



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I think the highlight of this week was Collective Worship yesterday morning when, for the first time in several months, Fish Club led our worship. It is a very special moment when we have the children leading our worship and it takes real courage for them to stand up and speak in front of the whole school. It involved children from Year 2 through to Year 6 and they got us to think about the things that create clouds in our lives or make us sad and how we can go about moving those clouds. I would like to thank Mrs Egerton for working with the children in preparation for Collective Worship.

One of the pleasures of being the Headteacher at St Mary's is having the opportunity to show our school off to visitors, as I did with two sets of prospective parents this morning. It is wonderful to be able to have the confidence that whichever classroom I take the visitors into, I can guarantee that there are focussed children and purposeful learning will be going on and, more than that, how welcoming our pupils are towards those visitors.

I am delighted to report that attendance this week has been really positive with six of the seven classes achieving more than 92% attendance. We continue to drive forward with our attendance and I'm very grateful to all those parents who have been so supportive of our attendance initiatives.

It is 60 years ago today since the death of former British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. As an historian, I have spent a great deal of time over the years looking at Churchill's life and career. Whilst he is rightly remembered for his strong leadership during the Second World War, his was a life full of successes, but also of some notable failures. In our everyday lives we will all experience success and we will experience things that have not gone so well for us, but it is how we approach those disappointments that is important. So, as we continue to look at the value of courage this half term, it is with a quote from Sir Winston Churchill that I conclude:

*"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Courage



Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**214**

**224**

**226**

**203**



**Well done Rabbits!**

**500**

**512**

**474**

**488**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Henry**

**Year 1 - Jayden**

**Year 2 - Annabelle**

**Year 3 - Matilda**

**Year 4 - Ramtin**

**Year 5 - Jayden**

**Year 6 - Ritisha**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking 96.9%

Luther King 96.2%

Curie 95.3%

Attenborough 95.2%

Elizabeth 93%

Donaldson 92.2%

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Thursday 6th February	Maths Book Look - 2:45pm
Friday 14th February	Crazy Hair Day
17th - 21st February	Half Term
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day & Book Swap in School
Friday 21st March	Arts Afternoon 3:30pm
Thursday 27th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 28th March	Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
Friday 4th April	Easter Service - 10am St Mary's Church
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
29th June - 2nd July	Year 6 PGL
Friday 18th July	Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
Wednesday 23rd July	End of Year Service - 10am St Mary's Church
Wednesday 23rd July	Term ends - 1:45pm

## CLASS PE DAYS

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

# Courage



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

Remember, I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the LORD your God, am with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

## Prayer of the Week

God help us this day

To choose faith over fear,

Worship over worry,

Service over self.

If comfort comes calling,

May courage answer the door

Amen.

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been working on understanding mass and capacity. The children have been using balancing scales to see which objects are heavier or lighter. Then to measure capacity, we have filled up cups with different amounts of water and talked about our observations. In English, we have come to the end of our book 'The Magic Paintbrush'. The children used pictures from the book to retell the story from start to finish. I was very impressed by all the children's knowledge and how they were able to retell the story with the resources provided. In understanding the world, we have discussed and looked at mini-beasts and animals. All the children enjoyed making either a mini-beast or an animal out of clay using their fine motor skills. In PE, we have been trying to balance on one leg and then trying to hop on one leg. Another great week Donaldson class, keep up the good work!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

In Year 1 this week we have been working very hard in our Maths lessons to use number lines to 20 and estimate different numbers on them by finding the midline. In English, we have been identifying the main events in our text and ordering them. Today we are planning our own stories based on our book and will begin writing them next week. In Art, we had lots of fun going on a nature walk and collected natural materials to create an animal picture back in the classroom. In our history lessons, we are learning about Queen Victoria, and we created a fact sheet about her life based on what we have discovered. Well done Elizabeth Class on another great week of learning.



## Year 2 - Curie

Firstly, a huge thanks for all your support and drive to ensure an outstanding 100% attendance. The class were thrilled to have earned an extra 20 minutes of playtime, the trophy and of course Attendance Ted.

This week has been busy, and everyone has been pushing harder with their work and engaging further with their lessons.

In Maths, we have continued with money and have focussed on calculating how much change would be given from a set amount of money. The challenge was the ability to convert worded questions into a numerical calculation and then to use base ten to work out the answer. There was a huge effort from the class to use the three-step process and building on from their previous knowledge. Well done!

In English, we are continuing with the story, Bear under the stairs. The class were provided with different facts about bears. They have practised combining two sentences with the conjunction 'but.' They progressed by writing a report using different subheadings and wrote different facts. Fantastic work!

