

# St Mary's C of E Primary School E-Newsletter

School Value: Courage

Friday 4th July 2025

Our Vision: We believe, we achieve, we succeed in God's Family.

***A note from the Headteacher.....***As we embrace the joys of the summer term, we kindly remind parents to ensure that their children are appropriately prepared for the hot weather. We recommend that all pupils apply sun cream before attending school, wear hats to protect themselves and bring a refillable water bottle each day. Staying hydrated and safe under the sun is paramount, particularly as we engage in outdoor activities.

*This week our Acorn class attended Stow Maries aerodrome and had an amazing day. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore the fascinating world of aviation and discover the rich history of this unique location. Throughout the trip, Acorn Class engaged in a variety of activities, including guided tours of the restored aircraft and informative sessions about the aerodrome's role during the First World War. We are incredibly proud of Acorn Class for their exemplary behaviour and eagerness to learn. Well done, everyone!*

*As we gear up for more communal activities, it is essential to highlight our Sports Day scheduled for the 7th July. This much-anticipated event will commence at 1.00 pm; Parents are warmly invited to join us on the field from 11.50 am onwards to enjoy a picnic /barbecue lunch. We will be organising various games and a barbecue following the conclusion of the events, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to connect and celebrate our students' achievements together. Thank you to our FOSMS team for making this event possible.*

*In addition to our Sports Day, we are excited to announce that several pupils from our school will be attending the TRUST Swimming Gala at James Hornsby School next week. Good luck to George A, Leo, Daniel, Jacob, Eva, Isabelle, and Ivy . This event not only showcases their swimming ability, but also embodies our school spirit in competing together. We wish them the best of luck.*

*We have noticed a marked increase in the number of holiday requests this term. Please be reminded that it is crucial for parents and guardians to follow school procedures regarding time off during term time. We urge you to plan family holidays in accordance with the school calendar so as to minimise disruption to your child's education. Should you have any queries about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the office for clarification.*

*Over the next couple of weeks we will be holding class swaps designed to enhance our students' learning experiences. These transitions support our pupils in developing adaptability and social skills, as they engage with different teachers and peers.*

*It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Richardson to our school as a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) for the afternoon sessions. Her role is to provide additional support to our students, fostering inclusivity and tailored educational assistance. We are thrilled to have her join our team and look forward to the positive impact she will have in the classroom.*

*As the end of the academic year approaches, I would also like to remind you of the Year 6 leavers trip scheduled for the 21st of July. This year, we will be taking our Year 6 students to Air Hop in Chelmsford. Please remember to confirm your transport arrangements and submit the necessary waiver forms should you have not done so already. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.*

*I wanted to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt than you to Mrs Denny for donating and delivering us some netball posts this week. I know the children will be delighted and they will be extremely useful for our upcoming Netball club which we are hoping to start in the next Academic year. We are extremely grateful for your support.*

***Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Walker***

# Classroom News

## Acorn Class:

Acorns have had another busy week. In maths we are looking at capacity and it has been nice to have water in the classroom as we look at different volumes. In Literacy we are looking at recounts. In computing we are looking at Scratch junior and how to make animation. The children have really impressed me with how quickly they have picked up the instructions. We also had our class trip to Stow Maries War museum and had a lovely day.

*Mrs Fallon — Class Teacher*

## Chestnut Class:

It's been a hot week this week and we have worked to the best of our ability. We have top copied our Voyage and Return stories and used our beautiful handwriting and presentation. In maths we have looked at grids and coordinates and had lots of fun. In our reading lesson we have read all about the moon and answered lots of questions correctly. In computing we really enjoyed creating our own magazine covers. In history we really enjoyed learning about Hieroglyphs. We found out lots of interesting information and we used the lovely art pens that were on our Amazon Wishlist. In science we looked at the life cycle of flowering plants.

*Mrs Carlier—Class Teacher*

## Oak Class:

This week in oak class, we have continued our work on statistics in maths, reading and interpreting pie charts. In English, we have been looking at spelling patterns and in our reading sessions we have focused on retrieving information from a text, In RE we have looked at the principle of Hedonic Calculus and used this to work out the net pleasure or pain caused by potential actions. In PSHE we have been learning about respectful digital citizenship and in geography, we have mapped our local area.

