



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we finish for half term, it has been a very full week at St Mary's and a great deal has happened.

On Tuesday afternoon we had our Maths Book Look for parents and it was so good to see so many parents and carers engaging with their children and the teachers as they discussed the work that is taking place. It is almost a year since we took on the White Rose Maths scheme and we can really see the benefits that it is having for our pupils.

On Tuesday after school, some of the Year 4 girls took part in a football tournament at Onslow St Audrey's School and won! This was an absolutely terrific achievement and we congratulate them all. They demonstrated tremendous commitment on the pitch and worked well together as a team. I would like to thank Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick for taking the accompanying team to the tournament. This team is definitely one to watch! Today we have held our Crazy Hair Day and it has been fun to see the different hairstyles that the children (and staff) have come up with! Everyone has also donated £1 and this goes towards school funds, which will help towards the purchase of further new equipment on the playground. As an end of half term treat to reward the pupils for how hard they have worked during the term so far, we have had a range of fun activities this afternoon which have been organised by Mrs Stoughton. As we come to the end of this half term, where we have looked at the value of courage, it is interesting to pause and reflect on how each and every day we see young people at St Mary's demonstrate courage as they try something new, overcome a fear or simply get to grips with something they found challenging in one of their lessons. So, with that thought in mind, I will leave you with a quote from Mary Anne Radmacher:

*"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."*

Have a relaxing break over half term and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 24th February.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

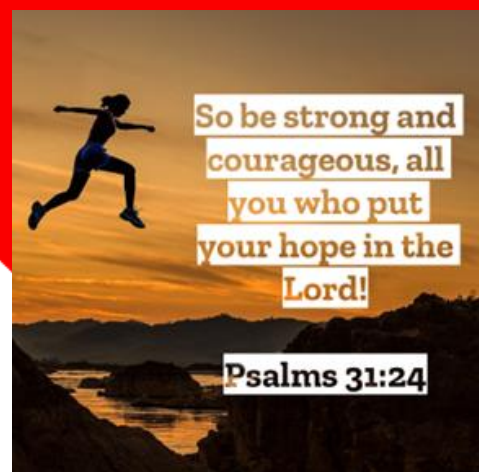
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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Courage



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**142**

**156**

**123**

**182**



**Well done Squirrels!**

**1049**

**1115**

**1000**

**1073**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Chardonay**

**Year 1 - Cedric**

**Year 2 - Ali**

**Year 3 - Lola**

**Year 4 - Delma**

**Year 5 - Kiniru**

**Year 6 - Mia**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Donaldson	98.1%	
Elizabeth	97.1%	
Mandela	96%	
Luther King	94%	
Curie	93.8%	

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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

Dear God help us with COURAGE.

Carry on when things are bad

Openness

Use your brain

Really try hard

Always try your best

Get help when needed

Every try counts

Amen

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about length, height and time. The children have been using a range of resources which were, throwing bean bags and looking at different lengths of ribbons to determine the length of something. In English, we have come to the end of our book 'Super Milly and the Super School Day'. The children enjoyed pretending to be superheroes for the day and using their powers of being kind to others. Also, the children loved making up their own version of a superhero day at school and what kind of things would be fun to do. In RE, we had a discussion on baptism and why Christians get baptised. The children enjoyed watching a video of a baby being baptised and then the children did some role play with their partners re-enacting this. In arts and design the children enjoyed making a valentines picture for their parents. Another great week Donaldson class, enjoy a nice, restful week off!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

In Elizabeth class this week, we have produced some excellent writing based around our text, 'The Odd Egg'. We have been so impressed by the children's increasing independence and how hard they are working to remember their full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. In Maths, we have been doubling numbers to 20 and really enjoyed playing dice games to support us with this. In Science, we learnt about our five senses and went on a 'senses walk' around school to see what we could see, feel, smell, hear and even taste! We recorded our observations on a scientific table and are looking forward to planning a 'taste experiment' after half-term. Well done on a brilliant half-term of learning Year 1, you have worked so hard and made some incredible progress.



## Year 2 - Curie

In our last week before half term, Curie class have worked amazingly and have continued to push themselves with their growth mindsets.

In Maths, we have been working on questions that are based on the two times tables. The focus has been on doubling amounts using picture representations. They have worked in groups and independently using tens frames, multi-link cubes and counters. We have also learned about dividing numbers and used sharing circles to represent the groups and incorporated the 'one for you and one for you' approach. They worked hard at this tricky concept, but with lots of practice they are understanding the concept of sharing. Great effort.

