter



Autumn Term – Friday 9th October 2026

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Attendance weekly: 97.2%

Attendance Year: 96.3%



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

Compassion

Friendship

Perseverance

Respect

Trust

Truthfulness

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Please read on to find out what our fantastic pupils have been up to this week! Don't forget to check out our Diary Dates (on the final page of this newsletter) as well as our Class Updates which reflect what your children have been learning about in class this week.

Shining Stars of the Week

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

Angelina – for hard work in our reading comprehensions

Noah – for enthusiasm in all areas of learning and always making the right choices

Mason – for working very hard across the curriculum

Mia – for being extremely brave reading your poem in front of the whole school

Bella – for excellent focus and effort in her Phonics learning

Eddie – for always being a kind friend and role model in and out of the classroom

Aribella – for her fantastic contributions across all subjects

Poppy – for her super effort in her instructions writing

Eli – for never giving up and treating mistakes like happy accidents

Aalyian – for always contributing in class and for demonstrating excellent recall of previous learning

Freya – for always showing respect, working hard and putting 100% effort into all her work

Ezinne – for always coming to school with a lovely smile on her face ready for the day



Football Success for St Mary's!

Well done to our boys' and girls' football teams, who took part in a tournament on Wednesday at Herbert's Farm and Katherine Semar Primary School. Both teams played brilliantly, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

The boys finished in a very respectable **fourth place**, while our girls had a fantastic tournament, **winning the competition!** They will now go on to compete in the play-off final on **12th November**. We wish them the very

best of luck!

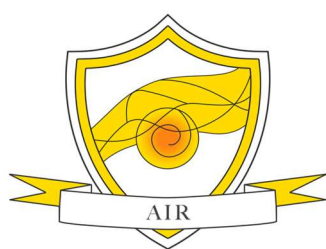
Both teams were wonderful ambassadors for St Mary's, demonstrating our school values of **Perseverance, Respect and Friendship**. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and the way they represented our school.

Well done, everyone!

House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 40 points was Air House; in 2nd place with 31 points was Earth House, in 3rd place with 27 points was Water House and in 4th place with 23 points was Fire House.

Well done everyone!



**1st place
(40 points)**



**2nd place
(31 points)**



**3rd place
(27 points)**



**4th place
(23 points)**

Harvest donations - Harvest Service – Thank You!

On Monday, we enjoyed a lovely Harvest Service at St Mary's Church. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate the harvest and reflect on the importance of gratitude, kindness and helping others.

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your generous donations, which will be given to the Uttlesford Foodbank to support local families in need. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and reflect our school values of Compassion, Friendship and Respect.



Thank you also to Mr Clarke and our Worship Council for their hard work in helping to make the service so special.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

School Photographer – Monday 12th October



Carmel Jane Photographers will be in school on the morning of Monday 12th October to take individual and sibling photographs.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full school uniform, including a logoed school sweatshirt or cardigan.

For children in Years 3 and 4 who have PE on Monday, please ensure they bring their PE kit in a named bag so they can change into it after their photographs have been taken.

Parent exercise classes

Please see pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter - there is a FREE session for both classes TUESDAY 13th October and please see the link below:

<https://buy.stripe.com/00w8wPa7y5o2gOmadYaAw0M>

West End Experience Saffron Walden

PARENT & TODDLER DANCE CLASS

WESTENDEXPERIENCESW@GMAIL.COM



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NOW



Saffron Walden £12 a session

Tuesday / Parent & Toddler Dance / 10.30-11.30am

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West End Experience Saffron Walden

BALLET, BABY & ME

Ballet, Baby & Me a gentle ballet and contemporary fusion class designed for care givers and babies.

Saffron Walden £12 a session
Tuesdays 11.30-12.30am
westendexperiencesw@gmail.com

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Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities



Beyond Good Beginnings course

A course for parents and carers of autistic children, or those with social communication needs, aged 6 to 13.

The course covers:

- Week 1 – Understanding Autism
- Week 2 – Social Understanding and Communication
- Week 3 – Sensory Processing and Regulation
- Week 4 – Information Processing and Flexibility
- Week 5 – Supporting Regulation – the Autism Lens and Sleeping and Eating

This course is an opportunity for parents and carers to come together to share experiences and tips in a supportive environment.



Scan the QR code to book a place

or visit: send.essex.gov.uk/search-support-groups-and-activities/beyond-good-beginnings-course



**FREE
EVENT**

MULTI SCHOOLS COUNCIL PRESENTS...

Tics and Tourette's Awareness Event!

**COLCHESTER CASTLE PARK
BANDSTAND**

**11AM
-2PM**

**WEDNESDAY
28TH
OCTOBER**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

**CRAFT TABLES
AWARENESS WALK
MEET NEW FRIENDS
HAVING FUN!**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Autumn/Winter Term 2026

Thursday 1st October	-	Census Day—special school lunch
Monday 5th October	-	Harvest Festival 9.30am St Mary's Church
Wednesday 7 th October	-	Years 5 and 6 Boys and Girls Football tournaments
Thursday 8 th October	-	Yr 4 Library Visit
Monday 12th October	-	Individual/Sibling Photographs
Thursday 15th October	-	Yr 1 and 2—Aurora Orchestra at Saffron Hall
Friday 16th October	-	Y1 Golden Ticket Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 20 th October	-	Whole School African Drumming Workshop
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 HOLIDAYS
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 (morning only)
Wednesday 4 th November	-	Little Recyclers Clothing Collection
Tuesday 5 th November	-	Parent/Carer Book Look (8.30am-9.00am)
Tuesday 5 th November	-	Parent/Carer Book Look (3.15pm-4.15pm)
Tuesday 10th November	-	Parent/Carer Consultations (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Thursday 12 th November	-	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (11.00am)
Thursday 12th November	-	Parent/Carer Consultations (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Monday 16th November	-	R27 Open Morning for Parents and Carers (9.30am)
Monday 23 rd November	-	Yr5 Parent/Carer Residential Meeting (5.00pm)
Tuesday 24th November	-	R27 Open Morning for Parents and Carers (9.30am)
Friday 4 th December	-	FOSM KS2 Disco (5.00pm – 6.30pm)
Thursday 10 th December	-	Save the Children Jumper Day
Tuesday 15 th December	-	R-Yr2 Nativity at St Mary's Church (6.00pm)
Wednesday 16 th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	-	Carol Service at St Mary's Church (11.00am)
Friday 18 th December	-	LAST DAY OF TERM – 1.30pm finish
Monday 4 th January	-	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th January	-	Pupils return at 8.30am

