



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Anyone reading this newsletter over the last three years cannot be unaware of the focus that I have put on attendance and behaviour. I am delighted to report that both have improved greatly during that time and the school today is better for it. On Wednesday of this week, we had a visit from our Local Authority Attendance Officer who was really pleased with the progress that we have made and are continuing to make. In the Summer term 2022, attendance stood at 87.51%. By half term of this term, we were at 93.91%. The expectation that all children should be in everyday and on time is key in this and it has positive effects for both the children's academic and social outcomes. The changes we have made to our curriculum this year mean that the children are far more enthusiastic about being in school and behaviour in lessons has improved greatly.

I am also delighted to report that the number of serious behaviour incidents, compared to previous years, has fallen considerably and whenever I take visitors around the school, they are struck by how ordered and calm they find classrooms. This is credit to the staff and pupils that we have at St Mary's and the support that parents and carers give them.

Next week, we have the termly Arts Afternoon to look forward to on Friday after school, where several of our pupils will demonstrate their skills in a range of areas and we look forward to sharing that with parents and carers. Next Friday is also Comic Relief Day which we will be supporting: pupils can wear red noses with their school uniforms and there will be buckets available to make donations to Comic Relief.

As we continue our journey through Lent this year, we are focusing on our half termly value of trust and how important it is to be able to trust others, but more importantly to put our trust in God. I will conclude this week with words from St Patrick, who we commemorate on Monday of next week:

*"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Trust



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:

**313**

**302**

**268**

**334**



**Well done Squirrels!**

**1858**

**1877**

**1740**

**1856**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

## ATTENDANCE STARS

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

**Reception - Teddie**

**Year 1 - Charlize**

**Year 2 - Naveen**

**Year 3 - Leandro**

**Year 4 - Thenula**

**Year 5 - Daniel**

**Year 6 - Jack**

**Hawking**

**96.3%**



**Elizabeth**

**95.7%**



**Curie**

**95.6%**



**Attenborough**

**93.5%**



**Congratulations to all these children.**

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day
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 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

Dear God,  
Help us to be as trustworthy towards others  
as we would like them to be towards us.  
Amen.

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been revisiting doubling numbers up to ten. They were given picture cards and they had to identify the pictures that showed doubles. The children have been working really hard with their number work this week. In English, we have started a new book called 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. We went on a nature walk outside in the playground to see what we could find. The children found flowers, sticks, leaves and bugs. Once we got back inside the children were able to then write down on paper what they saw, heard or touched outside. In Arts and Design, the children have enjoyed using their fine motor skills to paint, draw and create Easter activities. In PE, our topic this term is ball skills. The children have been fantastic at rolling and catching the ball with their partners. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth Class, we have been continuing reading our text, 'Stanley's Stick'. The children love the story and have had great fun imagining different ways Stanley could use his stick. We have focussed on writing independent sentences with the conjunction 'and'. We are so proud of how hard the children are working and the beautiful writing they have produced. In Maths, we are focussing on tens and ones and how 2-digit numbers are composed. We have used 'base ten' equipment to make different numbers and write them correctly. In Science, we have continued to investigate our senses and this week we focussed on our sense of sight. The children experimented with throwing beanbags into a hoop with their eyes open and closed and we talked about how important our sense of sight is. In Geography, we are continuing to learn about the UK and this week focussed on the seas that surround us. Well done on an excellent week Year 1!



## Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have had another busy week and have worked incredibly hard.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on length and height. The class were introduced to the cm metrics on a ruler. They know that when measuring an object, the starting point on the ruler is always 0cm. They have also learned that a line longer than a ruler can also be measured by moving the ruler along to the end point of an object and continue to measure the remaining distance of the line. The class also had fun learning about metres and using metre rulers. We have been looking at different pictures and establishing whether the objects are longer or shorter than a metre ruler. One of the questions required the length of the school hall in metres, so we went to the hall and placed our metres rulers in a line and counted how many rulers were laid down. Well done and excellent teamworking skills.

