

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

School Value: Courage

Friday 13th June 2025

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

A note from the Headteacher.....

This week has flown by, and been a very busy one! We are very pleased to be running another book fair after our previous success with this. Please feel free to pop in after school to take a look at what we have on offer. Card payments are accepted which makes things easier to purchase. The book fair will be collected on Wednesday 18th June so please ensure you pop in with plenty of time as the books sell fast.

Please find attached a link for the National College, guide for parents. Please take a look at the useful documents and training for online safety, safeguarding and mental health. This is a very informative guide and will give you lots of tips and support in these areas.

<https://nationalcollege.com/library?sortBy=relevance&phase=2&types%5B0%5D=App%5CModels%5CResource&amount=24&selectedView=grid>

Next week our Year 6 children will be taking part in a webinar which will support their transition to secondary school, focusing on their mental health and wellbeing. We hope they find this very useful for their onward journey.

Good luck to some of our girls who will be taking part in the Trust netball tournament next week— Eva, Ivy, Phoebe E, Dolly, Francesca, Mia, Isabelle and Matilda, I know you have been practising hard for this. Thank you to Sophie and Olive for volunteering to be our reserves!

Please be aware that our HAF (Holiday activities and food) vouchers will be sent out automatically on 20th June to all eligible families (benefits-related, FSM-eligible families) for participation in activities during the summer break. If you have any queries with regards to the vouchers please direct them to Mrs Beard in the school office. Thank you

Sports day is fast approaching and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to joins us on Monday 7th July (Reserve date 14th July) Please ensure your child has sun cream applied, a sunhat and a named water bottle.

*Lunch—Children can order a school dinner on this day which will consist of a Ham, Cheese or Jam sandwich in a picnic box along with a sausage roll, piece of fruit and carton of drink, alternatively you can enjoy the BBQ together or provide a packed lunch. We ask that if you order a school lunch to pre-book in the usual way via ParentPay so we have an idea of numbers in advance. **Any previous orders for these dates will have been removed therefore please check.***

The BBQ will continue after school until 4.30pm and everyone is very welcome to stay and re-join in the field to enjoy the sunshine and some fun games and activities. Your child/ren will need to be in full PE kits on this day.

FOSMS have a pre ordering system for the BBQ and afternoon teas to ensure minimal waste please click here to book. [Upcoming Events | fosms.co.uk](https://fosms.co.uk)

A gentle reminder for our outstanding consent slips for our upcoming trips.

Chestnut Class— Food & Farming

Acorn Class—Stow Maries.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Walker

Year 6 - Chelmsford Cathedral Visit

Our year 6 pupils attended a leavers service at Chelmsford Cathedral this week and I am absolutely brimming with pride as I reflect on their behaviour. Our pupils took part in a mindfulness session, a session where they were able to show their thankfulness and a session where they got to use their creative skills and think about the values that were important to them. Bishop Lynne took the leavers service and presented all of the children with a pocket cross for the children to keep with them on their journey to secondary school.



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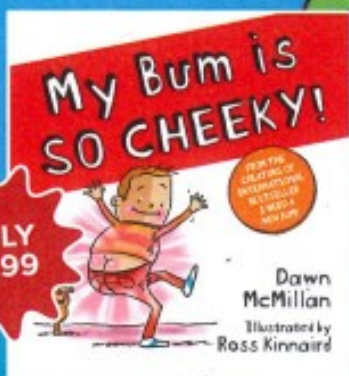
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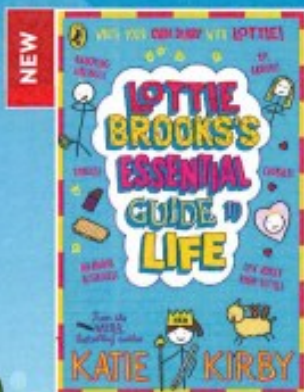
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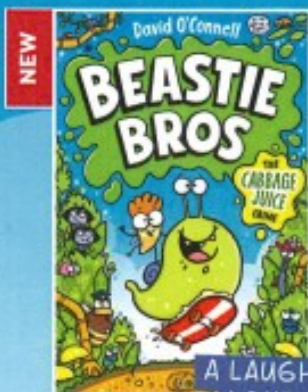
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3:15pm - 3:45pm.

