



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a memorable final week of term it has been!

Our Reception class performed their Nativity on Monday, which was so well done, considering all the absence of the previous week. I always think that seeing our youngest children performing the Christmas story is a particular joy in the run up to Christmas. On Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 shared their Christmas production with the parents and, once again, the enthusiasm of the children shone through as they performed.

Yesterday we had our Christmas Jumper Day and enjoyed our Christmas Lunch. There were also class Christmas parties in the afternoon. A real highlight of the week was our first Merit Assembly yesterday afternoon. This is a new venture this term and two pupils from each class received a Merit Award and one child from each class received a Citizenship Award. These awards were a chance to recognise the contribution that different children make to our school community. It was wonderful that so many parents of the award winners were able to join us for the Assembly. Today we had our End of Term Carol Service in St Mary's Church. It was wonderful to see each of the classes perform a Christmas song or a carol during the service. The choir also performed two items, two children read poems and one pupil performed a piano solo. It is lovely to see so many of our children taking part as we reflect on the birth of a baby in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago. Behind all the presents, the tinsel, the Christmas trees, the food and the celebrations, there is an important message of hope, joy, love and peace in Jesus Christ. As the Christian writer J John said:

"At Christmastime when we receive gifts we don't really need, God offers us a gift we can't do without."

However you are spending this Christmas, I hope that you are able to enjoy time with family and friends and I leave you with the words of the Irish blessing that I use at the end of every term:

"May God hold you safely in the palm of his hands, until we meet again."

Have a Happy and holy Christmas.

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:

33

67

48

54



Well done Hedgehogs!

944

1025

998

985

ATTENDANCE STARS

The following children were presented with Merit and Citizenship awards in a special assembly this week.

Reception - Elesy, Annalise, Blossom

Year 1 - Jayden, Antonia, Polly

Year 2 - Ewa, Ali, Robert

Year 3 - Scarlett, Matilda, Mohammed

Year 4 - Nancy, Rishika, Freddie

Year 5 - JoJo, David, Violet

Year 6 - William, Hallie, Taylor

Congratulations to all these children.

Luther King

94%



Attenborough

92%





Date	Event
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
Monday 21st April	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	Term Starts - 8:40am
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
26th - 30th May	Half Term
Wednesday 23rd July	Term ends - 1:45pm



Christingle Service

Sunday 5th January at 10am

During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.



Crib Service

Saturday 21st December at 3pm

A one-hour service for all ages, where we re-tell the story of the first nativity through singing, and acting out the main parts of the story of Jesus' birth. We have a selection of children's costumes to choose from if you don't have your own.

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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"*

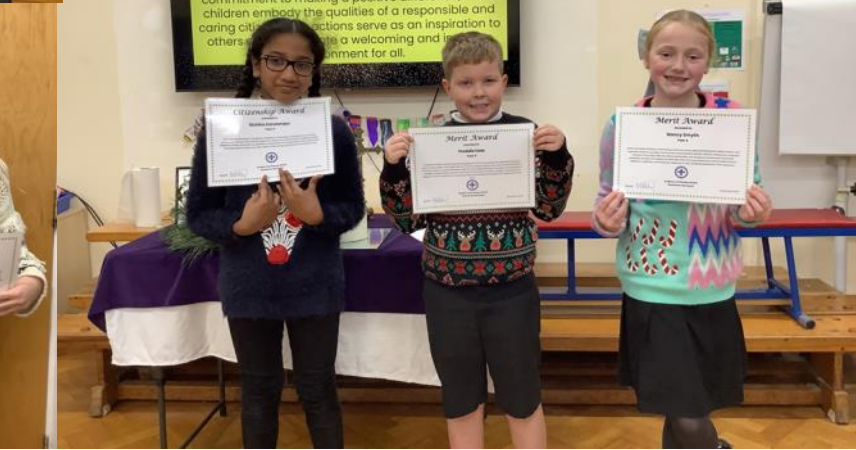
The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. (Colossians 3:15)

Prayer of the Week

May God, who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.

Amen.

Children being presented their awards.



Christmas lunch!



PTA

Winners of the final 2 Christmas raffle prizes are:

Board Game Hamper - Suzannah

Cash Prize - Mr Petty

We have a vacancy for a SEN TA. Take a look on the Teach in Herts website [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Fixed Term SEN Teaching Assistant](#)