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## Diary Dates



- 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Valentine Disco  
KS1: 3.30 – 4.30pm  
KS2: 4.45 – 6.00pm.
- 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Ash Wednesday Mass  
2pm all welcome
- 15<sup>TH</sup> February** – Year 5 Tea Concert  
2pm – Parents welcome
- 16<sup>th</sup> February** – Inset Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term
- 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Back to School & Year  
2 Cooking
- 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 5&6 Penitential  
Service
- 29<sup>th</sup> February** – Non-Uniform Day &  
Parents Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – STM Spin-a-Thon
- 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Reception Cooking Week
- 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening 5pm –  
8pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 Prayer and Liturgy  
9am – Parents welcome
- 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5&6 Charity Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3&4 Young  
Shakespeare & Year 3 Cooking
- 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Orchestra Assembly –  
Parents Welcome
- 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Year 1 Stansted  
Mountfitchet Castle
- 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Mass 9.30am – All  
welcome
- 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 Afternoon Tea Concert  
– Parents welcome
- 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Break the Rule Day & Break  
up for Easter
- 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Bank Holiday
- 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Reception Class - Lion Learners  
Visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 5 Prayer and Liturgy  
9am – Parents welcome
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Reception Cooking Week
- 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Clothing Collection

## Lunch

w/c 12<sup>th</sup> February Week 2  
Please pay lunches on School  
Money - £2.40 per day

## Swimming

12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4&6  
13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2

### Parents Evening 29<sup>th</sup> February & 6<sup>th</sup> March

Please make a note of the dates for Parents Evening in your diary. Appointments will go live today.

### Valentine's Disco – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February!!

Reminder - We will be holding the Valentine's Disco next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The cost will be £3.50 per child. If anyone would like to help please contact the school office or Sophie Brady from the PSA. **Please see diary dates for timings.**

Ash Wednesday Mass – 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm - All parents welcome for the beginning of Lent.

### Uniform

Please, please label your child's uniform. If you have bought second hand or have hand-me-downs, please relabel the uniform.

### Spin-a-Thon – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to spin with us on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and to those who have sponsored us. Please do share the fundraising link with your friends and family, every single donation helps and all the money raised will go towards the new play equipment. Donations can be made via our Go Fund Me page; <https://gofund.me/4d13cde3> There are still some spaces so if you haven't yet signed up and do want to spin please book your space by purchasing a session on School Money We plan to have a raffle and cake stall on the day as well as some other activities so if you don't fancy spinning but are able to give up an hour of your time to come along and help us please let us know. If you can donate anything for the raffle please speak to Anna in the School Office. Many thanks.

### Spring Term Levy

We would be very grateful if parents could donate to the voluntary levy on School Money. This fund really helps us to keep the school well-maintained. Thank you for your support.

### Tissues

Please could you provide your child with tissues, particularly if you know they have a cold. We have very few tissues left in school. Any donations of a box of tissues, would be gratefully received. Thank you!

## Prayer of the Week

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus saves us and we are full of joy.

Alleluia

Dear Heavenly Father,

We give thanks to you for our special holy book.  
Thank you for the New Testament and the Old Testament.  
Thank you for the wonderful stories and what they teach us.

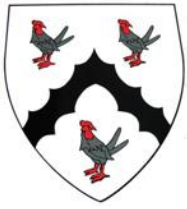
Thank you for the miracles you performed.

Thank you for creating us.

We pray that you continue to guide us.

Amen

By Year 2



## House Competitions

To celebrate Valentine's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> February, the House Captains have organised competitions to earn house points for your house. There will be small prizes for the infant and junior winners in each house and every entry receives a house point. Good luck!

### St Peter (Blue)

Infants: Decorate the heart template and draw the things you love inside it.

Juniors: Design a Valentine's card and add a poem if you wish.

### St Francis (Green)

Infants and Juniors

We would like you to design a heart. You could decorate the template or you could even make your own heart – for example, using paper, fabric, clay or Lego.

### St Bernadette (Orange)

Infants: Decorate a heart (template provided if you need it)

Juniors: Design/decorate a rose (template provided if you need it)

### St Theresa (Yellow)

Infant: Design a love heart. You can make it 3D or draw it, but not too big please. Write it to the family member you love. There is a template provided if you need it.

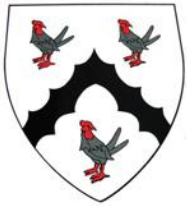
Junior: For the juniors we would like you to make up a poem to a loved one. You may decorate the poem however you like.

## World Book Day: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and this year we would like the children to bring in a prop or item related to their favourite book as well as the book itself. The theme for World Book Day this year is 'Read your way'. Therefore, we would like to encourage children who speak any other languages at home to bring in a book in this language if they would like. The children will have the opportunity to share these books and their props in class with their friends. Please note the children are not dressing up and should come in their full school uniform.

In addition, we will be holding a competition to celebrate the theme 'read your way' further. We would like the children to think of innovative or whacky places to read and bring in a photo of them reading in this place. These should be handed to their class teacher by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the latest. There will be a prize for the infant winner and one for the juniors.

To celebrate this special occasion, the children will also be receiving a £1 book token which can be exchanged for particular books written by well known authors. We hope that it will be a fun day which will develop a greater love for reading. Thanks for your support with this.



## Year 6 Cooking

Year 6 have had a great time cooking this week making some delicious Burrito Bowls!



## More Sports News

### USSP annual Gym and Dance show

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, the USSP annual Gym and Dance show will take place at Saffron Hall. If your child is part of the Gymnastics club or Cheerleading club at school, they will be performing.

The event starts at 4pm and finishes approximately 6pm. Tickets will be on sale on the Saffron Hall website this week at £5 each. If you wish to purchase tickets, it is on first come first serve basis. We have been informed that there are not many tickets left.

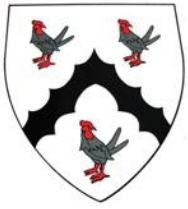
### Hockey

#### **STM 8 Chrishall 0 (Goals - Alfie (4), Theo (2) and Emily (2))**

STM have a clear game plan of taking the ball wide quickly, particularly down the right wing, and they created a very early goal as a result which boosted confidence. The score was 3-0 at half time and there was some frustration in the team that they were facing a packed defence which felt hard to break down. Sometimes things just click and the second half was one of those times when speed and accuracy of passing came together to devastating effect. One movement in particular was extraordinary with just two passes - from right back to right wing and then to centre forward - resulting in a fantastic goal. This was an excellent team performance with strong contributions all over the pitch. Player of the match was Alfie for some excellent incisive passing and those four goals.

#### **STM 0 Newport 1**

The B Team played extremely well to hold off a strong Newport A team. The majority of the play was in the Newport half but their strong defence prevented STM scoring despite having many chances for a goal. We had a few children playing their very first hockey match and they should be very proud of themselves. Isaac was Man of the Match as he showed great determination and produced some impressive dribbling.



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### Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 7th February, our yr 5/6 Indoor Athletics team took part in the District finals at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre. Competing in a variety of track and field events, against tough competition the children achieved some fantastic results, leading to an overall team gold medal. The team will now compete in the County Finals at Southend on 6th March. Well done to everyone who took part.

