

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 17th April 2026

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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2025



Attendance Weekly 96.4%

Attendance Year 96.3%

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,

Grow £15 Fundraising Success!

With just over a week and a half to go, our fantastic fundraisers are still hard at work on their individual Grow15 campaigns. Let's see what our wonderful pupils (and their families) have been up to this week!

Lili from Yr5 did a hike in Wales during the Easter holidays and raised an amazing £37.50.

Thomas from Yr4 did lots of chores to raise money, he washed the car, mowed the lawn, washed the dishes, washed garden furniture and did some gardening and raised a fabulous £31.

Mabel in year 3 completed a Sponsored Cycle and Swim in aid of St. Mary's Grow15 fundraiser. She managed to swim 26 lengths all on her own and followed that up with a 5.6-mile cycle! Mabel says, "I was scared before, but it was REALLY fun!" So far Mabel has raised a huge amount of £178.50 and this is still growing!

Sienna in Reception class raised an incredible £45 by filling a jar with Easter eggs with people needing to guess how many were inside.

During the Easter holidays, **Chloe** in Yr5, managed to walk all the way to the top of Scafell Pike - the highest mountain in England. It was a 17km walk, 28,000 steps and 1000m elevation. She was sponsored £40 for the school fundraising to spur her on to reach the top. What an amazing achievement!

Timmy in Yr3 and **Toby** in Yr 5 held a stall after school on Wednesday to sell their fabric covered notebooks, upcycled bunting and coasters. They raised £150 between them, which will be equally split between their class fundraising pots.

As ever, please don't forget to send in a photo (or several!) of your children in action, as well as a line or two of text explaining what they have been doing, by emailing these into the school office. We really don't want to miss anyone out! Thank you!

Grow15 Leaderboard:

Just a reminder that the winning class gets to hold a fantastic **Pizza Party**, as well as receiving the much-coveted Fundraising Trophy for 2026. The closing date for all fundraising is **Thursday 30th April at 5pm**.

THE TOTAL RAISED SO FAR, INCLUDING CASH DONATIONS IS £5030.66. WOW!!!!

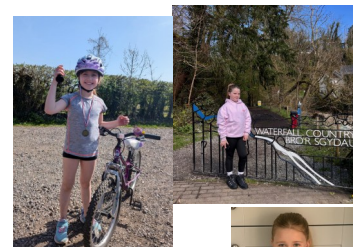
Thank you so much for all of your amazing support with this vital fundraising initiative!

Classroom works over the Easter holidays: a heartfelt thank you

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Andrew Mynott for generously giving up his time over the Easter holidays to help repaint the Year 6 classroom.

His hard work and dedication have made a real difference, transforming the space into a bright, fresh, and welcoming environment for both pupils and staff. The refreshed classroom has already had a positive impact, creating an inspiring place for our Year 6 children as they continue their learning journey.

Acts of kindness and community spirit like this do not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for Mr Mynott's support. Thank you once again for your time, effort, and commitment to our school.



Grow 15 Leaderboard		
(as of 17/04/2026)		
Position	Class	Total
1 st place	Year 3	£1,047.65
2 nd place	Year 6	£1,012.50
3 rd place	Year 2	£923.64
4 th place	Year 5	£734.06
5 th place	Reception	£520.50
6 th place	Year 4	£493.56
7 th place	Year 1	£298.75
Grand Total:		£5,030.66



After School Clubs

Just to let you know that there are still a few spaces in some of the after school clubs. Please speak to a member of the school office if you have any questions.

Stars of the Week

Hattie — for her truthfulness and always pushing herself

Mohana—for fantastic focus and challenge in writing

Claudia— for not taking mistakes too seriously and persevering

Sky – playleader certificate for always being respectful to adults and peers

Layla—for pushing herself even when she finds things tricky

Lennon—for excellent effort in all areas of learning

Mohammed—for excellent effort and perseverance in Maths

Charlie—for always contributing to class discussions and working hard

Casey—for a fantastic work ethic this week

Florence—for always showing safe, respect and effort

Theo—for his effort in Maths

Mario—for always being a kind friend

Lena—for her hard work across subjects, helpfulness around the classroom and bright smile she brings to class daily



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 145 points was Water House; in 2nd place with 133 points was Air House, in 3rd place with 121 points was Earth House and in 4th place with 110 points was Fire House. Well done everybody!



**1st place
(145 points)**



**2nd place
(133 points)**



**3rd place
(121 points)**



**4th place
(110 points)**

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr C. D. Jarman

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

Scooters and bikes in school reminder:



In order to keep our school community safe, please remind your child/children that scooters and bicycles must not be ridden on school grounds.

We kindly ask that they dismount at the school gate and walk their scooter or bicycle to the cycle parking area. After school, they should also walk them until they have exited through the gates.

We would appreciate your support in supervising your child/children at drop-off and collection times to ensure this is followed.

Thank you for your continued help and cooperation.



SAFFRON WALDEN CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



SUMMER TRAINING: STARTING 23 APRIL
RECEPTION - YEAR 5: SUNDAY MORNINGS
YEAR 6 - 10 BOYS: FRIDAY EVENINGS
WOMEN AND GIRLS: THURSDAY EVENINGS

OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES,
BOYS, GIRLS AND SEND CHILDREN
INCLUSION CRICKET AVAILABLE

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN NEW SKILLS
IN A FUN, FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

SOFT BALL TEAM CRICKET FROM YEAR 3

FULLY QUALIFIED SPECIALIST COACHES
SUPPORTED BY PLAYERS

ONE TO ONE COACHING AVAILABLE
BY ARRANGEMENT

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON ON
REGISTRATION DAY AT THE CLUB
ON 18 APRIL FROM 10AM

SAFFRONWALDENCRIKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM

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WWW.SAFFRONWALDENCRIKET.CO.UK



Grow
15

MARIO & SKYE Y1

Toys and
Sweets Sale!