*Mr Austin—Class Teacher*

## Acorn Achiever

The whole of Acorn Class. On our trip yesterday the children were all amazing! I was super proud of how well behaved they were, how they did really good listening and coped with the heat. Well done everyone.

## Chestnut Achiever

Jesse is our work achiever this week. He really enjoyed our reading lessons and answered all of his questions correctly. I was very impressed with his attitude and effort. Well done Jesse!

## Oak Achiever

Oak's achiever this week is Dougie. Dougie always conducts himself in an appropriate and respectful way. He applies himself well in all our lessons and is an excellent role model to his peers. Well done, Dougie.

## Demonstrating our School Values

THANKFULNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY TRUTHFULNESS COURAGE FORGIVENESS

**Acorn:** Harrison displays the values of community and compassion as he has become a very supportive friend to Adem. Harrison is always looking out for him and making sure he is okay, especially on our trip. This is really lovely to see.

**Chestnut:** Sophie is our value achiever. Sophie is very tolerant of others and consistently demonstrates patience and understanding in group situations. She listens respectfully to different opinions, works well with a range of peers.

**Oak:** Oak's value achiever is Xander. Xander has shown great courage and determination this week in his approach to the year 5 assessments. He has done his best in all areas and we are very proud of him. Well done, Xander.



Due to the extreme heatwave on Tuesday afternoon, the decision was made to hold Acorn classes forest school session in the class garden as there is a lot more shade for the children to gather under. We did not let this stop us from having fun though and the children enjoyed making animals out of play-doh and drawing forest school pictures in their forest school journals. We kept the session as slow and relaxed as possible so as to not over heat. Well done Acorn class, I was very impressed by your creativity and artwork!

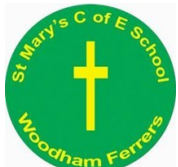


Chestnut class had a great session and had fun in the mud kitchen and climbing trees. Some of the children went on a bug hunt and they found several different species of beetle, ladybirds, woodlice and centipedes. Another group of children created a stage area and put on a show performance for the rest of the class. The children also enjoyed drawing in and decorating their forest school journals. Well done Chestnut class!

Oak class had another great session this week. I supplied some more materials today including screws, dowels and nails which enabled the children to complete some of their projects. I also brought in some varnish so that the dart board and tables could be weather-proofed. The children have really enjoyed these projects and its been lovely to see how far they have come with their use of tools, etc. Well done Oak class.

Freddie Forest Bear had a lovely time with Eva last week and is now looking forward to going home with John-Boy from Chestnut class this weekend. Despite not being able to join us in our forest school session this week due to an injury, John-Boy made a fantastic power point presentation explaining everything that forest school is about and showing lots of the different activities that we do. Well done John-Boy, enjoy your weekend with Freddie.





# MENU

w/c 07.07.25

A reminder that we require meals to be booked one week in advance on ParentPay.  
The cut off for this is 9am every Monday for the following week.  
If you have missed the deadline you must ensure your child has a packed lunch with them.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Ham Sandwich Picnic Box	Ham Pitta Pizza	Sausage roast	Jacket Potato with tuna	Chicken nuggets
Cheese Sandwich Picnic Box	Cheese Pitta Pizza	Quorn sausage roast	Jacket Potato with cheese	Quorn nuggets
Jam Sandwich Picnic Box	Ham baguette	Ham baguette	Ham baguette	Ham /Cheese baguette
	Cheese baguette	Cheese baguette	Cheese baguette	Tuna baguette

- Dojo messages this week:***
- ◇ Year 5 WDF Induction Days
  - ◇ Year 6 Leavers Trip to Air Hop Chelmsford
  - ◇ Hot weather reminders
  - ◇ Uniform expectations

### *Summer Term Clubs*

**KS1 & KS2 Multiskills Club**  
Monday: 12.30pm—1:00pm  
Mr S.Thomas—EKC

**KS1 & KS2 Film Club**  
Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
Mrs Beard

**KS1 & KS2 Science Club**  
Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
Mrs Carlier

**KS1 & KS2 Gardening Lunchtime Club**  
Wednesday 12:30pm—1:00pm  
Miss Wilson

**KS1 & KS2 Lego Club**  
Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
Mrs Matthews

**KS1 & KS2 Art Club**  
Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
Mrs Fallon

# dates to Remember

*Please note that dates are subject to change.— Check Dojo events page for further info*

