

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 5th June 2026

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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2025



Attendance Weekly 95.4%

Attendance Year 96.0%

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. Read on to find out what we've been up to this week at St Mary's!

Stars of the Week

Libby—for challenging herself in Maths and always focusing on the task

Vezenga—for his effort in Maths this week and being a supportive friend

Isla—for working hard in handwriting to form her letters neatly and accurately

Oscar—for always having a positive attitude to being challenged

Woody - For his hard work on our cryptic clues in class

Alannah—for persevering in the egg and spoon race in PE this week

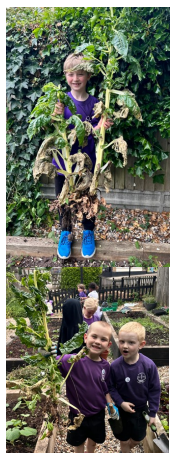
Sage—for working hard to show safe, respect and effort

Woody—for wonderful effort and perseverance in English

Archie—for consistent effort in his work and superb time skills in Maths

Harper—for working very hard in her phonics and reading

Alex - For getting more involved in classroom discussions



Gardening Club

This week we were once again tackling the fast-growing weeds, which the children are really getting the hang of and know to really dig down to get as much of the Bind Weed roots as they can. We added more compost to the middle bed where Katie and Forest school have planted the squashes and have added rows of Frilly Salad Lett, Little Gem Lettuce and Chard.

We re-sowed some more salads in one of the other beds where the slugs have eaten the Kale, which is a shame. I will bring some egg shells next time to try and protect them (we may need to get some beer traps!). It's really exciting to see that the sunflowers, nasturtiums and cosmos from week 1 are doing really well.



TESCO blue token scheme

A huge thank you to everyone who supported St Mary's in the Tesco Stronger Starts Blue Token scheme. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm shown by our school community and are delighted to announce that we finished in second place, securing an incredible £1,000 towards playground improvements. Every token made a difference, and we are so grateful to everyone who took the time to vote for us. This funding will help us continue our plans to enhance the children's play experiences at St Mary's. Watch this space for updates on the exciting improvements to come!

Friends of St Mary's



TESCO
TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

Smartphone Free Childhood Event

As I announced last year, children in Year 4 are not allowed to bring smartphones to school, and parents of children in Year 5 are discouraged from buying smartphones for their children. To help parents and carers understand these changes, there will be **a cross-town information evening** about becoming a town of smartphone-free schools **at SWCHS, Saffron Screen on Tuesday 16th June at 7:30pm.**

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

This is open to all parents and carers across Saffron Walden and the villages. It will be a 60-minute panel discussion with our town's school leaders and an expert speaker on smartphones for children, with time for questions. As parents from all four Saffron Walden primary schools will be invited, we expect spaces to be limited. Please book a free ticket to secure your seat. [Saffron Walden Smartphone-Free Schools parent event on Tuesday 16 June - secure your spot! – Fill out form](#)

House triumphs!

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 74 points was Water House; in 2nd place with 70 points was Fire House, in 3rd place with 60 points was Earth House; and in 4th place with 59 points was Air House. Well done everyone!



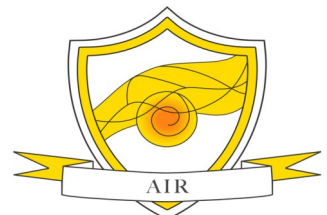
**1st place
(74 points)**



**2nd place
(70 points)**



**3rd place
(60 points)**



**4th place
(59 points)**

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr C. D. Jarman

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



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Saffron Walden

**Parent Talk:
Why our schools are going
smartphone free in
Saffron Walden**

Meet with local school leaders
and our specialist speaker to
understand the changes

When

**Tues 16 June 2026
7.30pm**

Where

**Saffron Screen (Q6)
Saffron Walden
County High School,
CB11 4UH**

**All parents
welcome.
See you
there!**



WORLD CUP

2026

Thursday 11th June

MAINS

ALL AMERICAN WORLD CUP BURGER BAR
(MEAT & VEGGIE BURGERS WITH CHOICE OF CHEESE, SALAD & SAUCE)

BACK OF THE NETTY SPAGHETTI & FOOTBALLS

WITH COALIE'S GARLIC BREAD

RONALDO'S 'IT'S A WRAP'
(INCLUDING CHAMPION CHICKEN FILLING)

SIDES

FRENCH FRIES

GOLDEN BOOT BAKED BEANS

SUPERSTAR SLAW OR SUBSTITUTE SALAD

DESSERT

ETON MESSI ICE CREAM BAR
+ (ICE CREAM, MERINGUE, SPRINKLES, SAUCE) +

HALF TIME ORANGES

KICK OFF COOKIE

dolce



ST MARYS SCHOOL
— SAFFRON WALDEN —

SUMMER TERM TENNIS



MONDAYS
315-4pm

3
SPOTS
LEFT!

5-12 year olds

Tennis
for ALL



Inside and outside
available



Equipment provided
(if you have a racket
please bring!)



