

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

School Value: Community

Friday 13th September 2024

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

### *A note from the Headteacher...*

*This week has flown by and we have been on the receiving end of some very chilly weather. Please can I ask that you provide your child with a light jacket/coat for break and lunchtimes. Thank you*

*For the next few weeks Celebration Worship will take place on a Monday morning. If your child has any home achievements they would like the school to celebrate, then we would love for them to share them with us. This includes the Summer Reading challenge. Please send me a dojo or email the school office with details.*

*Well done to Oak class who started their swimming lessons last week. Thank you to our families for transporting their children to the leisure centre and for the parent helpers. Children can be collected from St Mary's after afternoon registration at 1.05pm and they will not be expected to return to school after the lesson has finished, this will be approximately 3pm to allow the children time to get changed. **If there are any changes to the transport arrangements, please ensure the school office are aware each week.***

*Year 6 tutoring with Mr Austin began this week. As we have a large cohort of Year 6 this year it has been offered in smaller groups. Mr Austin will send a message to you when it is your child's turn for the tutoring sessions. All children will have the opportunity to take part in these sessions.*

*A reminder was sent on dojo this week regarding our upcoming Panto trip. This is open to all pupils and has been a huge success in previous years. The payment deadline has now passed however if you have missed this, you can still make the ParentPay payment and we encourage you to do this as soon as possible. Please speak to the school office if you have any queries.*

*We have the immunisation team in school on Monday to provide the Flu nasal spray to children who have been given consent. The deadline for your consent form was 12th September as informed on dojo. If you have missed this deadline but wish for your child to receive the nasal spray please contact the team on 0300 790 0597 option 1. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. The nasal spray is the most effective vaccine for children. If you do not wish for your child to receive the spray due to it containing porcine gelatine and would prefer for them to have the injectable vaccine, please contact us on the number provided.*

*We have updated our paperwork for notifying us of your child's allergies. Please refer to our new form on dojo and return this to us by no later than Friday 20th September. This will replace any previous allergy information held for your child. It is very important that we keep up to date with your child's latest medical requirements.*

*CALLING ALL TRADES! We were wondering if any of our wonderful families had any carpentry skills for a very small job at the school. If you do please drop me a Dojo message, we would be very grateful.*

*Wishing you all a lovely restful weekend. Mrs Walker*



# Classroom News

## Acorn Class:

Acorns have had a lovely week and our new children are really settling into the routine with the help of the older children. We have introduced our new topic 'Beautiful Books' looking at the author Julia Donaldson. The children are excited to get started on her books! PE and Forest Schools got off to a great start, and the children were eager to tell me all about their sessions on return to the classroom.

*Mrs Fallon—Class Teacher*

## Chestnut Class:

We have enjoyed lots of fun learning this week. In English we finished writing our poetry and are starting to write some instructions. We have been working on our spelling words each morning too and practicing spelling them in a variety of ways. In maths we have been looking at place value; numbers to 1000 and representing them. Everyone really enjoyed Thursday afternoon this week. It was RE, where we started to look at the meaning of people's names and then logging into Times Tables Rockstars.

