

## Diary Dates



- 12th May** – SATs Week,  
Year 5 cooking week & Mr Stevens  
Paramedic visit to Reception class
- 13th May** – Year 4 Tea Concert
- 14th May** – Year 5 Cooking
- 15th May** – Reception Class Sushi Day
- 20th May** – Reception class Fire Station  
Visit
- 22nd May** – KS1 Concert 2pm
- 23rd May** – Year 1&2 Forest School  
Parents' Meeting 2.45pm
- 26th May** – Half Term
- 2nd June** – Pre-a-Portrait – Class Photos
- 3rd June** – Y1 Forest School & Y6 Crucial  
Crew
- 6th June** – Y5 Pentecost Assembly
- 9th June** – Grafham Parents' Meeting 6pm
- 10th June** – Y1 Forest School
- 12th June** – Sports Day
- 16th June** – Year 5 Cooking Week
- 17th June** – Y1 Forest School
- 18th June** – Y4 Walton-on-the-Naze
- 19th June** – Rain-off Sports Day
- 21st June** – First Holy Communion at St  
Mary's Church. 11am
- 26th June** – Y2 Forest School
- 27th June** – Reception Class Prayer &  
Liturgy  
Y6 Transition Day SWCHS & JFAN  
Y5 Quiz at St Mary's School.
- 28th June** – Summer Fete 12pm-3pm
- 30th June** – 10am First Holy Communion  
celebration at St Mary's Church – whole  
school
- 1st July** – Clothing Collection
- 2nd - 4th July** - Y6 to Grafham Water
- 3rd July** – Year 2 Forest School
- 10th July** – Year 2 Forest School &  
Y6 Transition day to St Mary's Bishop's  
Stortford
- 16th July** – Junior Production 2pm & 7pm
- 18th July** – Last day of term. Leavers' Mass  
9.30am & Leavers' Assembly 11am

## Lunch

### w/c 12th May Week 1

Please pay lunches on School  
Money - £2.50 per day

## Swimming

**12th May – 3&5**

**13th May – Year 2**



‘Habemus Papam’ – we have a new Pope. The white smoke from the Sistine Chapel in Rome yesterday announced that Pope Leo XIV has been chosen by the cardinals, led by the Holy Spirit, to lead the Catholic Church. We pray for God’s blessing on him in his new role.

## VE Day

On Thursday, the children learned about the importance of VE Day and why it’s such a significant moment in history. We held a 2 minute silence at midday, taking time to reflect and pray for peace across the world.

## Headteacher Certificates

Well done to those children who were awarded a headteacher’s certificate at the end of the spring term. They enjoyed their special ‘tea with the headteacher’ treat this morning as a reward.



## Prayer of the Week

**Sunday 11th May is the 4th Sunday of Easter  
In John’s Gospel, Jesus says: “The Father and I are one.”**

## Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,

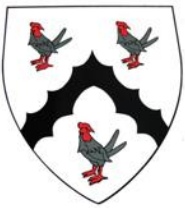
As May is the month of Mary, help us to look up to her and love her as she loves us and her son Jesus. As we celebrate the news of Pope Leo XIV, please guide him to make the right decisions and follow in your footsteps throughout his Papacy.

Bless those who love and look after us.

Amen

By Reception

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on 13th May. On this feast, we remember how, in 1917, Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal, and asked them to join with her in praying for peace. We encourage people everywhere to pray for peace throughout the work and peace in our own hearts.



## **KS1 Concert – 22nd May**

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming **Infant Summer Concert!**

This relaxed event will feature a selection of songs that each of the infant classes have loved learning throughout the year, many of which are linked to their curriculum topics. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their learning in a fun and musical way.

The concert will take place at **2:00pm** on 22nd May.

To help us manage space and ensure safety, we kindly ask that each family limits attendance to two guests.

## **Whole School Mass – St Mary's Church on Monday 30th June at 10am**

We will be celebrating Mass with our children who have made their First Holy Communion. All parents welcome.

## **Double Club**

Please remember to wait in the porch area whilst waiting for your child after Double Club. It can get very busy and we keep the door closed to ensure the safety of the children. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## **Year 6 SATs**

Our Year 6 children have their SATs next week. They have worked so hard in their preparation and we wish them a restful weekend.

## **Year 6 Tie-Dye T-Shirts**

Year 6 will be making tie-dye T-shirts on Friday 16th May. £6 has been added to your school money account to cover the cost of the activity. Please log onto school money to make your contribution.

## **Summer Levy**

Just a reminder that the levy is the fund we use for the up-keep of the school premises. This donation also allows us to match grants etc. to improve and maintain the school building. We would be very grateful for your support with this levy

## **PSA**

### **Summer Fete – Saturday 28th June**

Our Summer Fete is on Saturday 28th June 12pm – 3pm. Please contact the PSA or the School Office if you are able to help with preparation or on the day. We would be very grateful for as much help as possible. **Please Note: We will be using tokens instead of cash. Tokens can be purchased via school money or on the day.** Please find attached poster for all the details.

## **Chromebooks**

This year, the school would like to update our technology through the purchase of new Chromebooks for use in computing and across the curriculum. Any PSA money raised will help fund the Chromebooks. Thank you for your generosity and support.



## Year 5 Greek Day

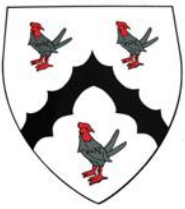
Year 5 were visited this week by The History People who provided us with a fabulous day in the life of the Ancient Greeks. The children spent the morning constructing mosaic tiles, crafting with clay, making wax tablets and many other brilliant activities. During an afternoon feast (served by slaves!), the children created dance, told stories through drama and recited poetry accompanied by musical instruments. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience for the children.



## Reception Class – Police Visit

Reception has an exciting visit from PC McNamara. They asked lots of wonderful questions and had the opportunity to sit in the police van and try on various items of uniform.





## More Sports News

### Tennis Tournament

On Friday 2nd May, Key stage 2 children took part in the Uttlesford Partnership Tennis tournament held at Dame Bradbury School. The children competed against teams from across Saffron Walden in a mini tennis tournament. A wonderful afternoon in the sunshine showed a display of great tennis from all children. Each child competed individually but within a team resulting in 4th, 5th and 6th positions for the year 5/6 teams and 6th and 1st for the year 3/4 teams. We wish the winning team all the best as they move forward to compete in the mid Essex finals in Harlow on Thursday 19th June.

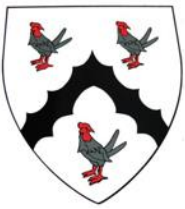


### Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament.

Thursday 8th May saw our Year 4 class take part in the Uttlesford Partnership Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament. Rapid Fire is a game designed to help support the skills required for cricket and involves focused batting, bowling, catching and fielding skills.

The children all had a wonderful time working together in teams, playing against children from the local area. The children all developed their skills throughout the morning with the teams finishing in 4th, 3rd and second overall in their respective tournaments. Well done to everyone who took part. They were all a credit to the school.





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Parish website: [olcsaffronwalden.org.uk](http://olcsaffronwalden.org.uk)

## **Amazon Wish List – Thank you to everyone who has donated!**

All the classes are short of whiteboard pens, pencils and coloured pencils and we have added them to the wish list below, along with some other much needed items. Some parents have asked about class footballs. These are now added to the wish list. If you are able, we would be very grateful for any kind donations. Many thanks for your continued support.

### **Reception**

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### **Year 1**

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### **Year 2**

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### **Year 5**

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### **Year 6**

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### **Sports**

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