In English, the class created a bank of rhyming nouns and verbs based on the Owl and the Pussy Cat poem. They then completed a table with the nouns and verbs and created synonyms for them. Lots of beautiful discussions. Based on this information the class have been working on re-writing the first stanza of the poem with the different nouns and verbs created. They have been working hard with this. Well done!

In Science, the class have been learning about natural and man-made materials. We have looked at different materials and used examples around the classroom to further aid their understanding. The class have been taught that man-made materials are natural materials that have been changed by a chemical process by humans. The class were engaged with the lesson and had fun. Well done, Curie!



## Year 3 - Hawking

In Maths, we have been mastering the art of converting metres to centimetres and millimetres! In English, we have been crafting our very own stories about conquering our fears. In French, we have been immersing ourselves in the beauty of the seasons. And in PE, we have been grooving and moving with some awesome dance routines! How exciting our learning has been!



## Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class, we carried on learning about the Water Cycle. We made our own water cycles showing the processes which happen and then added water to it. Linking to our geography unit, we also looked at the changing state of a solid to a liquid. We conducted an observation over time, measuring the temperature ice needed to melt. In English, we continued reading *The Lion and The Unicorn*. We researched the roles of women in World War Two and wrote a fact file. In PE, we began to learn a new genre of dance linked to the carnival theme. We learnt how to do samba moves and perform them to carnival music.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

This week in English, we have been designing our own monsters to spark our creativity for writing the next chapter of *Beowulf*. In Maths, we have been delving into the world of decimals and percentages. In Science, we have been exploring the concept of dissolving through hands-on experiments, including using substances like coffee. Additionally, in computing, we have been studying databases and extracting valuable information from them.



## Year 6 - Luther King

Another week in Year 6! What have been up to? We started our new topic in Geography and learnt about the different in Welham Green and how they had changed over the years. We thought about the shops we would like to see in the village and designed shop fronts. We had a Harry Potter shop, a florist, a darts shop and a Wing Stop shop! Very creative! In Maths, we have been learning about how data can be recorded and have looked closely at bar graphs and pie charts. In English, we used drama to act out how a character feels by showing-not-telling! We then wrote descriptive pieces about Kester. Did you know ... the French for dog is 'le chien' and the French for cat is 'le chat'?



## Woodland Activity Days – Easter 2025

In Great Groves wood, Brickendon, near Hertford SG13 8PQ

For children of 6 to 12 years who love being outdoors



This Easter, two Woodland Activity Days will take place in the school holidays from 9.30 pm to 3.30 pm on

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**What does it cost?** The six-hour session costs £35 per child.

Drinks, snacks and all materials are provided. Your child will just need to bring a packed lunch and to wear old clothes which they can get dirty.

There will be a maximum of 15 children in the session which is led by Helen Lee, a fully qualified and DBS-checked Forest School leader. She will have at least one experienced and DBS-checked adult assistant.

**What will happen if it rains?** The session will take place in all weathers except if strong winds or electrical storms are forecast. A decision to cancel will be made by 6 p.m. the day before and a full refund given.

For availability, please contact Helen Lee:

[helen.rupert.lee@gmail.com](mailto:helen.rupert.lee@gmail.com) or 07554 872731



St Mary's Church are offering the opportunity to learn some basic British Sign Language. If you would like to join in with this initiative, please follow the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KHknQUGwrgRIH1AiSBzWe2>

They will show a few signs a day with subtitles and it is suitable for all ages to use.



# Afterschool Musical Theatre!

**St Mary's C of E Primary School**

## **This terms Musical Is Mary Poppins!**

**Join us after school for our Musical Theatre Club!**

The classes will offer all three disciplines: Singing, Acting and Dancing.

Each term will be based on a different musical and end with an awards ceremony and showcase!



**KS1 Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**KS2 Wednesdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm**  
**£8 a session (paid termly)**

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