In PSHE, the class have been completing a set challenge. The majority chose to learn the Macarena dance and the rest of the class chose to make a colourful card. Everyone did a 'show and tell' presentation to the rest of the class and showcased everything they had learnt. Amazing performances and effort!

Curie class would like to share some pictures with Attendance Ted.



## Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Hawking class we have been continuing with multiplication and division in Maths. We practised multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with exchange like  $34 \times 4$ ! This meant that we had to use our place value knowledge to split the number and regroup afterwards.

For example:

$$30 \times 4 = 120$$

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

$$120 + 16 = 136$$

$$34 \times 4 = 136$$

In English, we started a new book called Escape from Pompeii where we wrote our own setting description! We did this by exploring verbs to describe the sights and sounds of Pompeii.

We continued our architectural drawing in Art by using wax crayons to focus on how different lines and shapes can represent buildings.

In French, we learnt and recapped "les instruments" where we practised saying and writing words like "la batterie" (the drum) and "le violon" (the violin).



## Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we began to write our own version of Frindleswyde...Frindleswyde Returns! We have been using our learning throughout the unit of work and putting into our stories. In maths, we have been dividing three digit numbers by one digit numbers. We had Mr Harmer in this week to help us with this and he taught us fun ways to divide. In Art we took shapes and started to make some collage art and in history we stepped into the shoes of a Saxon king. We made our own rules and came up with ideas about how to defend our land. Good luck to the eight children who are attending the Speed Stacking Competition this afternoon.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

In Maths, we have been doing short division and multiplication. It was hard but very fun and interesting. In English, we have been writing a sequel to our class book, 'The Island', which had a sad ending, but it was our job to make a happy ending. In Art we have been experimenting with pinch pots and coil pots which was very exciting and fun but it was hard with the clay especially when it stuck to the paper. In Science we planned an experiment about which material was the best thermal insulation.

*By JoJo and Henry*



## Year 6 - Luther King

This week in Year 6 we have learnt a lot about the Stonewall Inn uprising. Did you know that it was illegal to be gay or part of the LGBTQ+ community in the 1960s? We learnt to celebrate differences! In history we learnt about primary and secondary sources . A primary source is an eye -witness/ the person was there, a secondary source comes from a later date. In P.E each of us did: tennis, gymnastics, football and basketball. Last week we did an experiment with bread. Now some people's bread is very mouldy and has a lot of fungi.

!! We hope y'all had a great week!!

*By Maria and Darcey*



Community Book Swap meet and greet/Bike Marking : [Sat 15 Feb 10:00](#)

Dear Resident,

**Welwyn and Hatfield** Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a Community Engagement Session as detailed below.

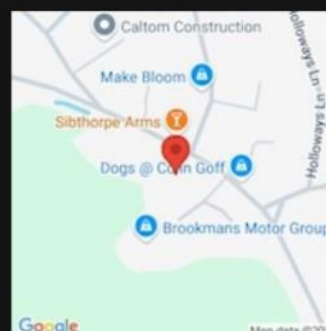
We are keen to hear about any concerns you have regarding Anti Social Behaviour, crime or any other issues affecting you or our local community and bring along any new bikes that you got for Christmas to be property marked

### When & Where is it?

[Sat 15 Feb 2025 10:00](#)

North Myrms Memorial Hall, Station Road  
Welham Green  
AL9 7PG

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Highway Drainage Works  
In  
**Dellsome Lane, Welham Green**

Permit Number **BR6402000343708**

Works will be carried out under Road Closure.

The length of Dellsome Lane, from its junction with Huggins Lane north westwards, for its entire length.

Works Between 09.30 am to 3.30 pm.

**Between Dates: 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

*\*Please refer to yellow signboards on your street for exact details.*

- **The works are weather dependent** and may be postponed if poor weather conditions are forecast.
- Any changes to the above dates will **be indicated on the signboards** at either end of your street, and at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/roadclosures](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/roadclosures)
- We will try to maintain access to properties and businesses but there may be delays when works are in progress. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained.
- Any overgrown vegetation found overhanging the footway at the start of the works will be cut back by the contractor.
- If you have any special needs/circumstances that you would like to discuss with the team then **please contact (Contractors name and contact number) or [CSCHighways@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:CSCHighways@hertfordshire.gov.uk) - By phone on 0300 123 4047**. Where it is safe to do so, the County Council may be able to exercise discretion in exceptional circumstances in order to meet its public sector equality duty.

**Thank you in advance for your co-operation.**