



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a very full week at St Mary's and it is amazing how long ago half term already seems! Purposeful work has been taking place in the classrooms this week and the pupils have been responding to the challenge.

We had a football fixture at home against De Havilland Primary School on Wednesday and, although we didn't win, the team played very well together and this is being further supported by the introduction of weekly football squad training on a Wednesday lunchtime. This morning, some of the Year 4s and Year 5s took part in Futsal where their football skills were tested and they did really well. I would like to thank Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick for providing these opportunities for our pupils.

Year 5 have, this week, produced contributions focused on Remembrance for the railings up at St Mary's Church, where they are now displayed in advance of Remembrance Sunday this weekend.

Next week, we will be marking Remembrance on Monday morning, 11th November, with two minutes of silence at 11am.

Our half termly value this half term is peace, which is so appropriate as we think about Remembrance and focus on past conflicts and the peace of the world. Next week is also Anti-Bullying Week and that also ties in with that idea of peace between individuals. As it says in the first line of our school prayer: *"This is our school. Let peace dwell here..."* As a school, we have made so much progress in improving the behaviour and I am proud of how much the children have achieved themselves. Attendance has also been very positive this week, with six out of seven classes achieving more than 92% and the overall figure for the school is 95.12%, which is above the national average. Well done everyone and let's keep the attendance high!

I will leave you this week with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, which the pupils discussed with their teachers during Collective Worship yesterday morning:

*"If we are to create peace in our world, we must begin with our children."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Peace



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**177**

**190**

**155**

**149**



**Well done Hedgehogs!**

**177**

**190**

**155**

**149**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table at lunchtime today.

**Reception - Reggie**

**Year 1 - Dylan**

**Year 2 - Christopher**

**Year 3 - Oscar**

**Year 4 - Diana**

**Year 5 - Kate-Rose**

**Year 6 - Maria**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Elizabeth**

**99.1%**



**Curie**

**98%**



**Hawking**

**97.2%**



**Donaldson**

**95.6%**



**Attenborough**

**94.6%**



**Mandela**

**92.9%**



# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day Commemoration
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Friday 15th November	PTA meeting—2:15pm
Wednesday 20th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 22nd November	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Friday 29th November	Own clothes day—£1 donation
Monday 2nd December	Carol Singing Hatfield Asda—3:30pm
Thursday 5th December	Teddy Bears Concert 2pm
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Fayre Elfridges (In School—Children only)
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 13th December	PTA Cake Sale 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
Thursday 19th December	Term ends - 1:45pm
Friday 20th December	Occasional Day - School Closed
Monday 6th January 2025	Term Starts - 8:40am
17th - 21st February	Half Term
Friday 4th April	Term ends - 1:45pm

## CLASS PE DAYS

<b>Elizabeth - Year 1</b>	Tuesdays & Fridays
<b>Curie - Year 2</b>	Wednesdays & Thursdays
<b>Hawking - Year 3</b>	Mondays & Thursdays
<b>Mandela - Year 4</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays
<b>Attenborough - Year 5</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays
<b>Luther King - Year 6</b>	Mondays & Fridays

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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 St Francis of Assisi Award for

# Peace



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. (Colossians 3:15)

## Prayer of the Week

The sand on the shore is ours to share until the tide sweeps in;  
the land on the earth is ours to share until time rolls away.

We share the sand, we share the land, O God, bring us your  
peace.

Amen

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning one more and one less of an object. All children have been working hard to understand a tricky concept. In phonics we have been recapping on the set one sounds then practising writing these letters correctly. The children have been learning Fred talk, where Fred the frog can only talk in sounds, this is where the children learn to blend the sounds together to read a word. In English we have reading a book called 'Look Up!' This book is about space and in the classroom we have explored looking at a space helmet, telescope, globe and the planets. The children have really enjoyed learning about space and reading the book. As Remembrance day is this Sunday, we have been looking at poppies and why we wear these. The children enjoyed colouring in their own poppy by using the correct colours. Well done Donaldson class for a great first week back after half term!

