



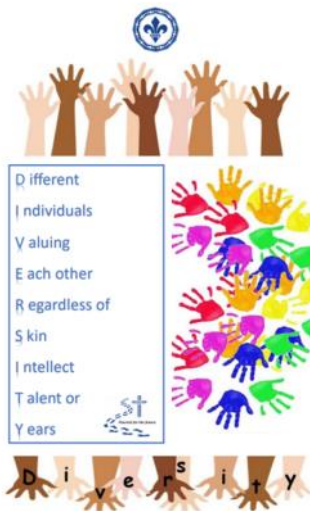
St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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31st January 2025

On Monday of this week it was Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme this year is "For a better future" and in Collective Worship we took some time to think about those millions of Jews who were persecuted during the Second World War, as well as those people who continue to be persecuted in our modern world because of their race, religion, gender or for any other reason. It has also allowed us to revisit our commitment to diversity at St Mary's, which is something that we value, as it makes us the special community that we are.



Our value this half term is:

# Courage

As I said to the children on Monday morning we are all unique: there is no one else exactly like us and that is something that we should celebrate. Last half term we invited parents in to school to look at the children's writing. This half term we are inviting parents in to look at the children's Maths. This will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th February. The gates will open at 2.50pm and you can visit your child or children's classroom before taking them home. Parents have been very positive about having the opportunity to come in and look at the children's work and this is something that we are now doing every half term, with a different subject focus each time. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school. As we continue to think about our half termly value of courage and, in the week when the world has marked Holocaust Memorial Day, I will conclude with the words of Mariann Edgar Budde:

*"May God grant us all the strength and courage to honour the dignity of every human being, speak the truth in love, and walk humbly with one another and our God, for the good of all the people of this nation and the world."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**276**

**292**

**255**

**263**



**Well done Hedgehogs!**

**776**

**804**

**729**

**751**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

## ATTENDANCE STARS

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

**Reception - Rayanne**

**Year 1 - Oakley**

**Year 2 - Peony**

**Year 3 - Harrison**

**Year 4 - Aram**

**Year 5 - Jessica**

**Year 6 - William**

**Luther King**

**98.08%**



**Curie**

**96.96%**



**Hawking**

**95.86%**



**Donaldson**

**92.78%**



**Congratulations to all these children.**

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 11th February	Maths Book Look - 2:50pm
Friday 14th February	Crazy Hair Day
17th - 21st February	Half Term
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (Dress as your favourite book character)
Thursday 6th March	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
12th - 15th May	Year 6 SATs
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

Loving God, our adventurous Creator, give us courage to choose the path before us.

Risking disappointment to find joy.

Risking failure to be creative.

Risking stumbling so that we might climb.

We ask in the name of Jesus, who risked living and dying for love of us.

Amen

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning one more and one less of an object. The children have been using a tens frame with cubes to identify one more and one less by working with their partners. In English, we have started a new book called 'Super Milly and the Super School Day'. The children used their thinking skills to determine what the story might be about by looking at the front cover. In understanding the world, the children loved making a mini-beast out of playdough using their fine motor skills. As it was Chinese new year this week, the children enjoyed looking at photos and a video of how they celebrate the new year. We then got some musical instruments, to pretend we were in a parade listening to mandarin music. Another great week Donaldson class, keep up the good work!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth Class have had a brilliant week of learning. In Maths, we made a 'human numberline' to help us order and compare numbers using the vocabulary, 'greater than', 'lesser than' and 'equal to'. In Science, we learnt about the human body and drew around a partner so that we could identify and label the body parts. The children then presented their work to the class. In history, we continued our learning about the Victorians and found out what school was like for children in those times. The children were shocked to learn about some of the Victorian punishments and said that they are very happy to not have been at school during those times! We then looked at a variety of Victorian artefacts and thought about that they could tell us about life during that time period. The children especially loved writing on the chalk slates and dressing up in some Victorian clothes. Well done Year 1 on another super week of learning.



## Year 2 - Curie

This week has been busy for Curie class, and everyone has worked so hard. Well done.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on multiplication and division. We have been learning about pairs of items, equal and unequal groups and working out the totals for all the groups. They have been brilliant using counters as resources and have really tried answering the questions. Fantastic effort. We have been looking at pictorial representations and writing number sentences using additions and multiplication.

