



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a tremendous week it has been for pupils at St Mary's! There has been so much going on and some great experiences have been had by all.

The group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils that have been at Charterhouse in Somerset this week have had a terrific time. They have got involved in a range of activities and have challenged themselves to do new things. Mr Guilder has kept us updated with their progress throughout the week and the children have been a credit to themselves and to the school. Many of you will also have kept up with what they have been doing as there have been daily reports and a gallery of photographs which have been updated throughout the week on the school website. I am very grateful to Mr Guilder, Miss Males, Mrs Honour and Mr Kilpatrick for being willing to take the pupils away for a week and to ensure that they have had such a great experience. Back at school, the other members of Year 5 and Year 6 have formed a class of their own and they have done a range of activities during the week which have been different from the usual curriculum. This included a trip to St Mary's Church on Tuesday where they did a Treasure Hunt.

Yesterday afternoon, we were very fortunate to have a visit from the King's Chamber Orchestra. They are a group who, through their music, share their Christian faith and the teddy bears' concert that was held for all the children in school was both thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining, with two pupils even getting the chance to conduct the orchestra! They played a range of music for us from various classical pieces to themes from films. It was a great way for us all to spend an hour and I am very grateful to Rev Ruth for organising the visit for us.

Behaviour has been much improved this week (and it has been very good at Charterhouse too!), although attendance has been affected by some seasonal illnesses.

We are all very aware of Christmas not being very far away now, (rehearsals for our Christmas productions are going on as I type!), but as a Church school we must first recognise the period of Advent and the period of preparation leading up to Christmas.

On Monday, in Collective Worship, I shared this verse of a poem by Christina Rossetti, which is also a hymn, and fits in with our half termly value of love and talks about Jesus as the ultimate example of love:

*"Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign."*

Let us think about those words as we journey through Advent this year.

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:

124



113



75



144



Well done Squirrels!

Running Totals:

1681

1619

1597

1657

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Heidi

Year 1 - Robert

Year 2 - George

Year 3 - Aram

Year 4 - Jayin

Year 5 - Max

Year 6 - Johann

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Ridowan

Year 1 - David

Year 2 - Elianna

Year 3 - James L

Year 4 - Albey

Year 5 - Bozhidara

Year 6 - Nana

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Luther King	93.8%	
Mandela	93.0%	
Attenborough	91.4%	
Curie	91.4%	
Goodall	90.7%	

Charterhouse Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Year 5 - Rocky-James

Year 6 - Jack

Congratulations to all these children.

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

The stars that shine at Christmas, shine on throughout the year;

Jesus, born so long ago, still gathers with us here.

We listen to his stories, we learn to say his prayer, we follow in His footsteps and learn to love and share.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class really enjoyed the King's Chamber Orchestra which came to visit St Mary's yesterday,

"The Bluey songs" Polly

"My favourite bit was where the man who had the giant guitar done the bangs on it"

Meghan

"I love the big guitars" Casey

We have also been busy practising our Nativity play, even getting to rehearse for the first time on the stage today.

Elizabeth class have also been very excited to start the advent celebrations today. We have been joined in class by two of Father Christmas' little helpers who will be showing us lots of lovely Christmas ideas and activities over the coming weeks.

The class were intrigued by the fact our sand and water trays had frozen this week due to the turn in the weather.

"It warmed up with the warm water" Dylan

"It got froze" Shane

"Me, Meghan and Heidi mashed it up with shovels it was really hard" Taylor

"When we went outside the ice was really hard we melted it" Nikita

We hope you have a wonderful weekend



Year 1 - Curie

Curie Class have had another busy week. We have been finding out about odd and even numbers in Maths and we are very impressed with how quickly the class have grasped this concept. In English we have started a new book called 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' which everyone is really enjoying. Next Wednesday, we will be taking the class for a walk around the local area to consolidate our learning in Geography and will take the opportunity to visit the post box to send some special mail! We have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas Production and your child will be bringing home a letter explaining what we would like from home for their costume. Any problems, please let us know. Have a good weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

Production rehearsals are very much underway this week and now the stage has been constructed the children will be able to really visualise what it will be like on the day. Please make sure children are practising their lines at home and know where they need to say their line in the play. Yesterday we had a lovely orchestra visit our school and the children loved it! Especially The Incredibles theme song!

