



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at half term, with another busy week coming to an end. I have been meeting with the teachers and teaching assistants this week for our half termly Pupil Progress Meetings and it is so positive to see the progress that our children are making.

I am very excited by the new initiative that we have finalised this week with S&S Productions, who are going to run a performing arts club at St Mary's from after half term. This will be on a Tuesday after school for Reception and Key Stage 1 and on a Wednesday after school for Key Stage 2. The flyer that went out earlier in the week gives you all the details that you need to book a place on that activity and it will be starting after half term. Pupils will meet once a week to work with the staff from S&S Productions and it will lead to a performance at the end of each term that parents and carers will be able to attend. I very much hope that many of our children will want to take part.

On Tuesday of next week, we have our Maths Book Look for parents and carers. This is your opportunity to come into school and look at your child's Maths book and discuss the work that they have been doing and how they are learning, both with your child and with their teacher.

As you are aware, I have been keen to strengthen the partnership between home and school and this is another occasion to do so. It is a chance for you to engage with the school about your child's learning and I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity. The gates will open at 2.50pm and you can take your child or children home once you have visited the classrooms.

At the end of next week we are finishing the half term with our Crazy Hair Day! The children need to bring in £1, which they will give to their class teacher, and they can have crazy hair for the day.

In Collective Worship on Tuesday, Rev Ruth talked to the children about how the Church marks the Feast of Candlemas or The Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2nd February and she talked about the imagery of light shining in the darkness and giving hope. Jesus is often referred to as 'The Light of the World' and I will conclude this week with a quote from Edith Schaeffer:

"Don't be fearful about the journey ahead; don't worry about where you are going or how you are going to get there... Jesus Christ, is himself the Light and will guide your footsteps along the way."

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:

131

155

148

140



Well done Hedgehogs!

907

959

877

891

STARS OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

Reception - Bevin

Year 1 - Verity

Year 2 - Peter

Year 3 - Lyla

Year 4 - Priscilla

Year 5 - JoJo

Year 6 - Tomi

Congratulations to all these children.

Mandela

97.3%



Elizabeth

96.1%



Donaldson

96.1%



Hawking

94.7%



Luther King

94.6%



Curie

94%



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

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

Father God,

Make us brave like the spies who went ahead of the people in Canaan.

Make us wise like Rahab who hid the spies and saved their lives.

Make us trusting like Joshua who believed your word and led his people safely into the Promised Land.

Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning doubling numbers up to five. The children have done so well by learning a tricky concept. We have also learnt odd and even, by looking at pictures of different socks. In English, we are continuing our book 'Super Milly and the Super School Day'. The children enjoyed how Super Milly had super powers of being kind, being brave and being a good friend. Then we discussed which super powers we all had and the children came up with some good ideas which were, "I am funny", "I am fast" and "I'm friendly". In PE, the children learnt how to do a straight roll and a barrel roll on the mats with their partners using their gross motor skills. In Art and Design, the children loved mark making with chalk outside in the playground. Another great week Donaldson class, keep up the good work!



Please continue to read with your child daily and practise sound blending books or ditty sheets. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1 - Elizabeth

Year 1 have had another great week of learning, with the highlight being our woodland walk on Tuesday. We looked again at some of Andy Goldsworthy's land art examples and used these to inspire our own creations. The children had so much fun collecting natural materials and working in teams to create something magical. In maths, we have revisited numberbonds to ten and have begun to relate these to number bonds up to twenty. This has been a tricky concept, but the children have really persevered and are making great progress in their understanding. Well done Elizabeth class for all your hard work and enthusiasm for our learning this week.



Year 2 - Curie

This has been another busy week for Curie class. Well done for persevering and remaining engaged with your work.

In Maths, we have been working with arrays using rows and columns. The children used these to work out number sentences that included additions and multiplications. They have been practising drawing arrays from set questions. Keep up the great work!

In English, we are continuing with the Minpins story. The class have finally seen the monster and were excited to describe it to their partners. Part of the task was to record any verbs from the story based on Little Billys movements and how the smoke from the monster was depicted. The author, Roald Dahl wrote a short caption for the picture and requested the help from the class to rewrite it with more detail, including verbs written in the past tense. There were some lovely examples of this. Well done!

In Music, we have been listening to different genres of music and appraising what we heard. This included listening to the rhythm, which instruments were layered to make up the song and explaining why they liked or disliked the music. Awesome job, Curie.

Finally, just to remind you that we do 'Show and Tell' every Friday afternoon. It is the perfect opportunity to bring in an item that is different and explain to the class what it is and why it is important to you. This has been building lots of confidence and promoting great public speaking skills. I have been really impressed with all the presentations so far and look forward to seeing more people participating.



Year 3 - Hawking

Maths: This week, we focused on dividing with partitioning, learning how to divide numbers and handle remainders effectively.

English: We summarised the main events of Escape from Pompeii, and then began writing an introduction for a newspaper report. We got creative by pretending to be reporters and survivors of the volcanic eruption, interviewing each other to gather information for our reports.

Science: In Science, we explored how we see and learned about how light is reflected. This helped us understand how our eyes work with light to create the images we see.

History: We delved into the mysteries of Ancient Egypt, focusing on why the Egyptians built the pyramids and the significance behind these incredible structures.



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we have continued learning about The Selfish Giant. We have been discussing personification and how it brings a character's emotions and objects to life. In Maths we have looked at kilometres and metres and put it into real life practice on the AA road map. We now know how many different routes there are to Edinburgh. We continued with our collage art work and played a variety of musical instruments in Science to learn about how pitch can change. Next week we look forward to the Year 4 girls' football tournament.



Year 5 - Attenborough

Attenborough class have worked extremely hard throughout this week.

In Maths, they have been working on multiplication of fractions with integers and fractions of a quantity and applying their knowledge and skills to solve word problems. They have also worked hard to present their methods clearly.

In English, children have made excellent contributions during class discussions and have worked with interest on our current text, 'Freedom Bird'. This week they have written a character description as well as plotting a recount of events finishing off with a full recount of the characters' escape.

In computing this week children have continued to work on the unit spreadsheets, investigating and using formulae to calculate total quantities in a cupcake recipe.

In RE, Attenborough class considered the importance of the Ten Commandments and how they are relevant today. Well done to all for all their efforts and great week!



Year 6 - Luther King

This week in Year 6 has been very busy! We have been working hard on our practice SATS papers and getting ourselves prepared for the real thing in May.

In Science we had fun looking at inheritance and characteristics and what we have inherited from our families.

We also looked at natural selection and species that pass down desirable characteristics on to their offspring.

History was very interesting; we researched lives of evacuees in WW2 and their experiences.

Attendance Ted has also joined us this week and has inherited some new clothes from a kind pupil in Year 6.

Did you know?

Some children loved their new lives and became healthier whilst living in the country, whilst other were made to work as servants by their host families.

Have a great weekend everyone!



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.

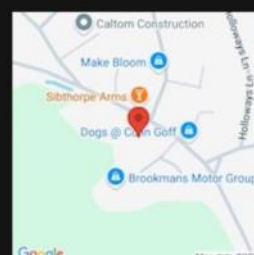
We are keen to hear about any concerns you have regarding Anti Social Behaviour, crime or any other issues affecting you or our local community and bring along any new bikes that you got for Christmas to be property marked

When & Where is it?

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

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

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Snowdrop Celebration



at St Mary's Church North Mymms

Art Workshop

Saturday 15th 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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