

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 30th April 2026

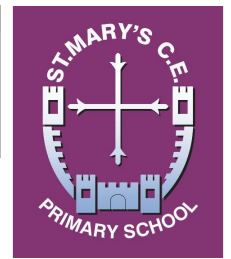
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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2025



Attendance Weekly 94.4%

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. Don't forget that there is an INSET Day tomorrow (Friday 1st May) for staff training and a bank holiday on Monday 4th May, so we look forward to welcoming you all back to St Mary's on Tuesday 5th May.

Grow £15 Fundraising Success!

During the Easter holidays **Linda** from Y5 and **Filip** from Y4 have been raising money by selling Easter decorations and selling cupcakes in neighbourhood and to friends. They raised altogether a fabulous £320.

Daneen from Y1 raised a brilliant £66.93 doing house chores and helping around the neighbourhood.

Frankie from Y4 raised an amazing £15 by offering his gardening skills to his family and he enjoyed it so much has offered to go back.

Gracie from Y4 also raised an amazing £15 by dog walking family members' pets.

Grow15 Leaderboard:

We're pleased to share the latest update on our Grow 15 Leaderboard, with 5pm today being our end of our Grow15 2026 fundraiser.

As you can see, Year 3 have taken back the lead and are currently sitting in first place, with Year 6 following very closely behind. Year 5 have shot up the board into third place, with Year 2 right behind them! It's been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and effort from all year groups—well done to everyone involved.

Please note that the window for donations officially closes today. Online payments will be accepted until 5:00pm and cash donations can be dropped into the school office until 3:30pm this afternoon.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing the final results as soon as we return after the long Bank Holiday weekend.

Gardening Club

At the first session of the gardening club Sally planted basil, salad onions, frilly leaf salad and little gem lettuces with the children in a 'Salad' bed. The children worked really well as a team, were brilliantly enthusiastic and loved learning about the different seeds.

One group topped up one of the beds with compost, and learnt to 'tread' it in. They were excellent at



Grow 15 Leaderboard		
<small>(as of 30/04/2026)</small>		
Position	Class	Total
1 st place	Year 3	£1,392.80
2 nd place	Year 6	£1,261.35
3 rd place	Year 5	£1,022.40
4 th place	Year 2	£1,008.65
5 th place	Reception	£930.50
6 th place	Year 4	£817.46
7 th place	Year 1	£502.01
Grand Total: £6,935.91		



learning how to create shallow rows for the cosmos seeds, and enjoyed using the 'Dibber' to create holes where we planted sunflowers & nasturtiums. Hopefully this will create a lovely flower bed - a mix of edible flowers and flowers the pollinators will love. We were really impressed with older children who helped the younger ones, and ran back and forth to get water!

Year 6 Playleaders Inspire in Whole-School Assembly

This week, our Year 6 Playleaders took to the stage to deliver a fantastic whole-school assembly, showcasing the important role they play in making lunchtimes fun, active, and inclusive for everyone. The Playleaders spoke confidently about their responsibilities, explaining how they organise games, support younger pupils, and encourage teamwork across the playground. They shared examples of popular activities and even demonstrated a few, getting the audience involved and energised.



A key message from the assembly was the importance of kindness, fairness, and including others. The Playleaders reminded everyone that a simple invitation to join a game can make a big difference to someone's day. Staff and pupils alike were impressed by the maturity and enthusiasm shown by the group. Their assembly was not only informative but also inspiring, highlighting the positive impact pupil leadership can have across the school.

Well done to all of our Year 6 Playleaders for representing the school so brilliantly!

Three Tees Cricket

On Thursday 29th April our Year 2 pupils attended their first competitive tournament – Three Tees Cricket at Saffron Walden Cricket Club!

Over the last half term, they have been batting away in their P.E lessons with Mr Brown. Learning new skills and how to play as a team. It was a jam-packed afternoon of matches with each team competing in 5 matches against local schools. The atmosphere was exciting and engaging and our super stars have qualified for the Uttlesford Finals. All their hard work has paid off and we couldn't be prouder. Well done Year 2 you smashed it!



Stars of the Week

Alfie—for his effort, care and attention in his artwork this week.

Andriya—for showing perseverance in cricket and doing so well

Dillon—for working so hard in our cricket lessons

Freya—for excellent effort in English; producing some wonderful writing

Franek—for all his contributions and reflections in Science and RE

Thomas—for excellent effort and perseverance in PE

Elif—for always trying her best and showing great progress across subjects

Tomas—for showing great enthusiasm in French this week

Aoife—for consistently demonstrating our school values

Megan—for always trying hard and being helpful to her peers and staff

Blossom—for her great attitude to learning and always seeing the funny side of things



House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 88 points was Water House; in 2nd place with 71 points was Air House, in 3rd place with 62 points was Fire House & in 4th place with 51 points was Earth House. Well done everyone!



**1st place
(88 points)**



**2nd place
(71 points)**



**3rd place
(62 points)**



**4th place
(51 points)**

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. See you back at St Mary's on Tuesday 5th May at 8.30am.

Mr C. D. Jarmain

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

MAY HALF TERM TENNIS FUN!

DUXFORD TENNIS CLUB



25TH - 29TH MAY

MONDAY TUES THURS FRI
9 - 11AM

WEDNESDAY
2 - 4PM



MEET NEW FRIENDS,
BUILDS CONFIDENCE.



LOTS OF FUN, LEARN NEW
SHOTS, POINTS AND GAMES.



CAFE
NEXT DOOR



PARKING
ONSITE



GREAT
FACILITIES



GREAT WAY
TO KEEP FIT!



LEARN A
NEW SKILL!



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WELCOME!

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LOTS OF FUN,
LEARN NEW
SHOTS, POINTS
AND GAMES.



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UNFORGETTABLE!



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

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SPONSORED SUMMER
READ

SEP
14
ROALD DAHL DAY -
"WONDERLICIOUS!"

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

More to
come!

ST MARY'S

— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
SAFFRON WALDEN

**BIGGER
AND
BETTER
THAN
EVER!**

SUMMER FETE

JULY 4TH

11AM – 2PM

**SAVE
the
DATE!**

GAMES

TOMBOLA

INFLATABLES

STALLS

**AND LOTS
MORE!**

**FUN FOR
EVERYONE!**

— ♥ —
**COME AND
SUPPORT OUR
WONDERFUL
SCHOOL!**

A vibrant, festive background featuring a blue sky with white clouds, colorful triangular bunting flags in red, yellow, green, and blue, and several balloons in red, blue, green, and yellow. The scene is set in a lush green field with sunflowers, white daisies, and a yellow rubber duck. In the background, there is a red and white striped circus tent and a colorful Ferris wheel.

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Is coming to St Mary's...



Thursday, 21st May 2026



Diary Dates



Key Dates for the Summer Term

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
18th May	-	Y6 Residential meeting parents/carers 5.00pm
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

