



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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3rd May 2024

I have spent a great deal of time this week reading through and writing my comments on our annual reports for the children which have gone home with the children today.

One of the great pleasures of being a Headteacher is to see the positive progress that the children are making and how they are developing, both academically and socially. Please do take the time to read those reports carefully, as the teachers have spent a great deal of time explaining how the children are doing and what else they can do to improve further. As I always say to parents and prospective parents, the fact we are a small school means that we know our children really well and we can make the necessary adaptations to the children's learning. One of the other things that I also regularly say is that home and school are in partnership with each other when it comes to a child's education: we get the best outcomes when we work together. Whether it is listening to your child read, helping them go through spellings or times tables, it is all incredibly valuable on their educational journey. The best outcomes will also be achieved by those children who are in school the most. As I read the reports this week, there was a clear difference between the progress of the pupils that are in school for the majority of the time and those whose attendance is lower, so please ensure that the children are in as often as possible: high levels of attendance affect the children's academic and social outcomes.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Bailey to the St Mary's staff team this week, who will be with us for the rest of this term teaching in Year 2. He has already developed a really good rapport with the Year 2 children and we look forward to seeing the class develop over the coming weeks.

On Thursday of next week, 9th May, we have our Rainbow Run, when the children are encouraged to come into school in one of the colours of our school values and run around the field – hopefully the current rain will have subsided!

In Collective Worship on Monday, I got the children to listen to a piece of music by Mozart – the beginning of the second movement of his Clarinet Concerto – and I suggested that they closed their eyes and let the music allow their imaginations to work. It was interesting to see what the children imagined as the music was playing. What is also fascinating was to see how the creativity of Mozart over 200 years ago, could affect the mental creativity of our pupils in 2024.

As Mozart said: *"Creativity is the firing of my soul."*

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

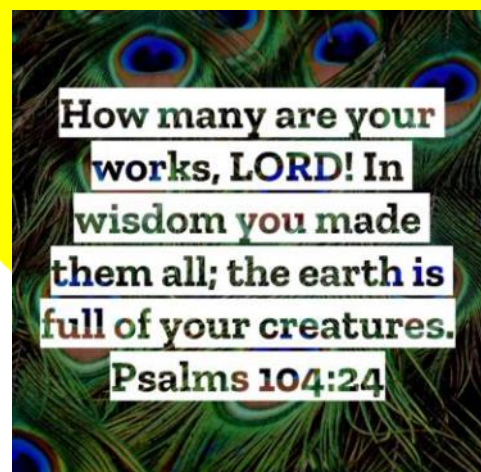
**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



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:

**98**



**59**



**67**



**81**



**Well done Badgers!**

Running Totals:

**343**

**275**

**265**

**398**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Ridowan**

**Year 1 - Ini**

**Year 2 - Favour**

**Year 3 - Mikayla**

**Year 4 - Tallulah**

**Year 5 - Oliver Wi**

**Year 6 - Olivia-Mai**

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

**Reception - Meghan**

**Year 1 - Christopher**

**Year 2 - Lola**

**Year 3 - Nancy**

**Year 4 - Timur**

**Year 5 - Maita**

**Year 6 - Moni**

Congratulations to all these children.

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	94.5%	
Curie	93.8%	
Goodall	92.5%	
Elizabeth	92%	
Attenborough	91.9%	
Mandela	90%	

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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

Dear creator God,  
thank you for making  
spiders that crawl,  
lions that roar,  
and bears with big bottoms.  
Amen

## Reception - Elizabeth

This week we have continued to watch our caterpillars grow and change. It has been very exciting as most of them have now spun a chrysalis. The children have also enjoyed selecting and using a variety of collage materials to create their own symmetrical butterflies. In Maths, we have been focusing on 3D shapes - learning the correct names and exploring different properties, including flat and curved surfaces. The children have also enjoyed a 3D shape hunt in the classroom. Perhaps they could go on a 3D shape hunt at home and search for examples of cubes, cuboids, spheres, cylinders, cones and pyramids?



## Year 1 - Curie

As always, a busy week in Year 1. We have been labelling parts of plants in Science and have enjoyed looking and investigating a range of plants. We have started to find out about the religion of Islam in R.E and enjoyed a Muslim story called the 'Crying Camel'. In P.E we have been practising ball skills and athletics. Please continue to practise phonics at home, using the QR codes in the blue book. Have a great weekend.



## Year 2 - Hawking

Hawking class have had another busy week. We have been reading a book called 'We are water protectors' it is about a black snake that is actually a pipe that is trying to pollute the water and there is this girl that is getting everyone to fight the black snake. In Maths, we have been learning about addition with ones and tens. Mr Bailey is our new teacher and is a lovely teacher and we are really happy to have him.



*Written by George*

## Year 3 - Mandela

In Mandela class, we have been learning about fractions in Maths. Year three has been doing great in fractions! In English we are going to start vlogging about visiting different locations in the world. Year three has been exploring different countries and we were all in Paris. Year three has also been learning about pyramids in English, but sadly we are not learning about them anymore. In phonics, we have been looking at a book called How to Live Like a Stone Age Hunter. Year three also is making passports to show the countries we have visited, in English! On Wednesday mornings, we've been doing well-being Wednesday, we have been doing this for a long time and Fish Club have been leading this. Every Friday we do art or computing in year three loves it! Year three is amazing! We have also been making photo frames. Please see below for some of these frames we have created. *This week's newsletter is written by Diana.*



## Year 4 - Attenborough

In Year 4 this week, we have been doing decimals and fractions in Maths. In English, we finished Frindleswylde and we wrote a poem, we also thought about how Frindleswylde was feeling. In History, we learnt about Alfred the Great and if he should be called Great. We learnt that in Ajay and the Mumbai Sun, Ajay found a printer press, the men put up a notices to force people from their homes. In Music, we are doing the song 'Blackbird' by the Beatles and we listened to the song 'Yellow Submarine" and everyone LOVED it. We love PE because it is so fun to do, we played a new game called Lock and Key where we had to run around unlocking codes using different pieces of equipment.

