

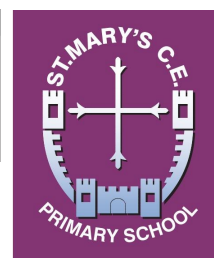
St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 24th April 2026

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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2025



Attendance Weekly 95.9%

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,

Grow £15 Fundraising Success!

With just under a week to go of our Grow15 Fundraising campaign, we continue to be blown away with all of the amazing fundraising work taking place throughout our school community. The original Grow15 Fundraising target was **£3150** and we are well on the way to nearly double that total!

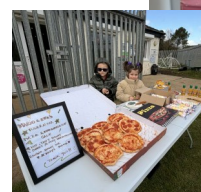
Let's find out what our recent Grow15 fundraisers have been up to!

Huxley from Year 3 and **Percy** from Year 2 challenged themselves to run a lap of the common (1k) every day for 15 days over the Easter Holidays. They did their run come rain or shine, had friends and family, and even onlookers join them to run with them and cheer them on, and learned a lot about perseverance (and pacing yourself when running!). In total they raised a staggering £405 and ran 15k.

Felicity from Year 1 raised an amazing £70 made by holding an Easter egg lucky dip after school in March and was very hard at work filling all the eggs with prizes. She was overwhelmed by how much support she received from parents and pupils hoping to win one of the large Easter eggs.

Eva from Reception made pizzas at her dad's restaurant and together with **Mario**, who is Eva's friend from Year 1, also sold them at Herbert's Farm football field. They also raised money by selling bracelets, keyrings and sweets. Finally, they sold pizzas to some of their neighbours. Together, they worked very hard and did a lovely job raising money for the school. The total amount raised by Eva was £102.

Don't forget to keep sharing your children's fundraising exploits with the an email into the school office explaining what they have been doing as well as a photo, or two!



Grow15 Leaderboard:

The Pizza Party competition is very much alive, and it's super close at the top of our Grow15 Leaderboard! Currently Year 3 are in the lead, but Year 6 are very close behind—with Year 2 and Reception following.

The closing date for the Grow15 campaign is Thursday 30th April at 5pm, so please keep those donations rolling in until the last minute.



Archery triumph

What a start to summer term sports programme, Thursday saw our Archery winners from November take on Uttlesford's best in the finals. Our Year 4 team became the champions finishing in 1st place with a whopping 423 points and an enormous lead. Our Year 6 team finished in 3rd place with a score of 465 points - only 7 points between them and the overall winners! It was a close competition to say the least. And every archer should be immensely proud of their team effort as well as their individual scores. Archery is a game of skill, patience and perseverance. The arrows don't always land according to plan, and all our

archers experienced this throughout the finals and demonstrated exceptional team encouragement in those moments. A special mention to Joseph Gower-Primeta who stepped up at the last minute to complete the Year 6 team. You complemented the squad perfectly.

A huge congratulations to you all. Our first ever trophy finish for Archery; it is proudly on display in the school lobby. Your success and medals were fully deserved! I am as always incredibly proud and inspired by you all.

With the Cricket season now looming and District Athletics approaching, summer sports and training for it all is in full swing. Our Year 2 class have their first ever tournament at Saffron Walden Cricket Club next week. They've been working hard and I'm sure they will have a blast. Good Luck!

Grow 15 Leaderboard

(as of 24/04/2026)

Position	Class	Total
1 st place	Year 3	£1,115.30
2 nd place	Year 6	£1,021.85
3 rd place	Year 2	£943.64
4 th place	Reception	£880.50
5 th place	Year 5	£755.50
6 th place	Year 4	£571.21
7 th place	Year 1	£369.00
Grand Total: £5,657		

Stars of the Week

Poppy: for her effort in joining her handwriting across subjects.

Matthew: for taking pride in his work and improved effort in English.

Micky: for his enthusiasm in PE.

Oscar: for wonderful effort in English.

