

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

School Value: Compassion

Friday 15th November 2024

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

A note from the Headteacher... A big thank you to Reverend, Jacqui for coming in to deliver a Remembrance assembly during our Collective Worship on Monday. The children gave her a very warm welcome and we look forward to a positive partnership going forward. Thankyou to the adults who were able to join us for this assembly.

As you are aware we had Carmel Jane in this week for our individual, sibling and class photographs. We will let you know once the photos are ready for you to access and purchase if you wish to.

This week all pupils worked with professional artist Matt Mackman to create some wonderful artwork with a focus on black history month.

Oak class spent the afternoon creating self portraits in the style of Jean Michel Basquiat. Matt explained the significance of the artist, how he persevered in an extremely challenging environment and the impact that he had. The children worked quickly to create some initial ideas and then created a finished piece using pencil, pen, pastels and paints. I look forward to displaying and sharing this work with you.

Our Kindness day has been in full swing today. Matilda, Mia and Isabelle created a lovely event for all the children to take part in. The children have thoroughly enjoyed painting the rocks and carrying out some kindness activities. I know they are very keen to go on a treasure hunt for the golden rocks later today too. A big well done to the girls for having the confidence to host assemblies and organise this event. You have done an amazing job.

It is great to see lots of spots for Children in need today. Thank you for your kind donations to the charity so far. Thank you also to Mrs Richardson for baking some delicious spotty cakes for us to enjoy too.

If you have not yet paid your non uniform donation please use the link below: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15111> Thank you.



Oak class attended St Marys Church for the War Memorial Exhibition this week with the Heritage Hub team. During the visit they discovered what effect the World Wars had on our local area, following on from our Remembrance Activities. The children listened to stories, looked at artefacts and completed an investigative activity based on the information provided.

A big well done to Olive, Sophie, Benji and James who took part in the Trust maths challenge at Whitmore Primary school this week. The children all worked very hard and behaved impeccably. We are very proud of you all and you did a great job representing our school.

Thankyou from the FOSMS team for another successful school disco. Your hard work and effort behind the scenes does not go unnoticed and we are very grateful for all that you do. Thankyou to the Denny Family for sponsoring this event and providing the food and entertainment. It is fantastic that £262.28 was raised and in turn will benefit the children.

Thank you to our SEND parents and carers who attended our PINS Coffee morning this week. We hope you found the session useful.

Hopefully you have seen our dojo post regarding our "Reverse Advent Calendar". This year we would love to provide the resident of Eastham some Christmas gifts when KS2 visit them to sing carols. We are asking for donations (new or unused) to be dropped into the school office by Thursday 12th December. We appreciate anything you can donate and thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Walker



Classroom News

Acorn Class:

Acorns have been learning all about Remembrance Day and why we celebrate it. On Monday we met our new Reverend, Reverend Jacqui we also enjoyed a visit from the British Legion. We were able to ask questions and look at the amazing medals. As part of anti-bullying week we learnt what the term bullying means and things we can do to stop it. On Thursday we had our amazing Cultural day, where we learnt all about Diwali and Guru Nanak. Following that we had our FOSMs Fireworks disco. Luckily on Friday my poor tired little Acorns had kindness day.

Mrs Fallon—Class Teacher

Chestnut Class:

This week has been busy again. In English we wrote alphabet poetry which was fantastic. I've never seen such enthusiasm for poetry before! In maths we continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills. We have also enjoyed two special days this week- Cultural Celebration and Kindness Day. On Cultural Celebration day we enjoyed listening to music, making paper dolls, Diwali paper candles, symmetrical Rangoli paper plates and more. A highlight of the day was our art lesson with Matt Mackman. Friday was a lovely day to finish the week with. We really enjoyed painting and decorating the kindness rocks and then searching for them.

Mrs Carlier—Class Teacher

Oak Class:

This week in Oak class we have learnt about hyperbole in our grammar lessons and vocabulary in context in our reading lessons. In maths, we have been learning how to find equivalent fractions as well as how to add fractions together. In RE we have been learning about how people classify their beliefs and identified the differences between theists, atheists and agnostics. We spent a very informative afternoon at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, learning about the effect the World Wars had on our local area. We have also participated in a Cultural Celebration Day as well as a Kindness Day which was completely organised by our Year 6 girls.

Mr Austin—Class Teacher

Acorn Achiever

Bobbi Rae has completed some beautiful maths work involving addition to 20 using teen numbers. This was completed independently and without resources, as she counted on from 10. Well done Bobbi -Rae

Chestnut Achiever

This week's work achiever is Layla. She is very creative and completed some wonderful Cultural Celebration work and some great art in Matt's lesson.

Oak Achiever

Oak's achiever this week is George M. George has made such an effort with his presentation and what he produces is now almost unrecognisable. We are all so proud of him and I know he's rightly proud of himself too. Well done, George.



