



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Summer Term Issue 2
26th April 2024

It has been another very full week here at St Mary's and as I have walked around the school this week, there has been a definite sense of purpose in all the classrooms. I have been privileged to see a range of lessons where pupils are engaged and excited about their learning.

On Monday afternoon we took part in the Maynard Cup football match against Hatfield Community Free School, although it was a well-fought match and the team played well, we did lose the game.

A definite highlight of the week was the visit of the Bishop of Hertford on Tuesday. Bishop Jane joined us for Collective Worship, giving us a talk on how people have used their talents and been creative for God: showing us things like a painting of the last supper, a hymn book, a cross that had been carved for her, a stole that had been made for her and a bracelet. She encouraged us to think about how we can be creative with our own talents.

After Collective Worship, Bishop Jane then did a question and answer session with Years 3, 4 and 5 and answered pretty much everything from 'What made you want to become a Bishop?' to 'Do you like McDonald's?'. Bishop Jane then had a tour of the school before she left. We really enjoyed her visit and are very grateful that she found the time in her diary to come to St Mary's.

In terms of attendance this week, I am delighted to be able to inform you that all seven classes have achieved 90% or more which is a great achievement.

Today marks the 460th anniversary of the baptism of William Shakespeare at Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-Upon-Avon. The output of plays that he wrote during his lifetime was a tremendous example of creativity. Last year marked the 400th anniversary of the publication of his first folio of plays and this year The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust have published a Children's Edition. Mrs Hoile, our Chair of Governors, has kindly donated a copy of this book to our school library and the Public Speaking Club will be using it after school today.

As we continue to think about our half-termly value of creativity, I leave you with a quote from Antoine de Saint-Exupery: *"True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done, the zest of creating things new."*

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Creativity



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

118



103



112



107



Well done Badgers!

Running Totals:

245

216

198

317

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Oscar

Year 1 - Max

Year 2 - Theo

Year 3 - Mia

Year 4 - Violet

Year 5 - Qabid

Year 6 - Jack

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Dominion

Year 1 - Ewa

Year 2 - Teddy

Year 3 - Harry

Year 4 - Jessica

Year 5 - Amelia

Year 6 - Laila

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth

98%



Luther King

95.6%



Curie

94.4%



Attenborough

94.1%



Hawking

92%



Mandela

91.7%



Goodall

90%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Thursday 2nd May	Reception screening children born after 1st March
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
Thursday 9th May	Rainbow run
Friday 10th May	Rainbow run reserve date in case of bad weather
13th May—17th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Monday 20th May	Class photos
Friday 24th May	Non-uniform day
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 11th June	Parents' Evening—Remote 4:30pm till 7pm
Wednesday 12th June	Parents' Evening—In person 3:30pm till 5:30pm
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre 12pm till 4pm
Wednesday 26th June	Hatfield School District Athletics
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day—12:30pm till 3:00pm
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day reserve date in case of bad weather
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term service—10am St Mary's Church
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

Sports Day

We will be having our Annual Sports Day on the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd July. Families are welcome to attend to cheer on their children. Please arrive at 12:30pm and school is due to finish at the usual time of 3:20pm.

We have needed to change the reserve date to Tuesday 9th July should the weather be poor on the 3rd.

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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 Katherine Johnson Award for

Creativity



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for human beings. (Colossians 3:23)

Prayer of the Week

Help us, dear God, to believe that our talents are specially given by you.

Make us both careful and also courageous in all of the things that we do.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class have had a very busy week, we have been exploring our garden area and have found several minibeasts; centipedes, woodlouse, worms and many more. The children love to check-in on our caterpillars daily, observing any changes. We have also found out about the life cycle of a butterfly making our very own symmetrical drawings. In Maths this week we have been exploring odd, even and how to double numbers, we have learnt a song to help us. Have a lovely weekend.



Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week! The children are really enjoying their book in English and we have seen some wonderful writing inspired by the book. Today, they wrote letters to ask the sea to send back the lost teddy. We are hoping the seagulls will deliver the letters for us! In History, we have found out about Marie Curie, the very special lady who our class is named after. As you are aware, in June, the children will be sitting the Phonics Screening Test. If you were unable to attend the meeting this week, please look at the link sent to you earlier today and let about the process. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

A busy week for Year 2. We have been finding out all about 2D and 3D shapes and what is special about each shape. We have found out more facts about the Great Fire of London and are very excited about this History topic. This afternoon, we have enjoyed the sunshine and spent lots of time outside :- sketching, reading and enjoying our wonderful world. We are going to miss Theo, as he moves to a new school, and hope that he comes back to visit us. Have a great weekend.