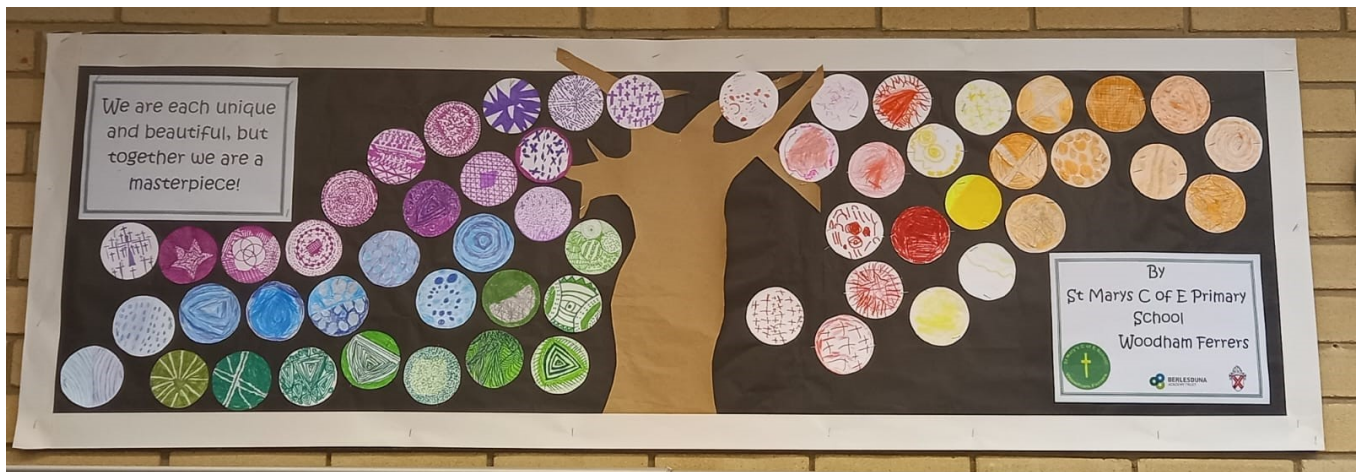
*Mrs Carlier—Class Teacher*

## Oak Class:

This week in Oak class we have continued with our unit on place value in maths, moving on to partitioning and using the powers of 10 to place numbers on a number line up to 10,000,000. Our reading lessons have focussed on vocabulary, the meaning of words within the context that they are use. Our grammar has been looking at possibility, modal verbs and adverbs. In RE we have created timelines of Early Islamic Civilisation and investigated the origins of Islam. In science, we have looked at the mammalian lifecycles of placentals, marsupials and monotremes. We have also had our first PE and Forest School sessions of the year.

*Mr Austin—Class Teacher*

A very big well done to the children (with the help of Mrs Fallon) for producing this wonderful art work display in the SWF Library—I am sure you will agree it is beautiful!





## MENU w/c 16.09.24

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. Please note the deadlines below:

**Deadline 9:00am Monday 9th for dinners w/c 16th September.**

**Deadline 9:00am Monday 16th for dinners w/c 23rd September**

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Spaghetti Bolognese / Quorn Bolognese	Cheese and Tomato whirl	Roast Chicken/ Quorn fillet	Sausage and Mash / Quorn sausages	Fish Fingers/Veggie Fingers
Cheese/Beans Jacket Potato	Cheese/Ham Baguette	Cheese/Beans Jacket Potato	Cheese/Ham Baguette	Cheese/Beans/ Tuna Jacket Potato

### *Dojo messages this week:*

- ◇ Pantomime reminder
- ◇ Flu Vaccination consent form
- ◇ William De Ferrers Open Evening
- ◇ Community Drop-In sessions at Chetwood and Maldon Hub.
- ◇ New Notification of Allergies form
- ◇ Anglo European School open evening

### *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 advised directly by  
Mr Austin)



# 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](http://www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities)

**Email:** [info@essexkidscamp.co.uk](mailto:info@essexkidscamp.co.uk)



@Essex Kids Camp

## Do you shop in Asda??

If you shop in Asda we are encouraging our school community to sign up to this new initiative. If you use the rewards app please select our school as your chosen beneficiary. (CM3 8RJ)

This will not affect your reward points in any way but each time you spend in Asda a % is donated to the schools cashpot. This initiative is only available for 2 months so we would love for you to get involved.

Just another little way we can earn some money for the school which will benefit our pupils.

**you scan,  
we donate  
££s TO  
SCHOOLS.**



### **Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.**

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We donate!**



Great, count me in

# dates to Remember

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

Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
w/c 09.09.24— w/c 14.10.24	After school Clubs 3.15- 4.15pm		Open to all pupils
16.09.24	Flu Spray		All pupils with consent
24.09.24	Paul Hannaford Drugs and gang workshop at WDF	PSHE /Personal Development	Year 6 and Parents Times TBC
02.10.24	Virtual Art Visit	Art & Design	All Pupils
3.11.24	School Census		
4.10.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
8.10.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
10.10.24	Trust Poetry Slam Celebra- tion	English	Selected pupils
17.10.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
18.10.24	Heritage Hub—launching exhibition	History	Y5/6 Pupils
18.10.24	Red Card to Racism work- shop	PSHE	Y5/6 Pupils
21/22/23.10.24	Parent & Child Consultations (No clubs this week)		Parents/Carers with Pupils
23.10.24	Trust Pupil Voice	PSHE	Selected pupils

