



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have had a very full week since returning from half term and I have greatly enjoyed seeing the children engaging in their learning in the classrooms throughout the last few days.

One of my favourite moments this week, amongst a number, was seeing the enthusiasm of some of our youngest children in the new Performing Arts Club on Tuesday afternoon. We are fortunate to have engaged S&S Productions in running the two after school clubs for us, on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, and I would encourage any of our children who even think they might enjoy taking part to get involved: those children who started this week absolutely loved it!

Next week sees us mark two very different but significant events.

Firstly, on Wednesday it is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. As was the case last year, Rev Ruth will be coming in next Wednesday morning to conduct the service in school when the children can take part in the imposition of ashes, where they can have an ash cross placed on their forehead or the back of their hand. There is absolutely no requirement or expectation for the children to do this, but they are welcome to do so if they wish. Last year, we found it a very meaningful way of beginning our Lenten journey as a school. If there are any parents who do not want their child to have ashes placed on their forehead or hand, please let your class teacher know.

Secondly, on Thursday, it is World Book Day. Ms. Carter has sent a separate letter out today about the details of next Thursday, but the children can come in dressed up as their favourite book character as we celebrate a love of reading. There will be World Book Day activities in classes during the day and the North Mymms Book Swap will be visiting us for the children to be able to swap one of their books, that they no longer want, for a different book that they would like to read.

Our value for this half term is trust. In Collective Worship earlier this week, we looked at what it means to trust and what makes us trust and be trusted and I will leave you with a quote from Stephen Covey:

"Trust is the highest form of human motivation. It brings out the very best in people."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Trust



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

213

272

247

270



Well done Hedgehogs!

1262

1387

1247

1343

STARS OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

- Reception - Elijah**
- Year 1 - Nikita**
- Year 2 - Wade**
- Year 3 - Ella**
- Year 4 - Kameel**
- Year 5 - Jack**
- Year 6 - Lenny**

Hawking	97.3%	
Donaldson	97.2%	
Mandela	93.6%	
Curie	92.5%	

Congratulations to all these children.

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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 Ernest Shackleton Award for

Trust



"Overflowing with thankfulness, inspiration and joy"

Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Prayer of the Week

Who can see the great wind blow?
Neither I nor you.
But it blows the clouds along,
Blows the grass and branches strong.
I can feel the great wind blow,
So can all of you.

Who can see God's spirit come?
Neither I nor you.
But he helps us to be strong,
Loving good and fighting wrong.
I can feel God's spirit come,
So can all of you.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about time. The children were using timers of one minute, to count how many jumps they could do in this time. We have also been looking at the numbers nine and ten. The children were using different kinds of resources such as buttons, cubes, numicon and a tens frame to show these numbers in different ways. In English, we have started a new book called 'The Tiny Seed'. The children have been enjoying this book all about nature. We then planted our own sunflower seed into a plastic cup with some soil. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed coming in each day to water their seed and to see if it has grown. In arts and design the children have been mark-making with their fingers to create a picture using paint. I just want to say how Donaldson class loved their extra playtime this week, which they earned for winning Attendance Ted before half term. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after half term and see how eager they are to learn. We have had an exciting week in Year 1, with the highlight being our science tasting experiment on Wednesday. In order to investigate our senses, we focussed on our sense of taste and tasted a variety of foods and described them. The children all loved the sweet jellybabies but it was surprising to see how many enjoyed the sour lemons! In English, we have been learning about non-fiction books and have been gathering and learning facts to use for our piece of writing about bird eggs. All the children were able to recall different facts and confidently recite them to their friends. Well done, Elizabeth Class!



Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have settled back well and have had a productive week.

In Maths, we have been looking at odd and even numbers. They have recognised that the number in the one's column determines whether the number is odd or even. They had lots of fun calling out odd or even with different numbers. I was amazed that they correctly answered a number I wrote in the millions. Well done! We have also been working on the tens times tables, counting in tens, and answering questions using base ten and picture representations. They have worked well on this topic.

In English, we have started a new book called 'The Owl and the Pussy cat.' We have been reading the different poem stanzas and discussed their meanings. There has been some lovely partner discussions and brainstorming sessions. We have been using conjunctions in our writing to determine if the Owl and the Pussy cat could be friends. We have also learned about noun phrases for creating a list of items the Owl and the Pussy cat could take on their small boat. There were some amazing examples shared by the class. Keep up the fantastic effort!

In Geography, we have been learning to explain and identify where we get our food from. The class had lots of fun with this and got to explain where they thought eggs, milk, bread, chips, fruits and vegetables came from. Each type of food came with its own fun fact which further engaged the class. Well done Curie!



