

MORE NEWS

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Diary Dates



4th February Y3/4 Class Mass 9.30am
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
10th February – Year 5 Cooking week
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 9.30am
13th March – Reception Class Lion Learners
14th March – Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy 9am
17th March – Reception Cooking Week & Reception / Y6 Height & Weight Check.
18th March – Year 3 Tea Concert 2pm
19th March – Year 4 Theatre Trip
21st March – Year 1 Prayer & Liturgy
26th March – Mother's Day Sale
27th March – Year 1 - Stansted Mountfichet Castle
28th March – KS1 Dance Festival – Great Sampford
1st April – Lent Mass 9.30am
7th April – Easter Holidays
21st April – Bank Holiday
22nd April – Back to school
25th April – Easter Mass 9.30am – All welcome
30th April – Clothing Collection

Lunch

w/c 3rd February Week 2

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.40 per day

Swimming

3rd February – Year 4&6

4th February – Year 2

Year 4 Prayer & Liturgy

Year 4 delivered a beautiful Prayer and Liturgy Service to introduce the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope. We particularly enjoyed hearing prayers spoken in different languages by children in the class. Well done Year 4.



Advance Notification of Planned Works South Road and West Road Mon 3rd February

We have received notification from Essex Highways that in preparation for re-surfacing improvements scheduled for later this year, they will be trimming back vegetation encroaching on the public highway. This needs to be done before the nesting season begins.

These works are planned for **South Road and West Road on Monday 3rd February, between 9:30am and 2:30pm.** Traffic will be managed with Stop/Go boards and short-term delays are expected during this time.

To ensure the team has sufficient access to carry out the work safely, no parking will be permitted along the route and this will be identified by no parking cones.

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.

Prayer of the Week

Sunday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia

Prayer of the Week

Prayer for Solidarity

Dear Lord,

Help us to remember all the people who are treated unfairly because of who they are.

Jesus taught us that we are all equal in God's eyes.

Help us to care for our common home by bringing peace to all nations.

Pope Francis teaches us that, 'We are a single family living in a common home.'

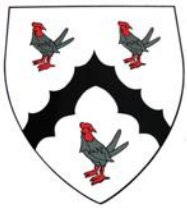
Help us to share what we have and what we know with those who are living in poverty.

Let us learn to show love like you have shown love to us.

Amen

by Imogen and Eliza

Year 6



MIND Parent Workshops

MIND in West Essex are offering online parent workshops to help parents navigate anxiety and big emotions with their children. If you are interested, please see the attached flyer which has a QR code for parents to use and select the date you would like to attend. This means you would then have to attend and commit to 4 sessions (one per week for four weeks).

The sessions will run in March.

Parking – Reminder

Regretfully, I have to write again about the ongoing issue of parking outside the school. Despite my reminders last week, I have received a further complaint yesterday from a neighbour about rude and inconsiderate behaviour from some of our parents.

This neighbour's driveway is regularly blocked when parents drop off/pick up from school. At times, she has been unable to access her property, as parents have also parked across the driveway when picking up from after-school clubs. When challenged, some parents have been rude and dismissive.

This week, someone actually parked ON her private driveway and when asked to move, proceeded to block the driveway! This is completely unacceptable and jeopardises the school's reputation and our good relationships with our neighbours.

I understand it is difficult to park at times but we must ensure we are respectful and considerate when parking. PLEASE DO NOT park on or block driveways!

I have asked the parking enforcement officers and the police to monitor the parking. If you park illegally, you will risk being fined.

I hope that you will co-operate with my request to ensure parking is always considerate.

SWCHS – Panto!

It's that time of year again... the evenings are getting lighter, the days longer and the SWCHS upper School Play has come to Saffron Hall! This year, it's Wendy and Peter Pan...

Winter 1908. Snow is falling across London. Wendy Darling and her brothers sleep peacefully in their bedroom, as their parents bicker downstairs. In a sudden flurry of snow their window blows open, and into their lives tumbles a mischievous boy called Peter, followed by a fractious fairy called Tink.

With the aid of a little fairy dust, Wendy agrees to fly with Peter to Neverland, seeing not only the promise of an awfully big adventure, but also the chance to rediscover the key to her parents' lost happiness. Once there, she will give the Lost Boys a run for their money, defeat Captain Hook and his pirate crew, and ultimately, learn what it means to grow up.

Please come and join us. Tickets available at <https://www.saffronhall.com/whats-on/view/swchs-production-of-wendy-and-peter-pan> Students are £5! We would love to see you there!!! 😊



More Sports News

Year Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday, Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics team took part in the Uttlesford Sports Partnership Indoor Athletics competition. Eight teams from local schools took completed in a variety of track and field events with some fantastic individual and team achievements. The children had a wonderful morning with our teams finish in 7th and 3rd place. Well done to everyone who took part.



Active Maths

On Thursday 30th January Year 3 took part in an Active Maths afternoon, held at The Lord Butler leisure centre. The aim of the afternoon was for the children to participate in a number of physical activities which combined their Maths skills with Sporting skills. The children had a wonderful time learning and developing their maths skills in a different environment. Well done to everyone who took part.