*Written by Olivia-May and Izzy.*



## Year 5 - Luther King

Lots of amazing learning in Luther King class this week. In Maths looking at decimal numbers was challenging as we looked at tenths, hundredths, and thousandths. We looked at how to write decimal numbers as a fraction and how to change the fraction into a decimal number. Although many in the class found some of the learning challenging, it was so good to see our pupils display perseverance and come to grips with their learning when we continued to look at the subject in more depth.

In English we continued with our book Curiosity – The story of a Mars Rover. The highlight this week was when our pupils were able to design their own Mars Rover and were able to use expanded noun phrases to describe the various features of their design. Who knows, maybe NASA will be inspired to build one of our Mars Rovers in the future.

Lots of other great learning took place this week. In PE we started to explore athletics and Year 5 have been attempting the triple jump. Beside the practical they have also talked about famous athletes like Mo Faro and have discussed the London Marathon where anyone with plenty of practice can become a successful athlete.

Well done to Year 5 on displaying perseverance in their learning this week and by being inspired by great achievements from those who when at first they did not achieve - tried and tried again.



## Year 6 - Goodall

Year 6 Goodall have been putting the final touches on their SATS preparations this week! They've been delving into past papers, sharpening their reasoning skills in Maths, and learning how to identify key words that unlock the secrets of tricky questions.

Meanwhile, the English classroom has been filled with the suspense of "The Wind in the Walls." The children are nearing the climax of the story and have begun crafting their own chilling narratives in the gothic horror style.

Technology took centre stage as well, with Year 6 Goodall learning how to create quizzes using Purple Mash. They even considered the needs of their target audience while designing their programs.

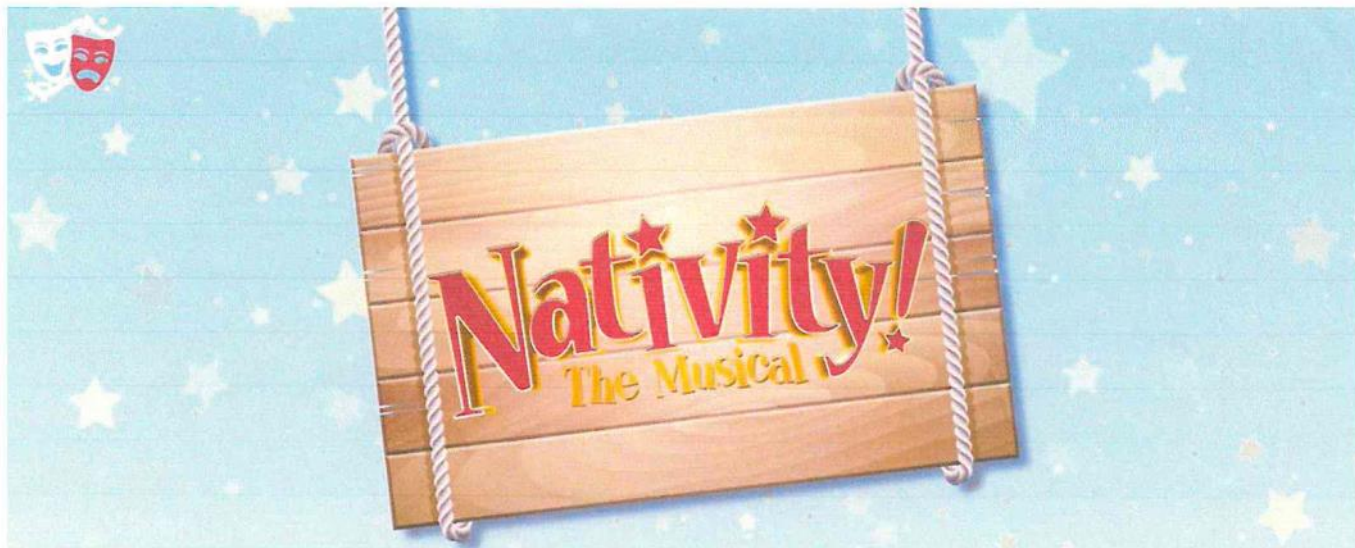
With the bank holiday weekend approaching, revision exercises in Maths and English await them in their workbooks. Remember, Year 6 Goodall, the big day is almost here – KS2 SATS week kicks off on the 13th May! We're confident you're all set to shine!



## CLASS PE DAYS

<b>Elizabeth</b>	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Indoors & Outdoors
<b>Curie</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Indoors & Outdoors
<b>Hawking</b>	Wednesdays & Thursdays	Outdoors & Indoors
<b>Mandela</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays	Swimming & Outdoors
<b>Attenborough</b>	Tuesdays & Fridays	Swimming & Outdoors
<b>Luther King</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays	Outdoors & Indoors
<b>Goodall</b>	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.



*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](mailto: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

# St Mary's School

# SUMMER FETE



£1  
entry

Family fun  
for everyone

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

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dellsome Lane, Welham Green AL9 7NE