

## Diary Dates



- 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 & Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm.
- 4th March – Year 5 Epping Forest
- 5th March – 2pm Ash Wednesday service, Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm.
- 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 20th January Week 3

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.40 per day

## Swimming

20th January – Year 4&6

21st January – Year 2

## Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope



Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The Jubilee Year began in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the "Holy Door" in St. Peter's Basilica. The Jubilee Year of Hope will end on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026.

As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it:

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

The official launch of the Jubilee Year for schools will be on January 24th. We look forward to sharing many events with you throughout the upcoming year.

### Valentine's Disco - 13<sup>th</sup> February

We will be holding a Valentine's Disco for Infants followed by a disco for Juniors on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February after school. 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 attached poster for all the details.**

### Message from Mrs Poulter

If anyone would like to donate the white ceramic pots used to make the Christmas Candle Decorations back to school, these can be recycled for next Christmas! Or if anyone eats the Charlie Bingham pies, we would be very grateful for donations of the pots! Thank you.

## Prayer of the Week

### Sunday 19th January is the 39th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.  
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.

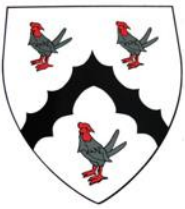
Help us to focus our love towards others.

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



## Accident Forms

We are moving across to an electric system to record accidents. So if your child has an accident in school, you will receive an e-mail notification rather than the slip of paper we used to send. We will of course continue to telephone parents if we feel it is necessary.

## 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.

## More Sports News

On Wednesday 15th January Year 3/4 and 5/6 swim teams took part in the USSP Swimming Gala held at The Lord Butler Leisure Centre. The children took part in a variety of individual and relay events competing against other schools from the area. All of the children swam with determination and precision, with many winning their races. The overall results were very close with the Year 3/4 competition coming down to the results of the relays. After a nail biting finish Year 3/4 team won the event by only 2 points, with Year 5/6 team winning with a significant lead over second place. Well done to everyone who took part in the event.