Acorn class had a fun forest school session again this week. Some of the children helped me clear certain areas to make space for new exciting plans that we have for forest school. One of the log dens had already been taken down and a few of the boys helped me make a large log pile along the fence to create a place for wildlife and bugs to enjoy. Other children enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen and had a "tea party" in the new and improved log den. The children also enjoyed playing hide and seek and climbing trees. You worked very hard today Acorn class, well done!

Chestnut class were excited to be going off site again and walked sensibly and carefully across the road and to the site. After our initial circle time, Mrs De Wet lead everyone on a quiet walk to look for deer as last week, she spotted two deer but they unfortunately ran off before we all got to see them. Despite our efforts, we did not see any deer but we did spot tracks through the bushes that deer had obviously made. After our walk, a few children enjoyed creating different needle felt items as I had taken the kit with us after they had asked for it last week. The children also enjoyed exploring some more and adding to their new nature spots. Well done Chestnut class, hopefully next week we'll see some more wildlife!

Oak class were raring to go this week and were excited to make a start on revamping the school forest school site. The children helped clear a lot of space in the overgrown bushes and some children helped Mrs Wells dismantle an old log den and start to build a new one in a new spot. All the logs were sorted into sizes so that we could plan what to do/build with them. The children also had time to play in the mud kitchen and add to their nature spots. Well done Oak class, you all worked extremely hard this week!

This week Freddie will be going home with Sonny for the weekend. Sonny is in Chestnut class and he is always a polite and helpful boy at forest school. He has thoroughly enjoyed the last two weeks being at the larger site and consistently shows himself to be a kind and caring friend to his peers and this is a lovely quality to have. Well done Sonny, enjoy your weekend with Freddie.

Miss Wilson—Forest School Lead



Demonstrating our School Values

THANKFULNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY TRUTHFULNESS COURAGE FORGIVENESS

Acorn: Adem showed empathy to another child in our class who was crying and upset. He came to her to make sure she was okay and his actions were very caring. This was lovely to see.

Chestnut: This week's value achiever is Sonny. He is a wonderful part of our class community and always makes everyone smile when he hears music and has to dance.

Oak: Oak's value achiever this week is Frankie. Frankie has shown a real sense of community by supporting other children when they have been having difficulties. He can always be relied upon to do the right thing and is a wonderful member of our St Mary's family.



MENU
w/c 18.11.24

A reminder that we require meals to be booked in advance on ParentPay.
If you have missed the deadline you must ensure your child has a packed lunch with them.
Thank you
Deadline 9:00am Monday 11th November for dinners w/c 18th November
Deadline 9:00am Monday 18th November for dinners w/c 25th November

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Sausage pasta / Quorn pasta	Pepperoni / Cheese Pizza	Roast chicken / Quorn fillet	Chilli con carne / Quorn Chilli	Fish fingers / Veggie fingers
Jacket Potato Cheese / Beans	Ham / Cheese Baguette	Jacket Potato Cheese / Beans	Ham / Cheese Baguette	Jacket Potato Cheese / Beans / Tuna

- Dojo messages this week:***
- ◇ Netball course at SWF leisure centre
 - ◇ RBL Visitors
 - ◇ Disco reminder
 - ◇ Measles in Essex
 - ◇ Essex Fire Museum open days
 - ◇ Reverse Advent Calendar
 - ◇ Children in Need

St Mary's Clubs

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

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


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

KS1 & KS2 Film Club
Thursday: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mrs Walker


Year 6 Tutoring
Thursday: 3.15pm—4:15pm
Mr Austin
(in groups as agreed directly by Mr Austin)

Coins in a bottle

Thank you to all of the children who have been bringing in their loose change to put in to their class bottle. Don't forget for the class that raises the most at the end of March, FOSMS will match their amount up to £100. They will then get to decide how to spend that money to benefit their class. In this challenge there are no losers, the other two classes will also get to keep what they've raised (but no fund match) and they can decide as a class how best to spend it. I'm sure the children will already be planning what they'd like to purchase for their class.



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL



COINS IN A BOTTLE CLASS CHALLENGE

HOW IT WORKS

- Each class will get an empty bottle - over the coming weeks try to fill your class bottle with any loose change.
- At the end of March we will count up the contents. For the class with the most money, FOSMS will match the amount raised up to a value of £100 for that class to purchase fun resources.
- There are no losers in this challenge, the other two classes will also get to keep the sum they raise to spend on fun class resources too.
- Help at home, save your change, look down the back of the sofa, which class will raise the most?