### **Just a reminder:**

**Please label all your child's belongings because, without a name it is very difficult to find lost items. Thank you for your continued support.**



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

In Elizabeth Class, we have had a very busy week of learning! In English, a visitor came to our classroom and left snowy footprints, a piece of fur and a big mess! We thought of questions we could ask to find out more information about who it might be. We also created 'Wanted Posters' to alert the school and practised using question marks in our writing. In Science, we observed the weather and made a weather diary entry every day to keep track. We will use this data next week to help us look at patterns. In Geography, we used Google Earth to find our village and looked at the map of the United Kingdom and identified the four countries within it. Well done Year 1 on another excellent week of learning.



## Year 2 - Curie

The class have settled back well after the half term break and have engaged with their learning.

In Maths, we are continuing with addition and subtraction. We have been adding three 1-digit numbers using tens frames and working out ten more or ten less using base ten and number lines. We also looked at partitioning numbers when subtracting two numbers.

In English, we have started a new book called Jim and the Beanstalk. The children have been discussing predictions on the story events. Fantastic discussions and sharing ideas with the class! We also discussed the original story, Jack and the Beanstalk and went through the different events. The children had fun substituting the 'f' consonants from the Giants speech, "Fee-fi-fo-fum." E.g. Hee-hi-ho-hum with the 'h' consonant. They also added another sentence that included a rhyming word to fum. Well done!

In Science, we are continuing with habitats and compared animals found in rainforests, seashores and oceans. There were lots of discussions about the animals' habitats and how they adapt to their environments.



## Year 3 - Hawking

This week in PE we started football. We have been learning techniques such as dribbling and passing the ball with the inside of your foot.

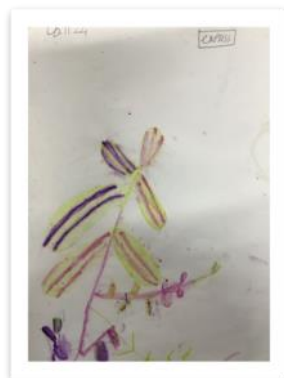
In English, we started a book called 'The First Drawing'. It's about drawings from the Stone Age, it's very enjoyable. Today we looked at similarities and differences in drawings from the Stone Age to the drawings we do today.

In Maths, we have been adding and taking away 1s, 10s and 100s where we have to exchange. some people are finding it easy and some are not.

In Art, we were copying flowers that Lola and Miss Garip picked. We used watercolours and it was actually a little bit difficult because the watercolours dripped.

Lola-May and Lyla went to see Mr Petty for their brilliant RE work.

*By Scarlett*



## Year 4 - Mandela

In Mandela class we have started a new book called Farther. We have been writing noun phrases to describe the Father's dreams and using conjunctions to extend our sentences. In PE, we have started learning how to play hockey. We have learnt how to hold the stick, how to dribble and push pass. We then moved on to 2 v 2 using these skills. In Geography, we started our new unit on volcanoes. We loved watching videos on volcanic eruptions and how they work. Next week we are going to make our own volcanoes.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

This week in Attenborough class we have been learning about multiplication and then we moved on to fractions in Maths.

In English, we have been finding out stuff about NASA and NACA.

We have been learning in Science how to dissect a flower and we dissected a lily.

Also, in Geography we have started to learn about The World and how it orbits The sun.

In our fun Art lesson we were given a picture of a poppy which had two pieces taken out of it and we had to fill in the missing pieces ourselves.

Mrs Bartlett wasn't very well this week, we all hope you get better!