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Classroom News

Acorn Class:

Acorns have been busy this week, we have started our summer assessments. In literacy we are looking at poems and ways to improve our sentences. In PSHE we have been looking at the environment and who should care for it and why? In RE we looked at the BIG question How did the universe come to be? We had our significant males' afternoon on Thursday and it was lovely to see such a great turn out.

Mrs Fallon — Class Teacher

Chestnut Class:

This week in English we have written simile poetry. We tried our hardest to use rich vocabulary and produced some wonderful poems. In maths we have been looking at three types of angles and year four completed their multiplication checks. In science we're continuing to look at plants and making observations. In history we enjoyed learning about Ancient Egyptian Society and comparing it to our society today.

Mrs Carlier—Class Teacher

Oak Class:

This week in Oak class we have focused on vocabulary in our reading lessons and punctuation in our grammar and handwriting lessons. In maths, we have continued our work on properties of shape and learnt how to calculate angles in a triangle. In geography, we have looked at ordinance survey maps and identified the symbols used and their meanings. In RE, we have started our new unit, 'What does it mean to be human?' by developing our understanding of the concept of the soul. Year 6 have also enjoyed a morning at Chelmsford Cathedral as part their leavers' celebrations.

Mr Austin—Class Teacher

Acorn Achiever

Adem is in the early stages of his language journey but has really impressed everyone with how he is now saying lovely sentences. His understanding is developing and he is following instructions better. Well done Adem

Chestnut Achiever

I am very impressed with the hard work that Sophie has put into learning her times tables this year. She has made good progress and worked really hard when answering the questions in the Multiplication Check.

Oak Achiever

Oak's achiever this week is Archie. Archie has worked so hard on the presentation of his work. It is now so excellent that when he showed Mrs. Walker, she bestowed upon him the first ever Gold Headteacher Award. Fantastic Archie, well done

Demonstrating our School Values

THANKFULNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY TRUTHFULNESS COURAGE FORGIVENESS

Acorn: George always follows our school values. He is a very kind little boy. He is kind to his friends and teachers and always tries to do the right thing.

Chestnut: John-Boy has shown a real sense of community this week and I am very proud of him. He has done a variety of helpful acts, including trying to find my favourite pen. Well done John-Boy!

Oak: Oak's value achiever this week is Junior. Junior approaches every task with courage and resilience. He doesn't let challenges hold him back and we are all very proud of the effort he makes. Well done Junior.

THANKFULNESS ● COMMUNITY ● COMPASSION ● TRUTHFULNESS ● COURAGE ● FORGIVENESS



Acorn class enjoyed a varied forest school session this week. The children went off to look round the school grounds to find as many different trees as they could and then brought back a leaf from each of them. We used a tree guide book that I have and tried to identify as many of the trees as possible. The children also planted some new flowers and another runner bean plant at the allotment. During free play the children enjoyed bug hunting and playing in the mud kitchen. Well done Acorn class!

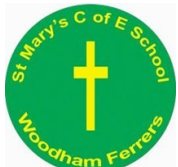
Chestnut class also had a varied session this week as there were various activities that they could take part in. Two of girls made a mobile each. They did this by finding suitable sturdy sticks and joining them together with string in a cross. They then scavenged for natural materials such as leaves, fern, flowers and pine cones and tied them onto the sticks using string dangling down. They then found a nice place to hang them in the forest school area. The children enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen and also set up a pizzeria restaurant and used a wheelbarrow to do pizza deliveries! Lovely imaginative play Chestnut class, well done!

Oak class had a slightly shorter session this week due to us having it on Wednesday afternoon instead of Tuesday morning, but this did not stop us having a great session. We had been given a water butt by Mrs Fallon so we positioned it at the allotment and some of the children filled it up with lots of buckets of water. This will save us having to walk up and down the field every time we need to water our vegetables. Some of the children trimmed back some of the overgrown foliage to open up our different areas again which really made the site look a lot tidier. The year 6 boys had previously made a target out of a piece of wood and painting numbered sections on it. They wanted to attach it to a post so we drilled two holes in it and screwed it to a post that they then attached to a tree. The boys then dug up some clay and made little clay balls to use for throwing at the target. I was very impressed by their imagination and use of pieces of wood that we had just laying around. Well done Oak class, a really enjoyable session!