Year 3 - Mandela

This week, Mandela class have had a productive and challenging week. In English, we have been exploring different experiences in different parts of the world and have just finished wondering around the Antarctic. We have just started exploring Giza's Ancient Pyramids and we started using commas in lists.

In Maths, we have been practising simple equivalent fractions with Miss Garip and Miss Ellis and by ourselves. We have learnt what a numerator and denominator is.

In R.E. we have been conducting a report about Pentecostal celebrations. We have learned what Apostles are and the story of Tongues. We have planned our report and structured it using a heading, introduction, subheading and symbols of Pentecost.

In Design Technology, we have started the theory part of our process into making a Frame. Please can parents and carers send in a cardboard box to make these frames out of. A cereal box, for example, is perfect!

This week's Newsletter was written by Rishika



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy and productive week in Attenborough Class. In English, we have been loving our book Frindleswyld, it is such an exciting and engaging book and the class have been producing some great work. In Maths, we finished off our fraction topic and have started looking at decimals. In RE, we have started our Hinduism topic and this week looked at how snakes and ladders is used to represent Hindu ideas. In PE, we had a go at sprinting and practised different techniques. In Music, the class are really enjoying singing and performing Blackbirds by The Beatles, they also loved singing Yellow Submarine. In Art, we started our new topics linked to the Vikings, the children looked at some art and drew their own drawings based on Viking art. It has been a really productive week, and I look forward to more exciting learning next week.



Year 5 - Luther King

Another busy week in Luther King class this week. In Maths we started looking at Decimals. We had briefly looked at decimal numbers in the Autumn term, however there is lots of new learning taking place and every member of the class has had such a positive attitude in wanting to become better mathematicians.

In English we are continuing to look at the book 'Curiosity' and we have written an account of how this Mars rover was launched into space on the 26th of November 2011 from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. Lots of interesting facts, why not ask the children what they can tell you about Curiosity!

In Art, we started to look at Leonardo Da Vinci and all the amazing interventions that he had recorded in his secret diary. So many of his designs went on to inspire artists, engineers, and architects in their work. It has been great to see our children starting to draw some of their own designs based on the work of Da Vinci.

So much fantastic learning taking place again this week.



Year 6 - Goodall

Year 6 Goodall are well and truly on the SATs preparation express! This week, Maths lessons have focused on revisiting areas that might need a little extra polish. They've been sharpening their skills in plotting coordinates, translating shapes, and mastering reflections – all vital tools in the SATs toolbox.

Over in English, the class has continued their exploration of the chilling "The Wind in the Walls." This week's mission? To craft an old-fashioned formal letter and an action scene bursting with descriptive adverbs – perfect for bringing their gothic stories to life!

Science lessons took a luminous turn as the children began investigating the light spectrum. They've learned that light travels in a straight line and that there's a whole world of both visible and invisible light waiting to be explored. History lessons also took a fascinating step forward with the start of a new module on the Kingdom of Benin.

To keep their brains buzzing over the weekend, some revision exercises are waiting for them in their trusty revision books.



CLASS PE DAYS

Elizabeth	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Indoors & Outdoors
Curie	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Indoors & Outdoors
Hawking	Wednesdays & Thursdays	Outdoors & Indoors
Mandela	Mondays & Wednesdays	Swimming & Outdoors
Attenborough	Tuesdays & Fridays	Swimming & Outdoors
Luther King	Mondays & Wednesdays	Outdoors & Indoors
Goodall	Mondays & Fridays	Indoors & Outdoors

