



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

There is something that I have always loved about this time of year and that is the changing colour of the leaves on the trees before they fall. I certainly think that it is my favourite time of the year for going for a walk. It has been lovely to see the children out on the playground with the change of seasons going on around them. In a world where so much is online or we are engaging with screens (says he typing this onto a screen!), we do not always take the time to appreciate and enjoy the natural world around us.

One of the seasonal things for St Mary's is that we start practising for the Nativity performances: I knew that Christmas was coming earlier this week, when I heard my first carol being sung and the Key Stage 1 children have been preparing their performance in class.

In addition to preparations for Christmas, there has been a great deal going on this week and we had another football fixture in which the team, although they lost, played really well together. Sadly, behaviour has not been as good this week and we have had to spend time dealing with various incidents. Good behaviour and positive attitudes to learning, along with high levels of attendance, are a very important part of ensuring the best outcomes for the pupils and I would, as always, ask parents and carers to endorse this message at home.

Next week some of the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are going off to Charterhouse in Somerset. This is going to be a tremendous and very exciting experience for the children to take part in a variety of activities, when they get to spend some time together away from school. We wish them a thoroughly enjoyable week and hope that they will gain a great deal from it.

Our half termly value is love and in Collective Worship on Tuesday we looked at the words in 1 Corinthians 13 verses 4-7. We looked at the words that St Paul used to describe love and talked about how important each of the words are in how we deal with others everyday, so I will conclude this week by sharing those lines from St Paul:

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it is not boasting, it is not arrogant. It is not insulting to others, it is not self-seeking, it does not easily anger... Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It will always protect, it will always trust, it will always hope, it will always persevere."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Love



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

Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**158**



**173**



**163**



**199**



**Well done Squirrels!**

Running Totals:

**1557**

**1506**

**1522**

**1513**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Shane

Year 1 - Peter

Year 2 - Leandro

Year 3 - Thenula

Year 4 - Jun

Year 5 - Diego & David

Year 6 - Erfan

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Luther King 95.2%



Attenborough 90.3%



Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Meghan

Year 1 - Ramatoulie

Year 2 - Freya

Year 3 - David

Year 4 - Violet

Year 5 - Amelia

Year 6 - Rawan

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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 count the days to Christmas, and I watch the evening sky. I want to see the angels as to Bethlehem they fly. I'm watching for the wise men and the royal shining star. Please may I travel with them? Is the stable very far?

I count the days to Christmas as we shop and bake and clean. The lights and tinsel sparkle, and yet deep inside I dream, that as we tell the story of Lord Jesus and his birth, the things of every day will fade as heaven comes to earth.

Amen.

## Reception - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class have had another very busy week, in Maths we have been exploring weights using different objects and quantities. We made our own story maps using 'We're going on a bear hunt' to help us we had some brilliant ideas

"We're going on a dog hunt" Casey

"We're going on a tiger hunt" Ellie

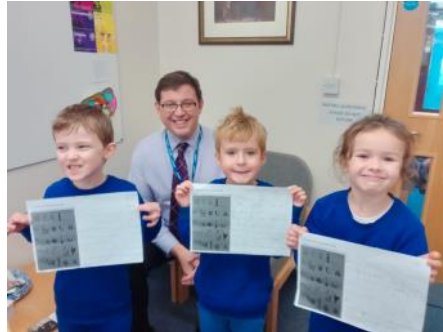
"We're going on a crocodile hunt" Harriet

The children have been amazing rehearsing for their Nativity. Have a lovely weekend.



## Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week in Curie Class. We have been finding out all about doubles and halving in Maths and the children have impressed us with their understanding of this difficult concept. In English, we have continued with the book about Farmer Duck and have written postcards as the character of Farmer Duck, explaining all about the story. In R.E, we have started to think about the Nativity story and practising for our production (which we are very excited about!). In P.E., we have been thinking what is like to be pirates and have made up a pirate dance. As always, we are very proud of how hard everyone in Year One is working. Have a great weekend.



## Year 2 - Hawking

An exciting week for Hawking class now that the big "C" is approaching. Preparations for our production are under way and the children should have come home with their scripts and songs to learn. They are very excited and cannot wait! We have also been focusing on descriptive writing and trying to extend our sentences with adjectives and conjunctions. I'm seeing a lot of progress which is fantastic! In Maths we have been looking at how we can make adding 9 and 11 easier and they have been reminded to keep up with using Mathletics at home. Have a lovely weekend!