Great skill to learn,
new shots, builds
confidence and
team work!



7 LESSONS LEFT



CONTACT ALI DIRECTLY

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NON UNIFORM DAY!

ON
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

IN EXCHANGE FOR A
SWEET TREAT!

(NOT FRESH, THANKS!)

For example:

a packet of biscuits, a pack of sweets etc.



ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE
SWEET TREAT TOMBOLA

AT THE SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 11AM – 2PM





St Mary's BAKE OFF

at the Summer Fete!



Take part in St Mary's very first Great Summer Bake-Off! All St Mary's children, parents, carers and friends of the school are invited to enter our annual Bake-Off cake decorating competition at the Summer Fete on **Saturday 4th July**.

As it's our first bake-off, we have

★ **NO THEME** ★

— we want to see what the St Mary community has to offer!

Our very special guest judges will have the delicious job of awarding points for taste, creativity and presentation. There will be prizes for the top bakers, and entries will be assessed either as whole cakes or smaller baked items, e.g., cupcakes or biscuits. Once the winners have been announced, all cakes entered will be sold at our **St Mary's Bake-Off cake sale**, giving us all the chance to take home something yummy!



★ **SATURDAY 4TH JULY** ★ **11:00AM – 2:00PM**

HOW TO ENTER:

Get baking! ♥

Label your cake carefully with the following information:

- Name
- Class at St Mary's (if applicable)
- Mobile number
- A brief description of your cake and a list of ingredients (for allergies – **NO NUTS, PLEASE**)



Please bring all cakes to the Cake Stall by 10.20 am on the day of the fete. Judging will begin shortly after 10.30 am (Judges will need to arrive then, please).



Judges will pick a 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner, with the first prize being a voucher worth **£110** (2 adults and 2 children) for afternoon tea at *Poppy's Barn!*



STRICTLY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY (SORRY!)



♥ **PLEASE EMAIL**
fosm@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk
to enter the bake-off and judging competition.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A

★ **'VERY SPECIAL JUDGE'?** ★

We are looking for one child from St Mary's to represent the school by becoming a very special judge!

- 🏠 Do you live for cake?
- 🏠 Do you think you have a good eye for decorating, icing swirls and soggy bottoms?
- 🏠 Are you the next Prue Leith or Paul Hollywood?



We need you! All you need to do is write a short paragraph as to why you'd like to be a judge of our St Mary's Bake-Off competition. Mr Jarman will read all entries and decide on our winner!



PLEASE HAVE BOTH ENTRIES IN BY
MONDAY 22ND JUNE

We can't wait to hear from you!

Good luck to all our bakers and to the children entering our judging competition!



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!

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The background of the poster is a vibrant blue sky with white clouds, a bright yellow sun with rays, and colorful triangular bunting flags at the top. A red and white striped circus tent is visible on the right side. In the bottom left corner, there is a wooden signpost with five directional signs: 'GAMES' (green), 'TOMBOLA' (pink), 'INFLATABLES' (blue), 'STALLS' (orange), and 'AND LOTS MORE!' (purple). A pink ice cream cone is also shown. A pink balloon with text is in the top right, and a chalkboard sign is in the bottom right.

ST MARY'S

— PRIMARY SCHOOL —
SAFFRON WALDEN

**BIGGER
AND
BETTER
THAN
EVER!**

SUMMER FETE

JULY 4TH

11AM – 2PM

**SAVE
the
DATE!**

**FUN FOR
EVERYONE!**

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



Diary Dates

Key Dates for the Summer Term

Tuesday 2nd June	-	Yr 6 English Bridging Session with SWCHS (AM)
	-	Yr 6 JFan Bridging Session (PM)
Wednesday 3rd June	-	R26 Parent Information Meeting (9.30am School Hall)
Thursday 4th June	-	EYFS, KS1 and Yr 3 Multi sports afternoon
Tuesday 9th June	-	Y3 Hatfield Forest Visit
Wednesday 10th June	-	Class Photos
Thursday 11th June	-	Dolce World Cup special menu
15th June—19th June	-	Y6 Residential Visit
Friday 19th June	-	Yr 1 Linton Zoo Visit
Tuesday 23rd June	-	KS2 Athletics Competition
Wednesday 24th June	-	KS2 Panathlon Team Final
Thursday 25th June	-	Y6 Secondary School Visits at JFan and SWCHS
Wednesday 1st July	-	Sports Day
		Yrs 3 –6 (8.30am—11.45am)
		Whole School Parent/Carer Picnic 12.00pm—12.45pm
		R—Yr 2 (12.45—3.15pm)
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