



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Spring Term Issue 7  
1st March 2024

It has been good to be back this week after the half term break and there has been a very positive attitude around the school. This is a short half term and there is a great deal to be fitted in. It is amazing to think that we will have broken up in just under four weeks and time is of the essence for some of our pupils. When we returned on Monday, Mr Guilder announced exactly how many days the Year 6 class had until the SATs tests start and there are fewer than 50 working days to go! Today has also been a big day for our Year 6 pupils as they learned which secondary schools they have been allocated for September: that is when we are really aware of their time at St Mary's coming to an end. We are looking forward to sharing their final few months with them and creating some positive memories with the events that we are intending to hold.

We have been delighted to welcome back Miss Hazell and Mrs Ryan this week. Miss Hazell has returned from her travels in South America and Mrs Ryan has returned from her maternity leave and it is great to have them back amongst us once again.

There is much for us to look forward over the coming weeks.

Next week sees our first competitive netball match against St Philip Howard School - we have been playing football matches for a few months now, so I'm delighted that we are now adding netball to our fixture list and I'm grateful to Miss Males and Mrs McGeady for having worked with the team since last term. Next week also sees World Book Day when we celebrate reading and hopefully many of the children will decide to come into school dressed up as a character from one of their favourite books. The PTA will be holding their annual Mother's Day sale on Friday 8th March. We are very grateful to the small and dedicated group of parents who raise money to support the school, but as you will have seen from a separate letter, we are in need of more parents to get involved. If you feel that this is something that you could do, please get in touch with a member of the current PTA or with the school.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who took part in the survey about wraparound care. We will be having meetings next week to look at the results of that survey and then will communicate further with you all.

Today is St David's Day and I thought that I would conclude with a quote from St David himself, which also seems appropriate as we continue our journey through Lent this year:

*"Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Forgiveness

**And forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive  
those who sin  
against us.**

**Matthew 6:12**

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:

**174**



**176**



**140**



**147**



**Well done Hedgehogs!**

Running Totals:

**174**

**176**

**140**

**147**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Jayden**

**Year 1 - Sofia**

**Year 2 - Thomas**

**Year 3 - Harry**

**Year 4 - JoJo**

**Year 5 - Amelia**

**Year 6 - Rawan**

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

**Reception - Dylan**

**Year 1 - Marc**

**Year 2 - George**

**Year 3 - Raphael**

**Year 4 - Olivia**

**Year 5 - David**

**Year 6 - John-Henry**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Hawking**

**95.2%**



**Elizabeth**

**94.8%**



**Luther King**

**94.1%**



**Attenborough**

**93.6%**



**Mandela**

**92%**



**Curie**

**90.7%**



**Congratulations to all these children.**

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Tuesday 19th March	Year 1 and Year 4 trip—The Natural History and Science Museum
Wednesday 20th March	Year 3 and Year 5 trip—The British Museum
Friday 22nd March	Arts afternoon 3:30pm
Monday 25th March	Year 2 and Year 6 trip—RAF
Thursday 28th March	End of term service 1pm AT SCHOOL
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
13th May—17th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre 12pm till 4pm
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am

## END OF TERM SERVICE - 28th March - ADVANCED NOTICE

Owing to the fact that the last day of term falls on Maundy Thursday this year, we have had to make different arrangements for the end of term service. For this term only, the End of Term service is going to take place IN SCHOOL at 1pm. The aim is to be able to hold it outside in order that parents and carers will be able to attend as usual, but if the weather is bad we will advise on the day. The plan is that the children can then be taken home after the service at 1.45pm as usual.

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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 Desmond Tutu Award for

# Forgiveness



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.  
(Ephesians 4:32)

## Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have done for me.

Thank you for our lives, our friends and our school.

Sorry for when we mess up and that you forgive me when I make mistakes.

Amen

## Reception - Elizabeth

Another busy week for Elizabeth Class after our half term break! In Maths we have begun to learn about time by looking at how we measure our lives in days, nights, weeks, months and years - we thought about what we do at each time of day and the children were very excited to talk about their birthdays! We have also been learning about Traditional Tales/ Fairy Stories and the children were able to name so many as well as lots of the characters! Our first Tale is The Gingerbread Man and once we have learned all about it we are hoping to bake our very own gingerbread men, yum! We are looking forward to reading lots more Traditional Tales this half term.



Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 1 - Curie

As always, Curie Class have been very busy this week. They were very excited that Mr Petty awarded them 20 minutes extra play for having 100% attendance before half term and we managed to fit that in at the beginning of the week before the rain came! On Monday, we welcomed Miss Stephens, who is a student teacher from the University of Hertfordshire. Miss Stephens will be with us in Curie Class until May and the children are already enjoying working with her. We have been finding out about subtraction in Maths and have started a new book in English called 'Here comes Mr Postmouse' which the children are really enjoying. We are looking forward to World Book Day next week and are excited to meet a real author! Please remember to send your order forms in by Monday if you would like a signed copy of one of Lisa Bentley's books for your child.