Freddie Forest Bear has had a lovely break and is now looking forward to going home with Oliver from Chestnut class. Oliver is new to the school and our forest school sessions and yet he has happily taken part in all of the activities that I have made available to him. The pizzeria restaurant was Oliver's idea and he encouraged his friends to take part and to play with him. It was lovely to see his imagination come through, well done Oliver.

Miss Wilson—Forest School Lead





MENU

w/c 17.06.25

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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Bolognaise Pasta bake	Sausage , chips, beans	Chicken roast	Jacket Potato Tuna	Fish Fingers
Quorn mince Pasta bake	Quorn sausage, chips, beans	Quorn fillet roast	Jacket Potato cheese	Veggie Fingers
Ham Baguette	Ham Baguette	Ham Baguette	Ham Baguette	Ham Baguette
Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese / Tuna Baguette

Dojo messages this week:

- ◇ Sports day letter
- ◇ Lunch bookings for sports day reminder
- ◇ Book fair
- ◇ Fathers day . Significant male sale
- ◇ Food & Farming consent reminder
- ◇ Acorn class Stow Maries transport letter
- ◇ Essex fire museum open day flyer

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



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CRAYS HILL – CARETAKER (17.5 hours per week) - closing date 19th June

FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT (30 hours per week) - closing date 25th June

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ST NICHOLAS – CARETAKER (12 hours per week) - closing date 19th June

WHITMORE – SITE MANAGER (32.5 hours per week) - closing date 30th June

WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER - closing date 13th June

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website

[Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

dates to Remember

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

Date	Activity	Who
17th June	Transition to secondary school, mental health and wellbeing webinar	Year 6
19th June	Trust Netball Tournament	Selected pupils
20th June	Year 6 Cyber safety & Knife crime with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service.	
24th June	Essex Food & Farming day	Chestnut Class
25th June	Trust Pupil Voice @ St Mary's School—Forest School	
26th June	Stay and Play craft morning 9.30am-10.30am for the new Reception intake	
26th June	Year 6 Bikeability – taking place at St Marys School	
27th June	Year 6 Bikeability— 08:45 Parents/guardians with children and their bikes will meet at the leisure centre in SWF. 13:00: Parents/guardians will pick up the children and return them to school.	
3rd July	Stow Maries Great war museum	Acorn Class
7th July	Sports day Parents on field at 11.50 - picnic/bbq lunch (PTA). Sports Day start at 1.30pm - BBQ/Games after school	

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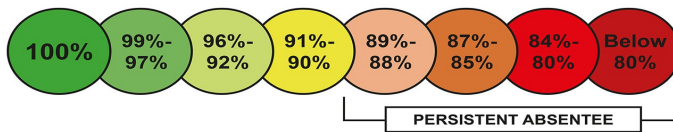
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Date	Activity	Who
9th July	Trust Swimming Gala	Selected pupils
11th July	Books, biscuits and Blankets 2.45pm— 3.15pm on the school field	
11th July	School reports home	
11th July	Year 2 writing session in Chestnut—English	
11th July	EYFS & Yr 1 Working 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.
21st July	Year 6 Leavers Trip—TBC	
22nd July	Year 6 leavers assembly	



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Reception	97.50%
Year 1	97.78%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	89.38%



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

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **93.81%**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week: **52**

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,

Father's Day / Significant Male Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Significant Males Gift Sale in school today! It was absolutely heartwarming to see all the children thoughtfully selecting gifts for the special men in their lives. The care and consideration they showed was a joy to witness, and the sale was a fantastic success. We hope all the dads, grandads, uncles, brothers, and friends enjoy their special surprises! We wishing all our dads and special menfolk a peaceful Father's Day.

Sports Day

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day where we will be hosting our annual BBQ and fun stalls and games.

This year we have a pre order system in place. You will be able to order and pay for food in advance. We will also have a selection of home made cakes and cookies for sale (including dairy and Gluten free options) along with our amazing afternoon tea boxes and ice poles. The links to pre order can be found here—[Upcoming Events | fosms.co.uk](https://fosms.co.uk)

- Burgers, Cheeseburgers, Veggie Burgers – £3.50
- Hot Dogs – £3.00
- Cream Tea – £2.50

As always Rhian and I need helpers so If you could spare some time to man a stall or help set up / put away it would be most welcome. We love putting on events but we are just two people and we need our wonderful St Mary's Family to help us!

With very grateful thanks,

The FOSMS Team