



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am so proud of our Year 6 children! Since Monday morning they have sat their six SATs papers and have coped with the demands of them really well: sitting in examination conditions for large parts of each morning this week is demanding and our children have coped admirably. I must also thank all the staff who have been involved in the preparation for and the administration of the SATs, as well as all the Year 6 parents and carers for supporting their children. Yesterday afternoon and today, we have given the Year 6 class some 'down time' with a variety of activities, but it is back to work next week! After the last Maths paper yesterday morning, the Year 6 pupils received their Leavers' hoodies, which they can wear between now and the end of term - a rite of passage.

This morning, saw one of my favourite moments of the school year, when as we do each year, we release the butterflies in the Reception garden that the Reception children have watched develop from caterpillars. The reason it is one of my favourite moments of the school year is because of the awe and wonder on the children's faces as they are released and fly away.

Today we also started with Rock Steady who have come into school to work with some of our pupils. I popped in and out of the hall during the morning and the children were thoroughly engaged during the half hour sessions that they had. We are looking forward to this initiative bearing fruit and developing not just musical skills, but also confidence and resilience.

Just looking ahead to next week, on Monday morning, we have our class photos, so please ensure that all the children come into school in their school uniform - no one should come into school in PE kit. We will also be holding our 'Art Week' and parents and carers are welcome to come in an look at the children's work next Friday afternoon at 2.30pm.

Next week is also the national 'Walk to School Week', so if you are able to come to school on foot rather than in the car, then please do so.

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when, 50 days after Easter, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost is also considered by many to be the birthday of the Church. A number of the classes have been thinking about Pentecost this week and Year 1 have produced some lovely prayers and pictures of doves which are going to be put on the railings outside St Mary's Church this weekend. So as we consider the significance of Pentecost, I will leave you with a quote from Henri Nouwen:

*"The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*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:



**Well done Badgers!**

Running Totals:



## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

- Reception - Charlize
- Year 1 - Christopher
- Year 2 - Bethany
- Year 3 - David
- Year 4 - Charlene
- Year 5 - Mia
- Year 6 - All of Year 6

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

- Reception - Oscar
- Year 1 - Peter
- Year 2 - Poppy
- Year 3 - Lily
- Year 4 - Sheyni
- Year 5 - Methuka
- Year 6 - All of Year 6

Congratulations to all these children.

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Mandela	96.1%	
Goodall	95.4%	
Luther King	93.8%	
Elizabeth	93.6%	
Hawking	93.4%	

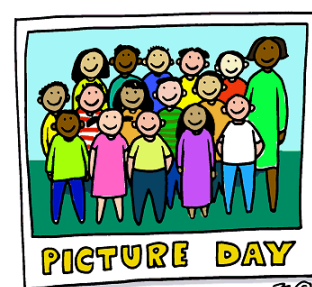
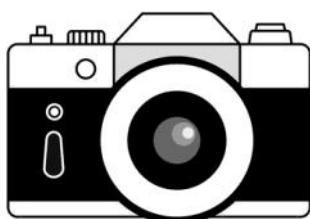
# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 20th May	Class photos
Friday 24th May	Non-uniform day
Friday 24th May	Class Art Galleries Open—2.30pm
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
Tuesday 18th June	Whole School Book Swap at The Memorial Hall
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

## Class Photos

On Monday, whole class photos will be taken. Please send your child in their **full school uniform.**



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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

Lord,

teach us to respect the materials we work with: the paper and the paint, the clay and the fabric.

May we not waste them nor spoil them, but use our imagination to make the most of their special qualities and to make something that is original and lovely.

Amen

## Reception - Elizabeth

This week we have continued to learn about minibeasts, with a particular focus on worms. The children have enjoyed listening to the story 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. Afterwards, they recalled, drew and used their phonic knowledge to write the different useful objects that Superworm turned into. We also looked at rhyming words in the story and the children have enjoyed playing a rhyming pairs game.

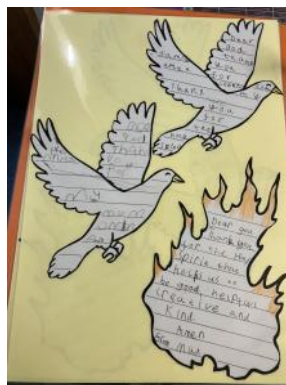
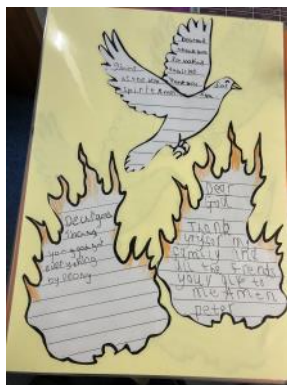
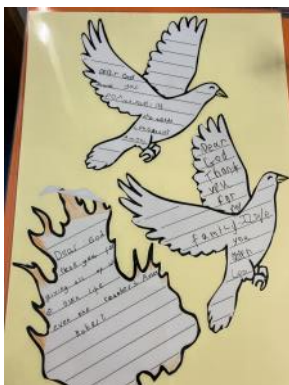
Some very exciting news. The children have been eagerly observing our chrysalises, waiting for something to happen. This week, their patience paid off and they were able to watch butterflies emerge. They have enjoyed observing them and feeding them a sugar water solution. Then, this morning, the children were very excited as Mr Petty came to watch as we released our butterflies back into the wild and watched them fly away. They

will now lay their own eggs and the whole lifecycle will begin again.