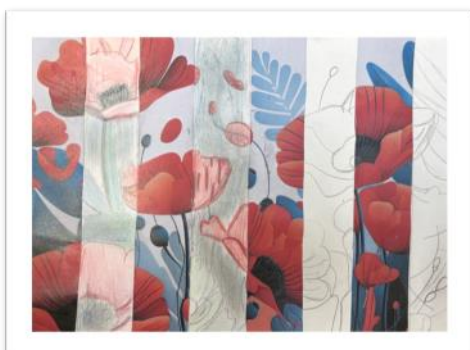


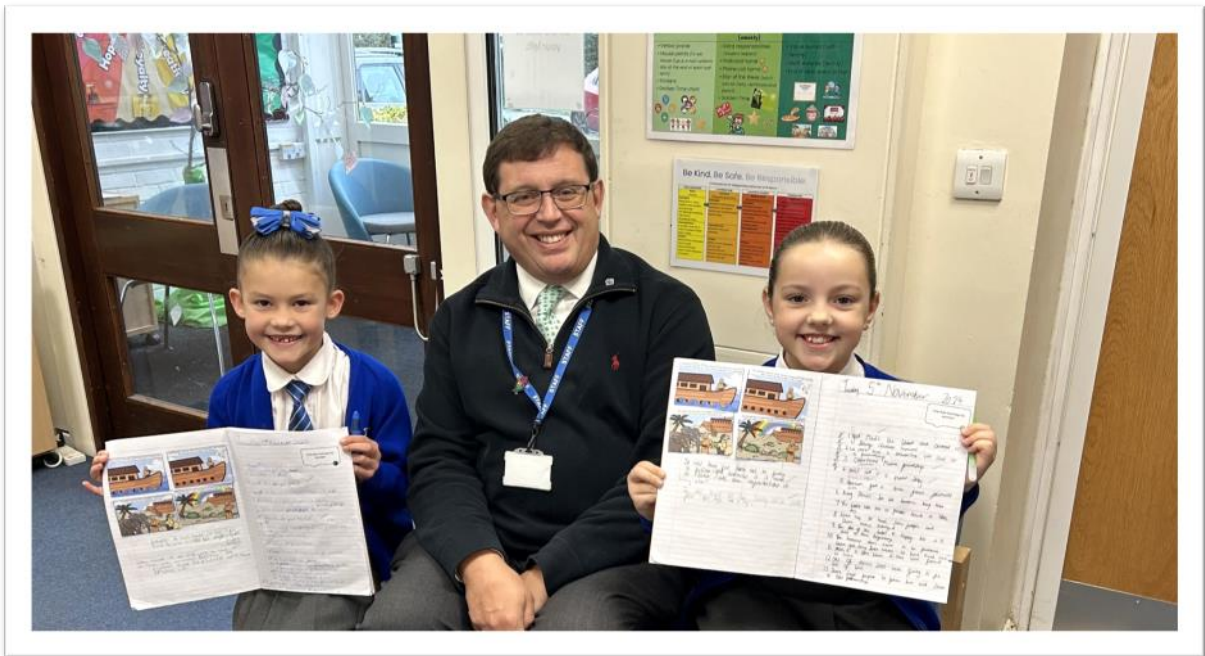
*By Kate-Rose and Michelle*

## Year 6 - Luther King

In Year 6 this week, we have been learning about the Battle of Britain in History. We have learnt about 'Who are the few?' We made some posters to represent some people that took part in the Battle of Britain. We coloured, we drew and we had a whole day just for History! We all enjoyed it a lot. We have been learning about the meaning of the 'Poppy' flower this week and in Art we are sketching and colouring our own poppy pictures. It has been a fun week.

*By Maria and Bozhidara*





## PTA

The PTA are meeting in the school on Friday 15th November at 2:15pm. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Raffle tickets have been sent home today for our 12 days of Christmas Raffle event, they need to be returned by Friday 29th November.

The draw will be made on the first 12 school days of December. Winners will be contacted each day.

## Twelve days of Christmas Raffle



On the 1st day of Christmas, you could win the Teachers Hamper

On the 2nd day of Christmas, you could win the Toy Hamper

On the 3rd day of Christmas, you could win the Sweet Treats Hamper

On the 4th day of Christmas, you could win the Drinks Hamper

On the 5th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas Eve Hamper

On the 6th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas gifts hamper

On the 7th day of Christmas, you could win the Pamper hamper

On the 8th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas Food hamper

On the 9th day of Christmas, you could win the Days out hamper

On the 10th day of Christmas, you could win the Board game hamper

On the 11th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas Medley hamper

On the 12th day of Christmas, you could win the Cash Prize



Organised by St Mary's Welham Green

Tickets to be returned to the school by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

# Thank you



## St Mary's School Welham Green

for supporting Hatfield foodbank.

You and St Mary's Church generously gave  
**148.65kg** of essentials.

Your donations make a **BIG** difference to local  
people in crisis.



Hatfield foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network  
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### Travelling to school and road safety

As we begin a new half term, there are a few reminders:

Please do not just leave your children outside the school gate before 8.40am.

Please ensure that you are aware of the principles of road safety. We had a report this week of a St Mary's child nearly being hit by a car.

If you are driving to the school, please observe the 20mph speed limit and do not park across the drives of residents in Dellsome Lane.

