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Diary Dates



- 14th January – Whole schol Mass for new year 9.30am. Parents welcome.
- 17th January – KS1 Scooter Day
- 29th January – Year 5 Saffron Hall workshop in school
- 31st January – Year 4 Prayer & Liturgy 9am
- 4th February – Year 3 & 4 Mass 2pm – All welcome
- 5th February – Year 5 Saffron Hall workshop in school
- 6th February – Year 2 – Tower of London
- 7th February – Year 4 Public Speaking Event – Gt Chesterford
- 12th February – Year 5 Tea Concert – 2pm
- 13th February – School Disco
- 17th February – Half Term
- 25th February – Year 5 Saffron Hall Uprising Project at Saffron Hall
- 27th February – Parents Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm
- 4th March – Year 5 Epping Forest
- 5th March – 2pm Ash Wednesday service, Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm.
- 12th March – Year 4,5&6 Penitential Service
- 13th March – Reception Class Lion Learners
- 14th March – Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy 9am
- 18th March – Year 3 Tea Concert 2pm
- 19th March – Year 4 Theatre Trip
- 27th March – Year 1 Stansted Mountfichet Castle
- 28th March – KS1 Dance Festival – Great Sampford
- 7th April – Easter Holidays
- 21st April – Bank Holiday
- 22nd April – Back to school
- 25th April – Easter Mass 9.30am – All welcome

Lunch

w/c 13th January Week 2

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.40 per day

Swimming

13th January – Year 3&5

14th January – Year 2

Message from Mrs McNally

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. This week we remembered the journey of the wise men. We continue the Christmas season until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on 2nd February. Our crib will stay out until then as a focus for our prayer.

Dino Man

On Thursday, Reception had an exciting visit from Dino Man. The children had lots of fun learning all about Prehistoric times, what the dinosaurs may have looked like and what they would have eaten. They touched and dug for fossils, stroked a baby Velociraptor, sat on a Triceratops and met Reggie Rex the T Rex.



Swimming Gala – Wednesday 15th January

Our gala squad will participate in the swimming gala at Lord Butler Leisure Centre on Wednesday 15th January 12.30pm – 3.45pm.

REMINDER - Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

Prayer of the Week

Sunday 12th January is the 38th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia

Loving Lord,

As the New Year begins, help us to look forward with hope. Thank you for all you provided us with last year and know that We are grateful.

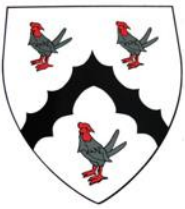
Help us to focus our love towards others.

May we prioritise looking after this precious world you created for us to share and grant us the power to protect and nurture it.

May we take this new year as an opportunity to appreciate our wonderful environment and also, as a chance to capture simple moments and treasure them in our hearts forever.

Amen

Flora, Robert, Hugh, Zelda – Year 5



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Spring Term Clubs

Clubs will begin next week, however, Y3/4 Tag Rugby and Y5/6 Tag Rugby will not begin until the following week when Mr Duers returns to school. Catch up sessions for those two clubs will be on Tuesday 1st April (Y4/5) and Friday 4th April (Y5/6)

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.

Year 5 Saffron Hall Project

We are delighted that our Year 5 pupils will be working with Saffron Hall and other local schools on a project called 'Uprising' – a creative response to the climate crisis. Saffron Hall and Cambridge Zero's partnership provides a unique opportunity to explore our changing climate and its impact in a creative way. The children will participate in two workshops on 29th Jan and 5th Feb, then there will be a sharing event at Saffron Hall on 25th Feb to bring together the work of our pupils with some of the music from Uprising – a new Opera by Jonathon Dove.