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3, we started a new book in English called Black Dog where we made inferences from the past and justified them with evidence from the text. Yesterday, we practised using preposition phrases to describe the locations in the story and what the characters were doing.

In Maths, we started a new unit of Length and Perimeter where we practised using a ruler to measure different items around the classroom! We learned all about the differences between millimetres, centimetres and metres, and when we would use each one.

PE has been exciting since we started dance on Monday and OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activity) yesterday, which involved plenty of teamwork and communication skills. Although this was tricky at first, we are so proud of how you used your communication and listening skills to problem solve. Well done!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we have been doing a book called The Lion and the Unicorn. We have been learning about evacuees in World War 2 and inferring how they would have felt. In Maths, we have begun to learn about fractions. We started by recalling our knowledge on them and have now moved on to mixed numbers and putting them onto a number line. In RE, we listened to the Easter story and then as a class decided the five most important events. We then drew pictures of these events and wrote descriptions about what happened.

We were excited to learn that the planets are all in a line in the night sky this week. We looked at the planets through the Night Sky app where we could see what they looked like. Some of us at night then saw Venus, Jupiter and Mars shining.



Written by Maisie and Nancy

Year 5 - Attenborough

Year 5 have returned to school re-energised and full of enthusiasm and vigour!

In English, children have been introduced to a new text Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and have shown great interest in this legendary heroic character. They have used modal verbs and to make inferences about Beowulf and have also been fascinated with interpreting Anglo-Saxon kennings, managing to create their own kennings.

In Maths children have begun a new unit: Decimals and Percentages and have been working on decimal and fraction equivalence of tenths and hundredths.

In PHSEE, children have moved on to a new unit: Healthy Me. They have been learning and testing their knowledge and understanding of the harmful effects of smoking and have worked through a series of quiz questions to enhance their understanding of this.

In RE children have started a new unit- considered the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible, and looked at where Salvation fits within it.



Year 6 - Luther King

It has been nice to see our friends again after half term. But waking up early again for school, has been difficult this week! Our new book, The Last Wild, is futuristic and set in a dystopian environment. We have been introduced to Kester Jaynes and written character descriptions of him. It is full of action, suspense and excitement. In Science, we explored if the type of food a bird eats relates to the shape of its beak. Did you know... that thick, strong beaks are good for cracking seeds. P.E was fun! We tried a new sport – badminton and used the rackets to jump our shuttlecocks to each other.

Enjoy your weekend – we will in Year 6!





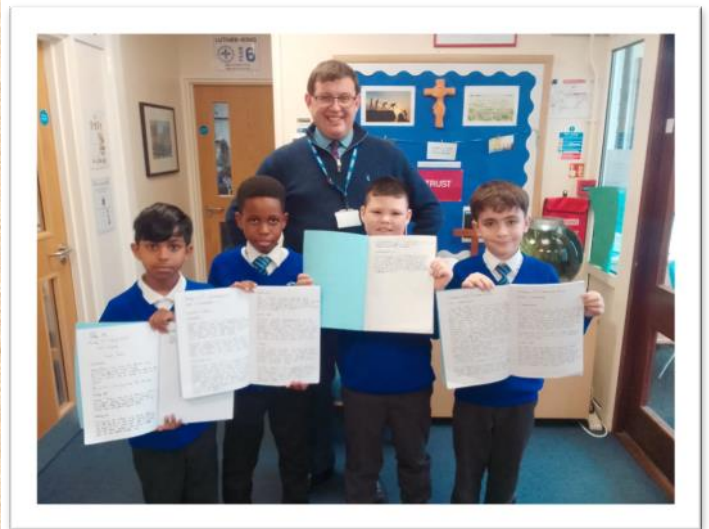
Most school entrances and exits in the UK have yellow zigzag road markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'.

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.

A promotional poster for the Junior Bake Off 2025. It features four judges in a 2x2 grid: a man in a yellow shirt, a man in a blue and red patterned vest, a woman in a pink jacket, and a man in a yellow shirt. The text reads: 'JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!', 'JUNIOR BAKE OFF', '... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!', 'APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 23RD MARCH', and 'APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK'. A hand cursor is at the bottom.



Kiniru, Daniel, Lenny and Sonny showing Mr Petty their fantastic writing this week.



The Great St Mary's Book Swap!

**Thursday 6th
March**

On World Book Day,
the Community
Book Swap will be
visiting the school.



Please send your child to school with a book from home that they no longer read and they can swap it for a different one that will be theirs to keep!