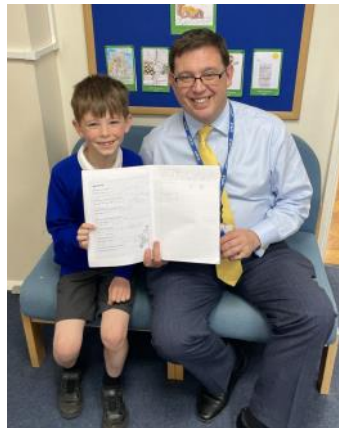
## Year 1 - Curie

As always, a busy week in Curie Class. We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in Maths and using these skills to solve multiplication and division problems. In English, we have started a new book called 'Little Red' which is a twist on the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood. The children thoroughly enjoyed the drama activity where they portrayed the different characters. In R.E, we have found out about Pentecost and have created some beautiful doves and prayers that will be displayed on the railings at the church. Please keep practising for a phonics screening using the QR codes in the blue books. Have a great weekend.



## Year 2 - Hawking

In Maths, we have further developed our knowledge on grouping by introducing multiplication sentences and identifying shape arrays using columns and rows. In English, we have continued reading 'We are Water Protectors' and the children had fun brainstorming ideas to design a catchy campaign sign, to be used in a peaceful demonstration. The entire class created beautiful designs with powerful captions. Well done! In Science, we have been learning about the various parts of a plant and comparing these to the parts of a tree. In PSHE, we talked about people we trust. The class discussed in pairs the reasons why they would trust someone and what would cause them to break their trust. There were some excellent answers and lots of quality engagement. The class finally drew and named the people they trusted and wrote a sentence with their reasons.



## Year 3 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we have been doing Maths, in Maths we have been doing multiplication with twos and seeing if we can make the same answer with a different number. We have just started adding fractions and have been doing well so far.

In English, we have been looking at this book called, Our Tower. There, we have been looking for proposition's, onomatopoeia and personification.

On Thursday, we did PSHE where we learned about friendship problems and emotions. We also did a lesson on roles in the workplace.

In Science, we were learning about plants and how the roots absorb water from the soil and how the water travels by the stem to the leaf. In French, we were learning about ice cream flavours and how to say them in French. We have done our final mini test on it and will move on to instruments.

*This week's newsletter is written by Daisy*



## Year 4 - Attenborough

In Attenborough Class in Maths, we have been doing hundredths and tenths as decimals. In English, we have been planning, illustrating and writing up our stories; Frindleswyld Returns. In Science, we searched for items around the classroom and looked at if they were electrical or non-electrical. We also looked at how to stay safe around electronics. In whole class reading, we have been reading Ajay and the Mumbai Sun, Ajay wants to fulfil his dreams of being a news reporter. In History, we were discussing whether we would have preferred living in Anglo-Saxon or Viking societies. It has been a very fun week and we look forward to next week's learning.

*Written by Daniel and Holly.*



## Year 5 - Luther King

This week we have been very busy in Year 5 learning about percentages in Maths. All pupils in Luther King class did so well and by the end of the week we were able to know our equivalent fractions, decimals, and percentages.

In English we have started looking at poetry and taking our inspiration from nature. It was wonderful to hear how many of our Luther King class has seen the Northern Lights or the aurora borealis right outside their own front door and this helped many come up with some wonderful description for their poetry.

Today in Art we continued to take inspiration from Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, and we folded our own paper airplanes and had a competition to see whose invention could travel the farthest. We also used matchsticks to try and build a replica of Leonardo da Vinci's flying machine.

Another busy week in Year 5 filled with great learning.



## Year 6 - Goodall

We did it, Year 6 Goodall! This week was all about celebrating your amazing accomplishment – conquering your SATs! We're incredibly proud of each and every one of you for giving it your absolute best. A big thank you goes out to all the adults who supported you along the way.

But wait, there's more! To reward all that hard work, we threw an epic party – complete with awesome dance moves! We even learned a cool Viking game of skill called Kubb, built a den and munched on delicious movie snacks. Sounds like the perfect way to unwind and celebrate!

Make sure to take some time to rest, relax and celebrate your accomplishments this weekend.



## Rock Steady

Our new bands were in full flow during their first week of Rock Steady!



## PTA - Summer Fayre

- Your child will be bringing home a raffle book. The books are £5 each, fill in the stubs and keep the body of the tickets. Once completed bring back to school. If you would like more please contact the school office. Return any unsold books.
- The PTA would like donations of cuddly toys, please bring them to the office.
- Friday 24th the children can wear their own clothes to school if they bring a bottle to donate. Please make sure they are unopened and in date. There will be a table by the gate at drop off on Friday morning.

## Reminder

As the weather is getting warmer, make sure your child brings a hat and water bottle to school and has sun cream applied each day.



## 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

# 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

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