



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's been a really busy week at St Mary's and there have been some very memorable moments during the last few days.

On Tuesday morning we had a visit from the Rock Steady music company and they literally had all the pupils and staff in the hall "rocking" for 45 minutes!! Rev Ruth, who was with us, described it as "the best start" to the day! I think it is fair to say that everyone else who was there agreed with that view. Tommy, who was leading the session, certainly engaged everyone and the high point at the end was when Mrs Stoughton and Miss Males joined Tommy in forming an impromptu staff band! We are very much hoping that Rock Steady are going to come and work with us later in the year, which will give pupils the opportunity to engage with a new and exciting musical experience.

On Wednesday the Book Swap came to school and we're very grateful to the Book Swap volunteers for giving up their time to come and give the pupils the opportunity to swap a book and give them a new reading experience. The pupils were all very well behaved as they went into the hall and looked at the range of books on offer and then chose a book to take away with them. This is a really special opportunity that the Welham Green community gives to our children: we look forward to welcoming the Book Swap back next term and then making our visit to the Memorial Hall in the Summer term.

Today we have been marking Children in Need Day and many of the children have dressed in Children in Need jumpers and headbands, which has led us to raise money for an important charity.

Attendance this week has fallen just below 90% for the whole school and, once again, I must ask that all parents and carers ensure that the children are in school. Absence not only leads to children falling behind academically, it also leads to children feeling left out socially; so attendance is really important to a child's well-being.

This week has been national Anti-Bullying Week which has given us the opportunity to think about how we behave towards others. Sadly there have been a few instances of unkind behaviour this week amongst a few of the pupils, but overwhelmingly I am pleased to report that the majority of behaviour has been positive.

I will conclude this week with the quote from Mother Teresa, that I shared with the pupils on Monday in Collective Worship, as we began Anti-Bullying Week:

*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

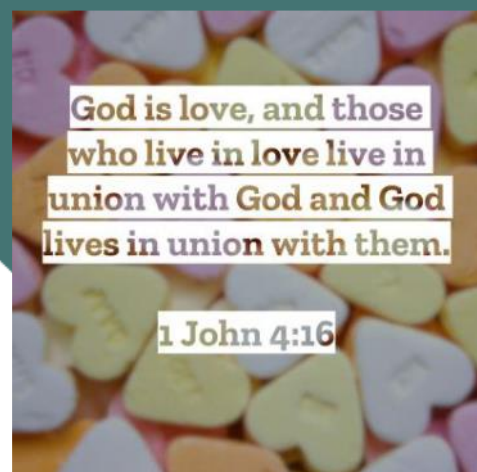
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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Love



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# HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

**116**



**108**



**119**



**116**



**Well done Rabbits!**

Running Totals:

**1399**

**1333**

**1359**

**1314**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table .

**Reception - Ava**

**Year 1 - Annabelle**

**Year 2 - Lola-May**

**Year 3 - Lily**

**Year 4 - Sonny**

**Year 5 - Mia**

**Year 6 - Jack**

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

**Reception - Harriet**

**Year 1 - Naveen**

**Year 2 - Favour**

**Year 3 - Maisie**

**Year 4 - Olivia**

**Year 5 - Leo**

**Year 6 - Justin**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	94.7%	😊
Goodall	92.8%	😊
Attenborough	91.4%	😊
Elizabeth	91.3%	😊

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 6 NCMP height and weight
Wednesday 22nd November	Reception screening children born up to end of February
27th November—1st December	Year 5 & 6 Residential to Charterhouse
Wednesday 6th December	Flu vaccinations
Monday 11th December	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 13th December	Pantomime Whole School Trip
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 4pm St Mary's Church
Thursday 14th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm
Friday 15th December	PTA Christmas Sale
Monday 18th December	Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term Church Service 10am
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Thursday 4th January 2024	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 5th January	Inset Day—School Closed
Monday 8th January	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am
19th February—23rd February	Half Term
Thursday 28th March	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 15th April	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 16th April	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am
Thursday 2nd May	Reception screening children born after 1st March
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Friday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm

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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

We bring and share joy, inspire daily and creatively equip children for the future.

We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The Corrie Ten Boom Award for

# Love



*"Overflowing with thankfulness, inspiration and joy"*

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. (John 15:12)

## Prayer of the Week

I live for those who love me, Whose hearts are kind and true;  
 For heaven that smiles above me, and awaits my spirit too;  
 For all human ties that bind me, For the task my God assigned  
 me, For the bright hopes left behind me, and the good that I  
 can do.

Amen

## Reception - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class have been very inspired by the Rock Steady assembly on Tuesday. They have been busy making band posters and performing as a band. We were kindly donated two keyboards which have added to the musical melodies.



The class have also been discussing what makes them special. They compared similarities and differences with their friends and considered how our differences make us unique and individual.

We have begun learning songs for our class nativity which we cannot wait to share with our parents and carers on Monday 11th December at 2pm.



## Year 1 - Curie

Curie class have had another very busy week. In English we have been reading Farmer Duck, learning all about plural nouns and verbs. We even acted out some of the tasks that Farmer Duck carried out. In Maths we have been learning about equal parts, halving and doubling our numbers. Curie class enjoyed our book swap on Wednesday. We loved looking at all our new books together.



Have a great weekend!

## Year 2 - Hawking

Another busy week for Hawking class packed full of fun and some fantastic learning! In Geography we have been looking at the 5 layers of the ocean and what different animals and plants we can find in each part. Wednesday, the children were able to swap a book which led to lots of excitement and reading throughout the day in class. In English we have been looking at the painting 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' by Henri Rousseau and using adjectives to describe it. I have been very proud of the effort Hawking class are putting into their writing this week! Have a great weekend!