AFTER SCHOOL MULTISKILLS CLUB

MONDAY - ALL YEARS - UNTIL 4.00PM



For half termly costs and start/finish times, please visit:

Book online: www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities

Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk



@Essex Kids Camp

dates to Remember

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

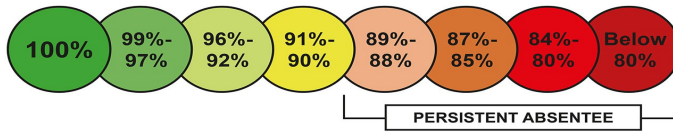
Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
20.11.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
18.11.24— 22.11.24	Road Safety Week Road Safety Banner	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
19.11.24	Road Safety Presentation	PSHE /Personal Development	EYFS & Year 5
21.11.24	Chestnut class trip— Chelmsford Mosque	RE	Chestnut class
28.11.24	Oak Class Assembly		Parents/Carers
4.12.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
9.12.24	Christmas Pantomime		All Pupils
10.12.24	FOSMS Christmas Sale From 2.30pm		All pupils
12.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day		All Pupils
12/13.12.24	DT Day	DT	All Pupils
13.12.24	DT Day Open Afternoon for Parents to view work from 2.30pm	DT	Parents/Carers

Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
18.12.24	Nativity FOSMS Raffle		Grandparents 9.30-10.30 Parents/Carers 2-3pm
19.12.24	FOSMS Movie night 3.15pm—5pm		All pupils
19.12.24	Christingle Service at St Marys Church		Parents/Carers
19.12.24	Christmas Dinner		All pupils
20.12.24	Christmas Jumpers Christmas board games and films in class		All pupils
20.12.24	Story time with Santa		Acorn Class
20.12.24	Carol Singing at the Senior Living		Years 3-6



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Reception	100%
Year 1	91.25%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97.78%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	88.75%



Whole School Attendance Target is: **95%**

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **94.52%**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week: **50!**

Lateness

Schools are required to take an attendance register twice a day. One at the start of the morning session and one at the start of the afternoon session. A child who is not present when the register is taken will be marked absent for that session.

It's been shown that being late to school will:

- disrupt other pupils in the class
- increase stress and anxiety for the child who has missed out
- achieve poorer outcomes

If your child is frequently late to school, this may result in a penalty fine from the Local Authority as after 9.05am this is marked as unauthorised.

Please support us by supporting your child to arrive at school on time.

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 have had a busy week this week and we have absolutely loved putting together the Firework Disco for the children. Huge thanks to the Denny Family for sponsoring this event and providing the food and entertainment for the children. A huge thank you to Rhian McLeod and Hannah Thomas for their help and also a great big thank you to our super teaching staff who were on hand to dance, help, and man the quiet area. Everyone's help meant it was an epic evening of fun. We raised a fantastic total of £262.28 from the disco night! Everyone had a wonderful time, and we saw some amazing dance moves being thrown about.

Kindness Day - We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to DCS Supplies for their incredibly generous £100 sponsorship of our 'Kindness Day' initiative! This special event, lovingly curated by our talented Year 6 pupils Tilly, Mia and Izzy and it's all about spreading kindness and joy throughout our school community. Thanks to your support, they were able to offer a day filled with kindness-themed activities, creative crafts, and fun for every student. FOSMS helped our Year 6s bring their vision to life, making this a memorable and meaningful day for everyone involved. Together, we're fostering a culture of kindness and community spirit - well done girls!

Never a PTA to stand still, we're already planning our Christmas movie night and Christmas festivities.

Cauliflower Cards

We're thrilled to let you know that the digital images for the children's artwork are now available! If you purchased a digital copy, you should find this in your email inbox this morning. Thank you for supporting this initiative, and we hope you enjoy seeing your child's creative masterpiece!

Exciting Events This Term

We have a fantastic line-up of events planned, and we can't wait to celebrate with you all. Here's a peek at what's in store:

- * Elfridges - 10th December - Our Christmas shop for little ones to pick out their own special gifts and treats.
- * Movie Night - 19th December - Snuggle up and enjoy a festive family favorite on the big screen. Thank you to those who have already paid - the link is still active for payments on the website. <https://fosms.co.uk/upcoming-events>
- * Christmas Raffle - Try your luck for a chance to win some incredible prizes. To be drawn on 18th December, tickets on sale in advance from 10th December.

Thank you for your continued support of FOSMS and our amazing school. You help us bring the fun and enable lots of super memories to be created.

With very grateful thanks,

FOSMS

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

The poster has a dark blue background with a night sky, clouds, and stars. At the top, the words 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' are written in a large, white, bubbly font. Below the text is a large pile of popcorn. In the center, a red movie poster board displays the event details. On either side of the board are two large, red and white striped popcorn buckets overflowing with popcorn. At the bottom, there are several wrapped Christmas gifts in various colors and patterns. The overall theme is festive and celebratory.

**19
DEC** | **3:15-
5PM**

**CHRISTMAS
FILM TBC**

**TICKETS
£3 PER CHILD
POPCORN AND DRINKS
INCLUDED
PAYMENT VIA OUR LINK ON
THE WEBSITE**

Friends of St Mary's School