In English, we have finished reading the Minpins book and discussed the different elements of the story. They are using their planner to summarise each paragraph before their final write up. It has been an interesting story, and they have enjoyed Little Billys adventure in the woods.

In Computing, we have been learning how to use databases to quickly extract information using specific filter searches. The class enjoyed answering the task questions, such as finding the number of avatars that wore glasses. In previous lessons, the class used binary trees that required a 'yes or no' answer, which had limitations on the types of questions that could be asked. A fantastic effort from everyone.

I am really looking forward to seeing their crazy hairstyles. I am just hoping I will be able to recognise my class!

Have a relaxing half term break.



## Year 3 - Hawking

In Maths, we continued our learning on multiplication and division, focusing on solving word problems.

In English, we published our newspaper reports on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. We were very impressed with your presentation in your publishing books.

In Science, we investigated how shadows are formed and had fun experimenting with light sources and objects to create different shadow shapes.

In PE, we wrapped up our gymnastics unit, where we practised various shapes, rolls, and travelling movements.

Lastly, today was Crazy Hair Day, and it was amazing! We loved your creativity.

Have a great half term!



## Year 4 - Mandela

This week started with an exciting girls football tournament at OSA on Tuesday evening. The girls played extremely well, worked well together as a team and won the four matches that they played. Well done girls, we are all very proud of you. In Mandela class, we have also been finishing our learning on the Anglo Saxons and the mystery of Sutton Hoo. We drew our own helmets fit for a king and wrote about the mystery. In English, we carried out research on three very famous walls that have been built throughout history. We then used this information to write non chronological reports. Well done for all you hard work this half term.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

Once again Attenborough class have worked with incredible effort and a positive attitude throughout this week. In Maths, they have continued to work through the unit on Fractions: finding the original amount of a quantity and applying operational skills to word problems.

In English, they have continued to work with interest and enthusiasm on their current text 'Freedom Bird', where they have been learning key features of biography. They have enjoyed researching Harriet Tubman resulting in a final write up her biography.

This week in RE, the children have discussed and researched the importance of how charities support the freedom and justice of people from around the world. In PHSE, children have been designing posters to advertise a sponsorship event.

Well done to all for their fantastic efforts this week!



## Year 6 - Luther King

It's Crazy Hair Day in school today and everyone in Year 6 have styled their hair in very creative ways! In Maths, we have been learning how to use co-ordinates and solving problems. In English, we are in our final week learning about the Suffragette movement and writing a newspaper report. Did you know...Emily Davison threw herself in front of the King's horse at the 1913 Epsom Derby? She was fighting for the rights of women to vote and unfortunately, lost her life in doing so! Everyone in Year 6, will be coming home with CGP revision books today and we will be using them to set homework tasks each week. Enjoy your half term 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.

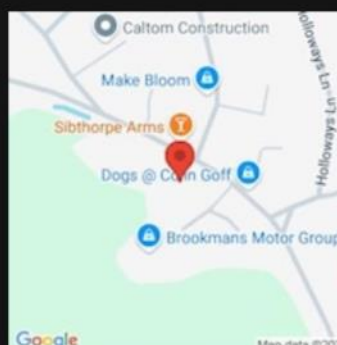
We are keen to hear about any concerns you have regarding Anti Social Behaviour, crime or any other issues affecting you or our local community and bring along any new bikes that you got for Christmas to be property marked

### When & Where is it?

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

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

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### **St Mary's Church - Wild Worship**

Take the time to disconnect from screens: stop, be and reflect in Gods creation. St Mary's, North Mymms, Wild Worship resumes on Sunday 23rd February at the revised time of 2.30- 4pm. All are welcome. This month we will be enjoying the snowdrops in the churchyard, with the opportunity to observe and sketch them. We will also be making bird feeders from pinecones and cooking popcorn over the firepit. This is suitable for all ages and a good, free, activity to end half term.



Cristiano from Year 3 showing Mr Petty his fantastic Maths work this week.



Most school entrances and exits in the UK have yellow zigzag road markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'.

Zigzags can also be found at entrances and exits of hospitals, fire stations, police stations and ambulance stations. They indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle.

Sometimes there may be an accompanying sign that shows specific times when these restrictions are in place. Motorists are only legally allowed to park on the zigzags outside of these hours.

Both yellow and white zigzags also show areas that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.

Thank you to our Governor Helen Lee for weeding and replanting our flower pots.



We raised a fantastic £97.70 for Crazy Hair Day!



# 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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