## Year 2 - Hawking

Another fun filled and busy week in Hawking class. We have been focusing on a new book, 'Julian is a mermaid', in English. Thinking about what characters are feeling and making inferences. Also looking at past tense and how root words change when we are using different tenses. In Maths we have been looking at money and the children have been working really hard! In science, carrying on with our topic of materials, we have been investigating how different materials can change shape and how this is a useful property for their use. Well done to our year 2 school councillors, Thomas and Louise who have been taking suggestions on how we can improve the school. This includes a whole new playground and a full-size basketball court! Have a lovely and relaxing weekend and see you next week!



## Year 2 - Hawking



Congratulations to Lola  
in Year 2 who was  
awarded a Distinction in  
Imperial Classical Ballet.



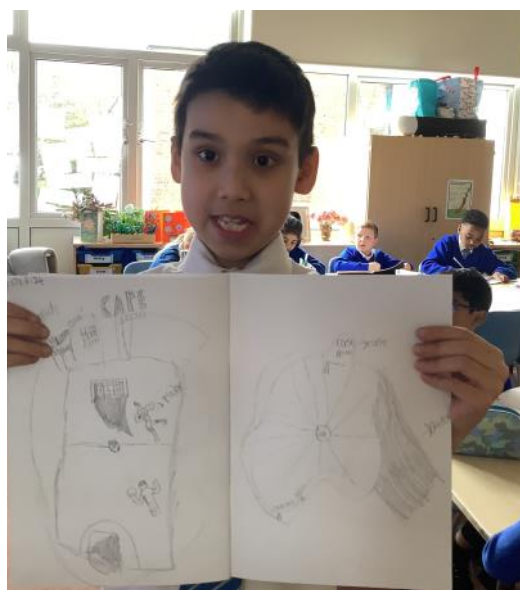
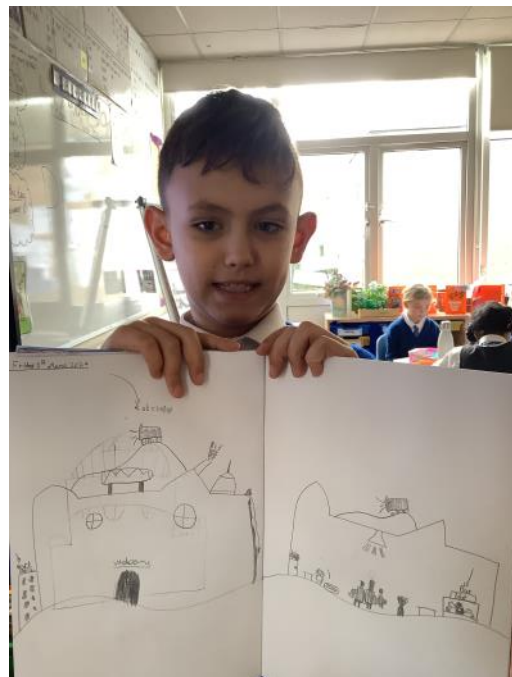
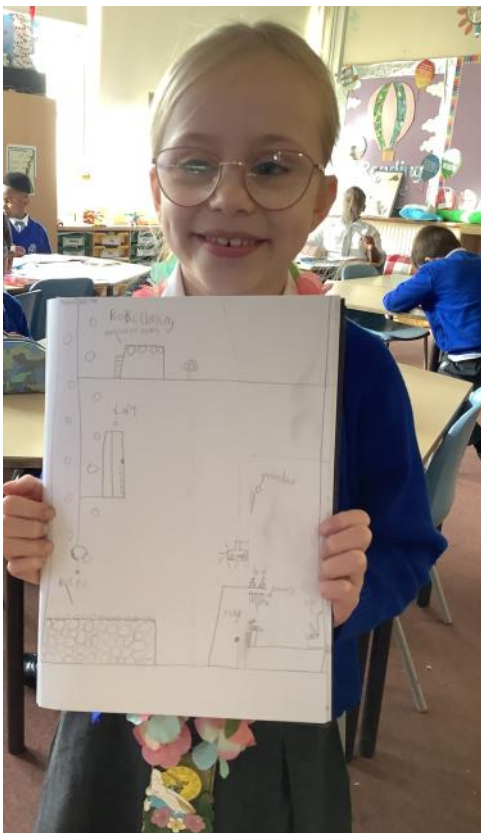
## Year 3 - Mandela

Mandela class have worked hard both in and out of class this week.

In Maths we have completed Perpendicular and Parallel sides and have started work on Polygons. Please practice these on Purple Mash.

Mandela class have also completed some fantastic science work. We have explored how light and shadows work. We have learned the art of thinking outside of the box and will explore our own shadows when the sun is in full beam. In Art we have continued our work on Architecture. Please see below of some impressive work.

Please keep practising your spellings, reading and times tables for homework as this is what we will be tested on in year 4.



## Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a productive and busy week back for Attenborough class. We started the week off with having a visit from Reverend Ruth, we asked her questions and listened to her explain all about the roles and responsibilities of her job. The children really enjoyed listening and talking to Reverend Ruth. In English, we have started our new book 'Until I Met Dudley' the children have been exploring inventions and looking at subordinative conjunctions and fronted adverbials. In Science, we started our new topic 'States of Matter' we had a look at what knowledge we already knew. In Geography, we are focusing on how water affects us, we created posters about what uses we have for water and added some facts. In PE, we have moved onto tennis, the children were looking at the different parts of a racket and practised our ball skills. Remember it is World Book Day next Thursday, I have lots of fun activities planned and am excited to see all of Attenborough classes costumes.



## Year 5 - Luther King

We had a great start to the new half term and have achieved some fantastic learning already.

In Maths, we are still working on fractions, and we are learning how to recognise which fractions are greater, smaller, or equivalent.

In Science, this week, Year 5 investigated materials that dissolve. They chose the materials sugar, salt, wool, sand, paper clips and flour.

Ask your child if they can remember what the words soluble and insoluble mean. We are becoming quite the skilled scientists!

In English we have started looking at poetry and are focusing this week on the poem 'The Listeners'. We are learning to read with prosody and expression as well as thinking about the tone and atmosphere of the poem.

We are starting to look at various new learning in both Music, Geography and P.E. too.

This half term is promising to be filled with lots of exciting learning.



## Year 6 - Goodall

In Year 6 we've been exploring perimeter, area and volume of shapes in Maths. In English we've been looking at a new book, Hermelin, all about a detective mouse, to which we'll be writing a sequel. In reading we have been looking at our comprehension skills and using some texts from past SATS papers to help us. We've also started having small pieces of daily homework using our revision books.



### MARCH 2024

BOOKINGS:  
[www.potentialkids.org.uk/events](http://www.potentialkids.org.uk/events)

## POTENTIAL KIDS

Date		Sessions	Time
1st	Fri	<b>Community Connect Drop In - Warm &amp; Cool Spaces</b>	11.00-13.00
2nd	Sat	<b>Family Football - Drop In</b>	16.00-17.00
6th	Wed	<b>Bushcraft 8 - 11 yrs</b> <b>Bushcraft 12 - 16 yrs</b>	12.30 - 14.00 14.00 - 15.30
7th	Thu	<b>STEAM Home Education</b>	10.00-12.00 & 12.00-14.00
7th	Thu	<b>Trampolining</b>	16.45-18.00
7th	Thur	<b>*New* Tabletop Games &amp; D&amp;D Club 13+ yrs</b>	17.30-19.30
8th	Fri	<b>Community Connect Drop In - Warm &amp; Cool Spaces</b>	11.00-13.00
8th	Fri	<b>Youth Group 16+</b>	18.30-20.30
9th	Sat	<b>Family Football - Drop In</b>	16.00-17.00
10th	Sun	<b>Minecraft On Site &amp; Remote Session</b>	13.00-15.00
12th	Tue	<b>CREATE Group 4-11yrs</b>	16.30 - 18.00
13th	Wed	<b>Bushcraft 8 - 11 yrs</b> <b>Bushcraft 12 - 16 yrs</b>	12.30 - 14.00 14.00 - 15.30
14th	Thu	<b>STEAM Home Education</b>	10.00-12.00 & 12.00-14.00
15th	Fri	<b>Community Connect Drop In - Warm &amp; Cool Spaces</b>	11.00-13.00
15th	Fri	<b>Minecraft On Site</b>	18.30-20.30
16th	Sat	<b>*New* Soft Archery 7yrs+</b>	16.00-17.00
19th	Tue	<b>Roller Skating 8+ yrs</b>	18.00 - 19.30
20th	Wed	<b>Bushcraft 8 - 11 yrs</b> <b>Bushcraft 12 - 16 yrs</b>	12.30 - 14.00 14.00 - 15.30
21st	Thu	<b>STEAM Home Education</b>	10.00-12.00 & 12.00-14.00
21st	Thu	<b>Trampolining</b>	16.45-18.00
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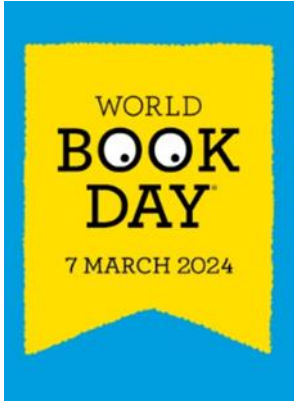
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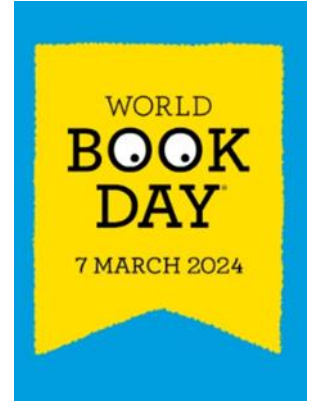


**For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at [info@potentialkids.org](mailto:info@potentialkids.org)**





## World Book Day Competition!



To celebrate World Book Day this year and promote reading for pleasure, we invite you to enter a competition to show where you enjoy to read! We would like you to send photos of the children (and adults if you would like to join in!) reading a book. We will be giving prizes of book tokens to the most unusual place to read a book! Please send your photos to [admin@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk) by 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

Happy reading