Elsie: for her effort in all subjects.

Kayhan: for fantastic teamwork and resilience.

Penny: for impressive recall of French words and phrases.

Teddy: for always persevering in his Maths.

Lily: for taking extra care with her handwriting and trying hard with her learning.

Amber-May: for taking the lead and working hard on her ambassador presentation.

Skye: for her effort in phonics, achieving 37/40 in a recent screening assessment—wow!

Teddy: for showing a strong understanding of Hinduism and confidently explaining its beliefs and traditions.



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 90 points was Earth House; in 2nd place with 65 points was Fire House, in 3rd place with 62 points was Air House & in 4th place with 36 points was Water House. Well done everyone!



**1st place
(90 points)**



**2nd place
(65 points)**



**3rd place
(62 points)**

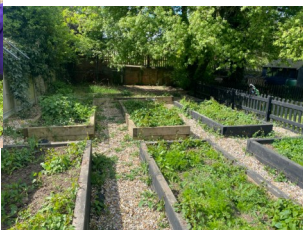


**4th place
(36 points)**



Gardening and Cultivating Change

The eco committee, Mrs McKinnes and Cultivating Change worked very hard in the garden on Monday! They did lots of weeding and watering plus they harvested some chard for the kids to try at home and planted out some herb seedlings. Enjoy the photos of them in action!



Inclusion

Assembly:

This morning we were delighted to hold a truly inspiring Inclusion Assembly at St Mary's. What made this assembly particularly special was that it was designed and delivered by three of our pupils - Darcy, Esther and Amber.

After attending a Share Zone event as part of the Multi-Schools Council, the girls returned full of ideas and enthusiasm. They independently decided to create and lead an assembly focused on inclusion, dedicating a significant amount of their own time to carefully plan and prepare their presentation. Their thoughtfulness and passion were evident throughout, and they delivered their message with confidence and clarity.

Following this wonderful achievement, we are proud to announce that Darcy, Esther and Amber have been appointed as our new Inclusion Ambassadors. In this role, they will represent St Mary's at future inclusion events and play an active part in shaping our inclusive school community. We will be looking for other children to join the team and will ask the class teachers to gather the names of those who are interested and explain the application process to their children. The Inclusion Ambassadors will then lead inclusion meetings which will be open to the whole school community to discuss things that are working well, things that they're finding difficult and to share the space with others that might have similar types of brains! So even if your young person isn't appointed as an Inclusion Ambassador this time around, they will still be able to participate and contribute.

In the meantime, the presentation created by the girls is attached along with this newsletter, in case you would like to discuss and share this with your child/ren.

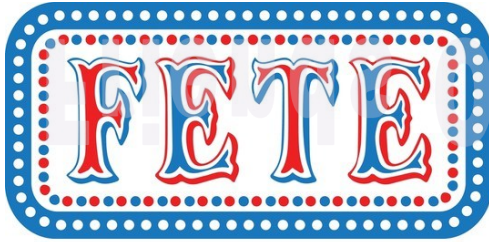
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



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

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4
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SUMMER FETE

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14
ROALD DAHL DAY -
"WONDERLICIOUS!"

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

More to
come!



SPONSORS WANTED!

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ST MARY'S SUMMER FETE



Volunteers NEEDED

4TH JULY 2026 / 11AM-2PM

We need help with

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



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PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!



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!

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Is coming to St Mary's...



...MAY 2026



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term

Wednesday 22nd April	-	Year 3 football tournament
Thursday 23rd April	-	St George's Day Celebration Assembly
Monday 27th April	-	Road Safety Presentation for EYFS
Tuesday 28th April	-	Yr3 Town Walk
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
Thursday 7th May	-	Year 4 Rapid Fire Tournament
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
Wednesday 10th June	-	Class Photos
15th June—19th June	-	Y6 Residential Visit
Friday 19th June	-	Yr 1 Linton Zoo 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