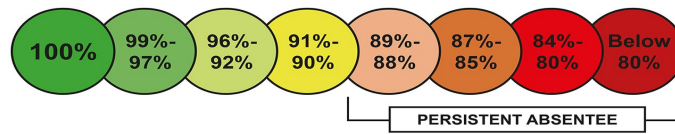
Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
25.10.24	Harvest Festival	RE	Grandparents 9.15am Parents/Carers 2-3pm
28.10.24— 1.11.24	Half Term		
4.11.24 5.11.24	Trust Non pupil day Pupils return to School		
6.11.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
w/c 4.11.24— w/c 16.11.24	After school Clubs <b>No Film or Tutoring Club 7.11 due to moderation</b>		Open to all pupils
8.11.24	Remembrance Activities & Service	RE History	All pupils
11.11.24— 15.11.24	Anti Bullying Week—chase Respect	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
12.11.24	School Photographs		Individual, Class & sibling
12.11.24	Heritage Hub Activity at St Marys Church, 1-3pm	History	Year 5 &6
14.11.24	Cultural Celebration Day	Music/RE/PSHE/ Humanities	All pupils
14.11.24	FOSMS African dance and Drumming—info to follow 3.15pm—5pm	Music	All pupils
14.11.24	Trust Maths Challenge	Maths	Selected Pupils
15.11.24	Children in Need & Odd sock day—Spotty themed	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
15.11.24	Pupil Voice—Kindness Rocks	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
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
28.11.24	Oak Class Assembly		Parents/Carers
4.12.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents

Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
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
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	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	77.50%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	97.78%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	87.50%



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

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **90.98%**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week: **47**

Please find attached link to the new DfE guidance which will be in force from September 2024

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/>

[Working together to improve school attendance applies from 19 August 2024 .pdf](#)

### Important changes to school attendance

Please be aware that, any applications for leave of absence which relates to leave which you plan to take after 19 August 2024, your child's absence will be considered under the Department for Education's (DfE's) new National Framework for Penalty Notices, which includes increased fine levels and limits on the number of fines which local authorities may issue to parents in response to school attendance concerns. More information from the Department of Education can be found here.

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

### The definition of Exceptional Circumstances:

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short.'

Unavoidable means an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time, outside of school term time.

Every state school in England will now share their daily attendance registers across the education sector - including with the department for education, councils, and trusts in the next stage of the government's drive to reduce pupil absence in school. These reforms are the next phase in the government's plan to improve attendance following the pandemic which has seen a worldwide rise in absence and persistent absence driven by broken habits of attendance, and new and exacerbated barriers like mental ill health.'

### ***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*

Wow, where did Summer go - we're back to school and the planning is on!! We have so many super things to look forward to this year!

Kicking off the year with our Class Challenge called Coins in a Bottle. Each class will have a bottle which we're asking them to fill with loose change. This challenge will run over the first two terms of the year. At the end of March we will have a count up and whichever class raises the most, 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 do hope you'll all get involved and send some coins in to help fill those bottles. 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?

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



### *A note from FOSMS*

#### **Dates for your diary:**

- ◇ FOSMS AGM - Thursday 17th October, 2:30pm in the school hall. We will have homemade cakes and hot drinks for sale and your presence would make such a difference to us.
- ◇ Disco time - Thursday 14th November 3:15pm - 5pm. Children can bring a change of clothes to change in too if they'd like.
- ◇ Christmas Movie Night - Thursday 19th December 3:15pm - 5pm, movies will be voted on by the children, popcorn and juice will be served.
- ◇ Elfridge's Christmas Sale - Tuesday 10th December in the main school hall from 2:30pm.
- ◇ Christmas Raffle - Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 10th December and the draw will take place on Thursday 19th December - we already have some lovely prizes!
- ◇ Pre loved uniform - we have now set up an EShop for preloved uniform making it easier for you to see what we have in stock, items can be paid for electronically. Please take a peek if you're looking for cost effective uniform items or spares. <https://fosms.sumupstore.com/>
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*With very grateful thanks, FOSMS*