



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Well, we have made it to the end of another school year!

Yesterday and today have been full of focus on our Year 6 Leavers, with the traditional shirt signing and Leavers' Assembly yesterday afternoon and then the End of Term and Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church this morning, led by Rev Ruth. It is always an incredibly moving moment when we are in church for that service, as we say goodbye to both staff and pupils. We also made presentations to Mrs Bharti Patel for all the years she has been leading our PTA and to Mrs Penny Beale who has been one of our Parent Governors for the last five years.

The church service was followed by the Year 6 Leavers' lunch for the parents and pupils in the St Michael's Room up at the church. It is always interesting to read what the Year 6 pupils have written in their Leavers' Book and I was particularly impressed by the following quote, which one of our Year 6s included in what they had written, which says so much about their attitude to life: "One thing I have learned here at St Mary's is that even if there are a lot of difficulties in life and everything seems impossible, it's achievable when you have friends and loved ones with you. So let us promise to not forget each other and not to deal with hardships alone. Let us be there whenever someone needs help in the future."

As this term ends, we say farewell to a number of members of staff to Miss Mathews, who has been supply teaching in Reception since Easter; to Mrs Wade who joined us in September 2023 to teach with Mrs Stoughton in Year 5; to Miss Males who joined the staff in September 2021 and has taught in Years 3 and 4 and to Mr Guilder who arrived at St Mary's in September 2019 and has latterly taught in Year 6. Mrs Wade, Miss Males and Mr Guilder, who are all relocating to other parts of the country, have made their mark during their time at St Mary's and we wish them well in the future.

As this academic year closes, it is time for a break, time for us all to recharge our batteries and return with renewed enthusiasm in September. I have sent a separate letter out to parents and carers today about preparing for September. However, I would like to conclude my final newsletter contribution of 2023-2024 with the Irish blessing that I use at the end of each term:

*"May God hold you safely in the palm of His hand until we meet again."*

Have a good holiday.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Loyalty

**"Be sure of this:  
I am with you  
always, even  
to the end of  
the age."**

**Matthew 28:20**

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# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am (Years 1—6)
Friday 6th September	Reception Morning and Afternoon Sessions
Monday 9th September	Reception Class Starts—8:40am
Monday 9th September	Year 1 Parents' Meeting 2:45pm
Tuesday 10th September	Year 6 Parents' Meeting 8:45am
Tuesday 10th September	Year 5 Parents' Meeting 2:45pm
Wednesday 11th September	Year 2 Parents' Meeting 2:45pm
Thursday 12th September	Year 4 Parents' Meeting 2:45pm
Friday 13th September	Year 3 Parents' Meeting 2:45pm
Monday 16th September	Reception Parents' Meeting 2:45pm
Thursday 19th September	Year 4 trip to Verulamium
Friday 20th September	PTA Quiz Night 7pm
Wednesday 2nd October	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 8th October	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm—5:30pm School Hall
Wednesday 9th October	Parents' Evening - 4:30pm-7pm Remote
Tuesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival—St Mary's Church 1:15pm
Wednesday 23rd October	Inset Day—School Closed
Thursday 24th October	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 25th October	Inset Day—School Closed
28th October—1st November	Half Term
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day Commemoration
Wednesday 20th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 22nd November	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Thursday 5th December	Teddy Bears Concert 2pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December	PTA Christmas Fayre 2:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am and 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19th December	Carol Service - 10am St Mary's Church

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest 'reading for pleasure' programme for children and helps get approximately 700,000 children into libraries each year.

The Summer Reading Challenge is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with local libraries. The challenge, aimed at children aged 4 - 11 years, is to read six or more library books over the summer holiday.

Join the challenge by signing up at your local library, borrow your first book and get reading. Children can choose the books they want to read, recording what they had read along the way. All library staff and volunteers are on hand to chat to children about the books they have read.

For every book read, children will pick up stickers along with other rewards as they progress through the challenge. If you complete the challenge, every child will receive a medal and certificate.

Happy Reading!





# **North Mymms Book Swap**

**North Mymms Memorial Hall**

**10am-12 Midday**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

Organised by North Mymms Book Swap and supported by North Mymms Parish Council.