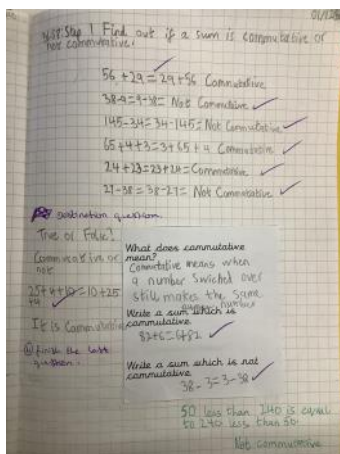
Have a fantastic weekend!



Year 3 - Mandela

This week has been a busy week! Mandela class have completed their work on 'Mini Rabbit NOT LOST'. We have completed our extended writing on our class book, and everyone has worked incredibly hard to include all the elements needed for a successful piece of writing. Everyone should be able to write using the following formulae:

<u>Prepositions</u>	<u>Adverbs of time</u>	<u>Verbs</u>
between	First	climbed
within	Then	leapt
beneath	Finally	bounded
underneath	Next	pulled
beside	After that	hurdled
through		jumped
		rowed
		heaved



In Maths, we have completed our Subtraction using mental maths and started our Inverse topic. We have been looking at Commutative sums and sums that are not commutative. Well done to Zikora-Reign on his work today!



Year 4 - Attenborough

In English we have been learning about the different types of poems, including Acrostic, Haiku and Rhyming.

In Maths we have been dividing and multiplying in 10s and 100s.

In Science we have been learning about Classifying, which is grouping living things, like plants and animals.

In Art we have been learning about Christmas around the world and planning our art work.

We have enjoyed the week with Mr Hoque and are looking forward to Miss Males coming back next week.



Year 5 & 6 in School

Year 5 & 6 started the week off researching an inspirational person and creating some very informative fact files. They then went and enjoyed an action packed fun swim.

On Tuesday, together the children researched famous structures around the world and then made towers using spaghetti and grapes, focusing on how we can keep the tower supported. The children visited St Mary's Church, taking part in a scavenger hunt around the church. Later in the week the children had a creative arts morning, making collages of where they were born. Together we finished off the week with an activity afternoon and popcorn. What a fun packed week!



Year 5 & 6 - Charterhouse

Mr Guilder wants to thank all their children for their brilliant behaviour and the way they represented the school and Miss Males, Mrs Honour and Mr Kilpatrick who, as ever, have gone above and beyond to ensure that all children have had the best residential experience possible. Check out the school website for lots of photos and the daily updates from this week.



Year 5 & 6 - Charterhouse



Admissions Consultation 2025-26

You will have received a letter from the Chair of Governors this week about the consultation that is currently being undertaken about the Determined Admissions Arrangements for St Mary's in the academic year 2025-2026. Please read the letter and the arrangements, both of which are available on the school's website, as we welcome any comments that you may wish to make.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church 8th - 10th December

As you may be aware St Mary's Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival from 8th - 10th December. The different classes at school are using their creativity to design and submit their Christmas trees to the Festival. There are going to be three prizes at the Festival for the most popular trees and these are decided by the votes of the visitors to the church. So please go along to the church and vote for the tree that your child's class has designed! The Festival is open for visitors on Saturday 9th December 10.00am – 4.00pm and Sunday 10th December 12.00pm – 4.00pm.



**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 16th 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 30th November & Friday 1st December at 7:30pm

Saturday 2nd December at 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 3rd December at midday

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

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

Tickets: 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 30th November

Thursday 7th December

Thursday 14th December

Thursday 21st December

St Mary's Church North Mymms
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

8th – 10th December 2023



Friday 8th December 7.30pm.
A Christmas Carol Concert
Positif Chamber Choir

Hear and join in carols from around the world. Then enjoy looking around the trees accompanied by a glass of mulled wine and some mince pies. Tickets £12 (£5 for under 16s) available via church website, from the church office or on the door

Saturday 9th December 10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 10th December 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Come along on Saturday or Sunday to enjoy the fun and vote for your favourite tree. There will be refreshments, crafts and produce stalls

Entry £2 – under 16s free