## Year 4 - Attenborough

This week in Attenborough class has been a very busy and exciting week. In English, we have been continuing looking at our book 'Biscuit Bear' the children have been describing pictures from the book and using subordinative conjunctions to help extend our sentences. In Maths, we have been looking at factors of different numbers. In Geography, we looked at how volcanoes can affect people across the world, the children used the laptops to research different ideas, then created a poster.

In Science, the children were given pictures of lots of animals and together in groups classified them. Some of the animals were a lot easier than others. We finished the week by celebrating Children in Need, we completed lots of different Pudsey Bear themed activities. The children had lots of fun; we even completed a Pudsey Bear escape the classroom challenge.



## Year 5 - Luther King

This week in Luther King class we have been starting to think about writing about our own mythical creatures. The plans are well on their way and our creative juices have been flowing. We have been practising to put prepositions and adverbs in our writing and through more exciting word choices we can uplevel our writing.

In Maths we have been looking at the rules to help us know if a number is divisible by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10.

The Mini Police were in to talk to us about road safety which is particularly important now the days are shorter, and it is dark outside. The children were reminded of ways they can keep themselves safe when crossing the road and to always use traffic lights, zebra crossings and follow the rules.

In Science we continue to look at how plants reproduce. Today we got to explore flower bulbs, potatoes that have sprouted to think about ways in which we can grow new plants.

Mrs Parsons came in and brought her spider plant for us to try and propagate and grow a new plant.



Lots of learning going on in Year 5 this week.



## Year 6 - Goodall

A busy week in Year 6 including a Children In Need themed morning today of work including reading and writing stories about Pudsey and Maths exploring fundraising problem solving. We've also been enjoying our RE lessons, where we've been exploring what parables tell Christians about God's Kingdom, and children have presented some fabulous dramatic retellings.



## Bookswap—A note from Teresa Travell

Dear Mr Petty,

Sue Green and I would just like to thank you for allowing us to once again bring the book swap to St Mary's School.

We always thoroughly enjoy these visits and especially love listening to the children telling us what type of book they like to read and helping them choose a suitable alternative.

The children were polite and very excited to see us, which is such a bonus.

Thank you also to the teaching staff who make such a difference to all of the children in the school and make our visits so easy.

Kind regards

Teresa



# Rock Steady!



It has been brought to our attention that a car was in the car park late at night this week, close to 9pm. The Parish Council are going to renew the signs in the car park stating that the gates will be shut by 5pm (instead of dusk to avoid any confusion) but we would appreciate it if parents, carers and any other users of the School are reminded to please park elsewhere if they will be here any later than 5pm.

There have also been incidents where parents are parking in the disabled bays, parking in front of the emergency access gates (to the school), parking in front of the no parking signs and blocking the gate to the playing field. These are daily occurrences. Most of the parking restrictions are there for the safety of the children. If these incidents keep occurring North Mymms Parish Council will consider restricting all vehicle access to the car parks.



**ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES**

**£50 cash**  
**Chocolate Hamper**  
**KL Cakes £25 voucher**  
**Alcohol hamper x 2**  
**Cuddly toy**  
**Costco Hamper**  
**Prosecco**  
**Snow globe Gin**  
**Santa Stop here decoration- Tilly&Tommy crafts**  
**Ballis & Harding Spa Kit**  
**Personalised Xmas decoration- Tilly&Tommy crafts**  
**2 entries to Hatfield Fun Zone**  
**Pedicure-Suzannah**  
**And more .....**



Children have each brought home two Raffle books to sell. The books are £5 each or £1 per ticket. Once sold, please fill in the name and contact phone number on each stub, with the purchaser keeping the body of the ticket. The stubs will then need to be handed in to school. If you would like more books please contact the school office. Please return any unsold tickets to the office.

The deadline to return sold tickets is Monday 11th December at 9am.



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**North Mymms Book Swap, North Mymms Memorial  
Hall, 10am-1pm**

**Extended Christmas Special!!**

**Meet Santa £1**

**Raffle**

**Tombola**

**Homemade Jams**

**Jewellery, gifts and more .....**

**Sit and enjoy homemade mince pies, cakes and hot  
or cold drinks.**

**Book Swap is open as usual.**

**Raffle prizes include: £50 voucher Brookmans Pub, Doggy Gift bag from  
Groomers on the Green, Stitch and Knit prize, £10 Aylett Voucher, Prize  
from Tealicious and more .....**





UK Health  
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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

*North Mymms Memorial Hall presents*



**PUSS  
in**

**BOOTHS CLOSE**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7:30pm**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at midday**

**North Mymms Memorial Hall, Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG**

**| Adults: £10 | Children under 12: £5 |**

**Tickets: [northmymmsmemorialhall.co.uk/panto](http://northmymmsmemorialhall.co.uk/panto)**

**Or ask Teresa for tickets at Book Swap!**

*The purr-foot panto!*



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# Winter Warmer

**All Ages Welcome**

North Mymms Memorial Hall together with North Mymms Parish Council are pleased to announce the **return of the “Winter Warmer”** for the community of North Mymms



The “Winter Warmer” will offer a warm space and a warm welcome, with an opportunity to buy a mug of soup for £1.00, and a cup of tea or coffee for 50p

**The Hall will be open from 12:30pm to 2:30pm on**

Thursday 9th November

Thursday 16th November

Thursday 23rd November

**There is no Winter Warmer on 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Thursday 7th December

Thursday 14th December

Thursday 21st December