Date	Activity	Who
7th July	Sports day Parents on field at 11.50 - picnic/bbq lunch (PTA). Sports Day start at 1.30pm - BBQ/Games after school	
9th July	Trust Swimming Gala	Selected pupils
11th July	Books, biscuits and Blankets 2.45pm—3.15pm on the school field	
11th July	School reports home	
11th July	Year 2 writing session in Chestnut—English	
11th July	EYFS & Yr 1 Working in Partnership	
14th July	Class Transition Mornings EYFS Transition morning with Parents	
14th July	Sports day reserve date	
16th July	Class Transition Mornings EYFS Transition morning without Parents	
17th July	Art Gallery	2:30pm Parents will have an opportunity to view pupils work and discuss reports if they wish.

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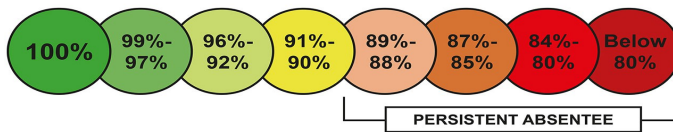
Date	Activity	Who
18th July	Make the rules day—end of year party	
21st July	Year 6 Leavers Trip—Air Hop, Chelmsford	Year 6
22nd July	St Mary's Church—Leavers Service	Whole school including Year 6 parents to attend 9am-10am at St Mary's Church
22nd July	Year 6 leavers assembly	Year 6

*Diary dates for Autumn Term 2025 will be arriving soon.....*



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



## Which CIRCLE are you in?



Reception	70%
Year 1	75.56%
Year 2	75.71%
Year 3	91.11%
Year 4	88.75%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	88.75%



Whole School Attendance Target is: **92%**

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **84.60%**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week: **40**

### If your child is absent from school please:

- ◇ Contact the school via Studybugs on the first day of absence before 9.00am .  
(This is our preferred method of communication for sickness absence)
- ◇ Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9.00am;
- ◇ Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible.



If you haven't already, please download the free studybugs app, or register on the studybugs website and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

The tool helps us to know sooner if your child is unaccounted for. It is quick and easy to register and automatically reminds you to keep us posted. Please use the following link to register: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office

#### ***Lateness:***

*Collective Worship will be held at 9.05am each morning and attended by all staff, including the office staff. It is important that your child arrives on time for school. If they arrive after 9.05am then you will need to wait with your child until Collective Worship has finished at 9.20am as there will not be any staff to let them in.*

*Collective Worship is a legal entitlement in a Church of England school and a time of reflection and respect.*

## *Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS)*



### **A note from FOSMS,**

### **We are hurtling towards Sports Day!**

The countdown is officially on for Sports Day – one of the most exciting events in the school calendar! We can already feel the summer spirit and camaraderie building, and FOSMS is busy behind the scenes planning some extra treats to help make the day even more special.

Help us cut waste – pre/order your BBQ and Cream Teas!

To keep things sustainable and avoid food waste, we're taking pre/orders for our BBQ and cream teas this year. It also means one less queue on the day!

Order yours now via our website:

[www.fosms.co.uk/upcoming-events](http://www.fosms.co.uk/upcoming-events)

### **We need your help!**

Events like this can't happen without a bit of help from our lovely community. Whether you can spare 30 minutes or longer, we'd love some extra hands to help run stalls on the day.

Please sign up here if you can volunteer:

[volunteersignup.org/E4A9W](http://volunteersignup.org/E4A9W)

Thank you as always for your support – we can't wait to see you all there, cheering on the children, enjoying the sunshine (fingers crossed!) and making memories together.

### **Year 6 Leavers Trip**

We have booked and paid for the Year 6 leavers trip to Air Hop in Chelmsford. Please keep a look out on Dojo for the information. We will need parents to complete waivers beforehand. Thank you so much for your support, this has meant that providing this special treat for a large cohort of year 6 pupils is possible.

Warm wishes,

The FOSMS Team

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