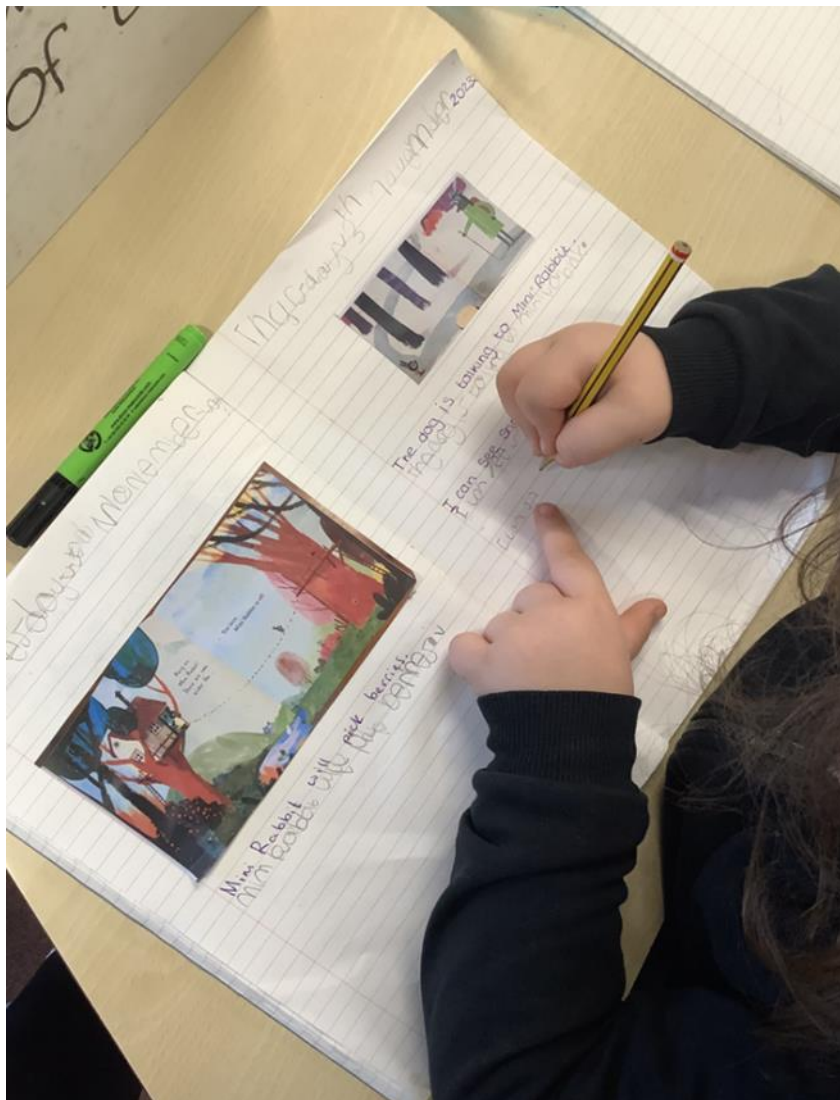
## Year 3 - Mandela

Mandela class have made great strides in their Maths lessons and are working on subtracting 2- and 3-digit numbers whilst regrouping. We have been using part-part-whole methods to work these out and have been given many numbers to work with. Please help your children by counting in 10s and 100s.

In English, we read Mini Rabbit Not Lost and we are working towards rewriting the story in our own words using prepositions and verbs. Pupils have also been leading the class in 'alien or real' sentences, trying to remember the components of a good sentence! Well done to Bella for her fantastic retelling below.

In Science we have been learning about different rocks, specifically rocks in and around volcanoes. Nancy, "When we were learning about volcanoes it was interesting because some people have not learned about that before."

In PSHE, we have been learning about bullying and how (Daisy) "we should only be commenting on people's behaviour if we want to compliment them."



## Year 4 - Attenborough

Another busy week and productive week for Attenborough class. In English, we have been planning and writing new adventure stories based on the book 'Biscuit Bear'. The children have been writing and publishing the stories for younger children. We are excited to go and read our stories to the younger classes of the school. In Maths, we have been looking at problem solving and how to work out the different parts of questions. In Geography, we focused on earthquakes; looking at why and where they occur. In Science, we looked at food chains and learnt about how food chains start out. We finished our class story 'Land of Roar' it was loved by everyone; I have now purchased the second book in the series for us to start. It is lovely to see how excited and engaged the children were when we read the book. In Music, we have been learning different songs and playing them on the glockenspiels, it has been a lot of fun.



## Year 5 - Luther King

A busy week as we all got to 'publish' our report we have been writing about our mythical creatures in English. All the pupils in Year 5 worked hard and focused well to produce a final piece in their best handwriting accompanied by beautiful pictures.

Finally, we gave it the tea-stained treatment to make it look aged and give it an antiquated look.

In Maths we have been looking at using different strategies to simplify subtraction. Using partitioning and the part, part, whole model helped us to work out more complex questions.

Luther King took on the role of investigating journalists in R.E. this week, to find out what attributes the Israelites were looking for as they waited for the Messiah. Our pupils showed good critical thinking skills and great understanding of what had been foretold about Jesus as the Saviour of the world.

Excellent work Year 5!



## Year 6 - Goodall

We've been writing atmospheric extracts based on our book *Night of the Gargoyles*, which have delighted the class as we shared them with one another today. We've learnt about trying to make our readers / listeners feel what we want them to feel using description and thinking about the details we do and don't share. We have also been focusing on ways to order and compare fractions in class. This area is now open on the children's Mathematics so they can continue to practice at home.

Many children in the class are looking forward to next week at Charterhouse and we look forward to seeing them at 7:45am on Monday. For children who are remaining in school, they will be joining up with Year 5 and should arrive in school uniform at normal time.



### Pantomime Trip—Wednesday 13th December



Don't forget to sign your child up for this trip on Arbor by Friday 1st December.

If you would like to order a school packed lunch please do so by Friday 1st December as no school lunches will be available on the day.

Alternatively provide them with a packed lunch from home.

A snack will be provided by the school so no other food should be brought in.

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 North Mymms this Sunday  
2:00-3:30pm

Activities for all ages, adults and children, to enjoy our outside space, relating to the season. Dress appropriately for the weather. All children must have adult supervision.



Last Friday we raised £126.40  
for Children in Need.

**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  
Security  
Agency



# 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



### 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!*



**Book Now!**

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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