From £.50 to £2.50

📍 After school
(at pick up)



Friday
24th

Mental Health Support Teams in Schools

ONLINE PARENT GROUP - Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries

Are you looking for effective ways to help you,
help your young person, navigate anxiety
and help them manage their worries?

The Mental Health Support Team is
running 2 online parent groups in June

When?

Thursdays
1pm - 2pm

11th June
18th June
25th June
2nd July

When?

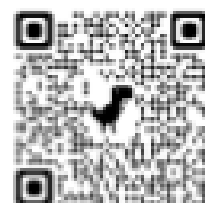
Fridays
9:30am - 10:30am

12th June
19th June
26th June
3rd July

Choose sessions on Thursdays or Fridays.
Attendance at all four sessions is expected.

Next steps:
scan QR code
complete form

A practitioner will call you to complete a short assessment



For any questions email: mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk

Information for parent/carers



Friends Of St Mary's Update



Hi everyone! **We are so excited to share that the St Mary's Summer Fete is happening on Saturday 4th July, 11am–2pm – and it's set to be our biggest and best yet!**

We're planning **more stalls, more fun, and more amazing memories for the children and families...** but we *really* need your help to make it happen.

To bring this event to life, we're looking for volunteers to help run stalls, set up, pack down, and keep everything running smoothly on the day. Even an hour of your time would make a huge difference. Please email fosm@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk if you can help! **Save the date** and get ready for a brilliant day!

Thank you as always for your support - we truly couldn't do this without you.

Legoland Trip: Friday 1st May (School INSET Day)

Just a reminder about the upcoming FOSM day trip to Legoland, during the staff INSET Day in May.

LEGOLAND PAYMENT DETAILS

A reminder for those who have reserved tickets for the May INSET Day LEGOLAND visit. (1st May 2026).

Payment deadline: Friday 17th April 2026. Tickets will be confirmed with LEGOLAND on Saturday 18th April 2026.



Important, please read:

- ♦ Payment **MUST** be made by the deadline to secure your tickets.
- ♦ Please include your **CHILD'S SURNAME** and **YEAR GROUP** as the payment reference.
- ♦ Surnames may not match the surname of the person paying.
- ♦ If you have more than one child visiting from the school, just make **ONE** single payment transfer using **ONE** of the year groups of your children.

(For example: Mrs Smith has 2 children at St Mary's. Both are going to LEGOLAND with her. All 3 are paid tickets. One child is in year 1 and one child is in year 2. Mrs Smith makes one payment to the FOSM bank of £57, with reference SMITH YEAR 1).

The bank details are:

Account holder: Friends of St Mary's

Account number: 61154241

Sort code: 041450

Institution: SumUp Payments Limited

If payment is not received by the deadline, your reserved tickets will unfortunately be released and no longer guaranteed.

If you have reserved tickets but have changed your mind, that's absolutely fine - just let us know at fosm@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk.

If you require extra tickets, please email fosm@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk with your requirements and transfer the correct amount to the account above.

Ticket prices:

- Adult/Child ticket: £19.00
- Carer ticket / child under 90cm: Free (proof of eligibility required for carer tickets)

You are welcome to transfer your money from *now*!

Thank you everyone - we're looking forward to a fantastic day and fingers crossed for the weather!

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!

ST MARY'S SUMMER FETE



Volunteers NEEDED

4TH JULY 2026 / 11AM-2PM

We need help with

- setting up
- running stalls
- tidying up/packing away



fosm@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

STIEEL



Is coming to St Mary's...



...MAY 2026



Friends of St Mary's

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QUIZ NIGHT!

Sunday 10th May • 6PM

Chater's, Saffron Walden



BUY YOUR TEAM

VIA:



Hosted by Quiz Master, Sam La Roche!



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April	-	First Day back for pupils
Wednesday 15th April	-	Grow 15 Stall—3.15pm
Thursday 16th April	-	R26 National Offer Day
Friday 17th April	-	First & 6 Swim
Wednesday 22nd April	-	Year 3 football tournament
Friday 24th April	-	Grow 13 Staff—3.15pm
Monday 27th April	-	Road Safety Presentation for EYFS
Wednesday 29th April	-	Yr2 Three Tees Cricket
Friday 1st May	-	INSET DAY
Friday 1st May	-	FOSM Legoland Visit
Tuesday 5th May	-	Yr4 Lee Valley Visit
Tuesday 5th May	-	Reception and Yr 6 Health Checks
Sunday 10th May	-	FOSM Quiz Night—6.00pm at Chaters
11th May—14th May	-	Y6 SATs
Thursday 21st May	-	FOSM Gladiator Steel Visit
Wednesday 3rd June	-	R26 Parent Information Meeting (9.30am School Hall)
Thursday 4th June	-	Multi sports afternoon
Tuesday 9th June	-	Y3 Hatfield Forest Visit
15th June—19th June	-	Y6 Residential Visit
Tuesday 23rd June	-	KS2 Athletics Competition
Thursday 25th June	-	Y6 Secondary School Visits
Wednesday 1st July	-	Sports Day (Time tbc)
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