In English, we have started a new book called 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. There were mixed emotions when the class saw a paper wall covered in vines with a 'Keep out' danger sign to ward anyone from entering the forest. There were some brilliant discussions about what they thought could be on the other side of the wall. The class have just designed a warning poster that highlighted their monsters name, what it would do if it caught you and the use of a question and exclamation sentence. Amazing work and good use of adverbs and imperative (bossy) verbs.

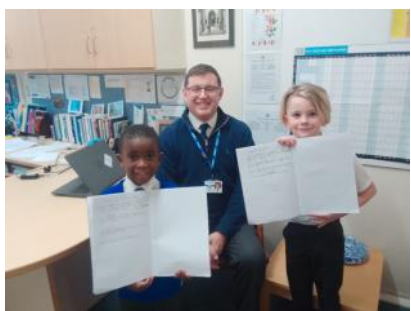
In computing, the class had lots of fun learning about binary trees. They were asked questions that required 'yes' or 'no' answers and worked their way down a binary tree that finally arrived at the correct answer. Each animal was given a name, so the task was to complete the names of each animal. Well done Curie class.

Have a great weekend.



## Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3, we continued improving our times tables in Maths, where we practised multiplying a 2-digit number with a 1-digit number. We continued with our book, Escape from Pompeii, where we explored noun phrases and introduced quotes and speech marks! In Science, we learned about different sources of light, exploring both natural light (like the sun) and artificial light (like light bulbs). In PE, we continued with gymnastics where we learned how to forward roll, straight roll and barrel roll! Finally, in Art, we got creative with watercolours, using them to paint architectural structures.



## Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we have begun our new Maths unit, perimeter and length. We had Mr Harmer join us for one of our lessons where we measure the length and width of the playground. We then got to sprint it as fast as we could. We all found out that the time it takes us to run 60metres is more time than it takes the fastest man on the planet to run 100 metres. In history, we continued our learning on the Anglo Saxons. This week we learnt about the Saxon alphabet and wrote messages to our friends using it. We have also



begun our new English writing book, The Selfish Giant. Mrs Egerton split the class in two where one side had everything and the other had nothing. We used this experience to write letters using 'ment' and 'ness' words. Lastly, well done to the eight children who attended the Speed Stacking competition last Friday.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard throughout the week

Children have started a new class text in English- Freedom Bird by Jerefine Nolen. They have made predictions and inferences about what they think will happen as well as asking questions and researching about slavery and the Underground Railroad

In Maths they have continued to work hard on the unit multiplication and division and applying their skills to solve multi step word problems

In PE children have been learning to sequence symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes in gymnastics.

In PHSE the children have made comparisons between their lives and people of from a different culture, considering their aspirations and goals.



## Year 6 - Luther King

In Year 6 English this week, we have been learning about the rights of women during the Queen Victoria era. We looked at how women were treated differently to men and came up with our own laws that would be equal for men and women and we also wrote a letter to William Gladstone. In computing, we created our own computing games and Miss English took us to Reception to share the games with them. In history, we learnt about evacuees in the Second World War and the belongings they may have taken with them in their suitcases. Did you know? When people were evacuated they carried a gas mask, ration book, identity card and tinned food.



*Tomi and Qabid*

# Candlemas Café Church St Mary's Church Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am



All are welcome to the All Age Service cafe church this coming Sunday at  
St Mary's Church North Mymms in our Parish room.

Come and grab a drink and a doughnut as we learn all about Candlemas and put the  
crib figures away until December.



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.

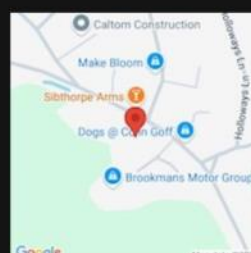
We are keen to hear about any concerns you have regarding Anti Social  
Behaviour, crime or any other issues affecting you or our local community  
and bring along any new bikes that you got for Christmas to be property  
marked

### When & Where is it?

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

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

[//bricks.sticky.dogs](#)





# Snowdrop Celebration



at St Mary's Church North Mymms

## Art Workshop

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm.



Come and join artist Janet Peck for a 2-hour workshop as she demonstrates ways to capture the beauty of snowdrops through painting, sketching and monoprinting to make items to take home. All ages and abilities welcome.



Tickets £15 (£5 for 12 and under).

Available from Ticketsource or  
the church.

Limited number of places  
available



# Bella Cora presents




## Music to Welcome Spring

Sunday, 16th February 2025 at 4pm  
St Mary's Church  
North Mymms Park, AL9 7TN

Tickets £15 (£5 for 12s and under)  
available from Ticketsource, at the church,  
or on the door

To book via Ticketsource visit:  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms>  
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