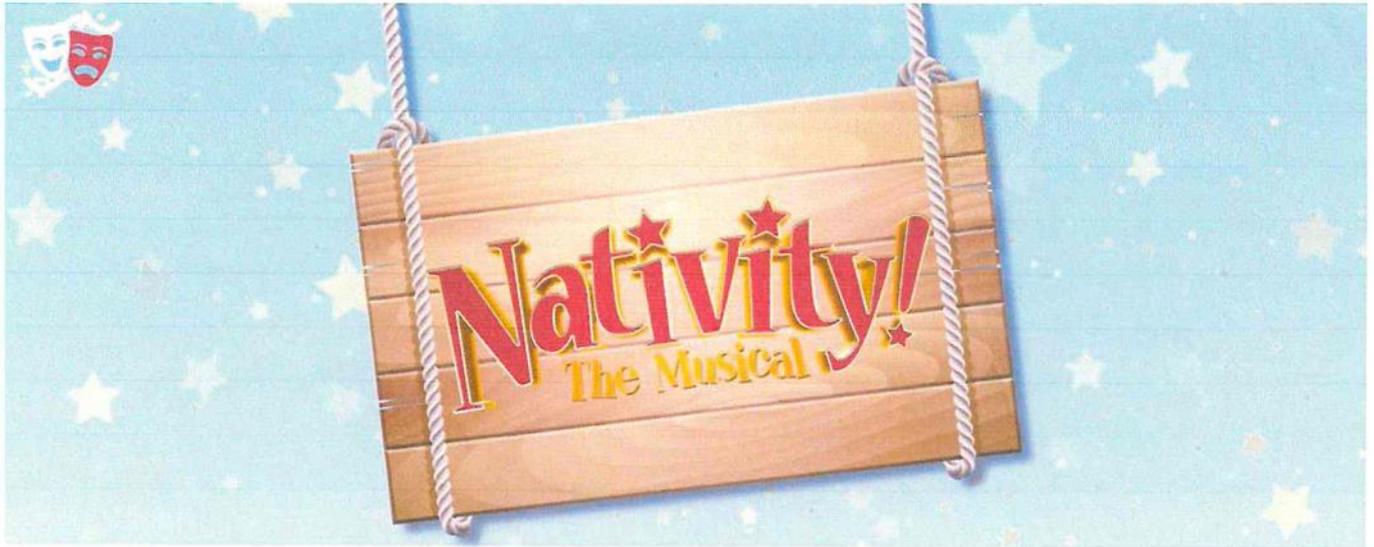
Children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. Reception children also have bikes and scooters on a Friday. If they can, please bring their bike or scooter and helmet to school.



Maria from Year 3 showing Mr Petty some of her fantastic Maths learning.

Bishop Jane during her visit to St Mary's with Rev Ruth.





*Potters Bar Theatre Company are excited to announce
our next musical production*

NATIVITY - THE MUSICAL

This production includes some wonderful roles for children and we are looking for any young actors or actresses between 7 - 16 years old who wish to audition to join the Nativity class of 2024!

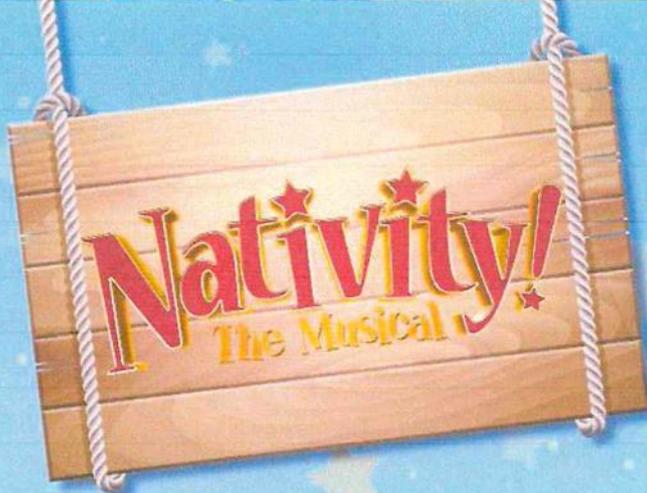
**Our official Launch Night is taking place on
Friday 17th May at 7:30pm**
at Chancellor's School, Brookmans Park, AL9 7BN.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Join us to meet the creative team and find out more about the exciting roles available for both adults and children.

***Performance dates: Wednesday 20th - Sunday 24th November 2024
Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar***

For more information and to register your child's interest for auditions,
please contact nativity@pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk



Nativity! The Musical

Get-Together and Audition Dates

Fri 17th May

Launch Night

Chancellor's School, AL9 7BN

Tues 21st May

Pre-audition prep

Kids 7.30pm-9pm

Adults 9pm-10.15pm

Chancellor's School, AL9 7BN

Tues 28th May

Adult prep

7.30pm - 10:15pm

Chancellor's School, AL9 7BN

Fri 31st May

Adult prep

7.30pm - 10:15pm

Chancellor's School, AL9 7BN

Sunday 2nd June

Kids auditions 10am- 1pm

Chancellor's School, AL9 7BN

Tues 4th June

Adult auditions

Chancellor's School, AL9 7BN



Coffee Morning

Come along to find out how our free
Schools Partnership Service
can help you with:

Mental health
Sleep
School transition
Parenting
Money
Behaviour
SEN
Bereavement

At: St Mary's Church, North Mymms Park,
Hatfield, AL9 7TN

Date: Tuesday 30th April

Time: 10am - 11.30am

St Mary's School

SUMMER FETE



£1
entry

Family fun
for everyone

All proceeds will be going
towards new climbing frame /
playground equipment

Saturday 22nd June
12-4PM

BBQ

Refreshments

Fire engine & Police cars

Raffle & Tombola

Bouncy castles & inflatable obstacle course*

Beat the goalie

And much more

*Unlimited use of inflatables with £10 wristbands which includes free entry to fete for children

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