



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The main event of this week was obviously the Ofsted inspection which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have been expecting their visit since September and we finally received the phone call on Monday morning that they would be arriving on Tuesday. The two inspectors really took the time to get to know and understand the school during the two days that they were with us. Thank you to all those parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey and share views on the school and, it goes without saying how grateful I am to all the members of staff who worked so hard throughout the inspection, as they do all day every day. However, it is the children for whom I want to reserve my biggest thanks: they were truly outstanding and their behaviour was exemplary. At the end of Collective Worship yesterday morning, I thanked them for how good they had been and told them how much the inspectors had enjoyed meeting them. The inspectors have now gone away to write their report and we will circulate it to parents once it has been published. Yesterday afternoon some of the Year 4 girls attended a football festival at Ridgeway Academy in Welwyn Garden City. They took part in various activities before they won the two matches that they played. Well done to all the girls that took part.

Our planned Arts Afternoon which was scheduled for this afternoon after school, has been rescheduled to next Friday afternoon, 28th March, at 3.30pm.

Today is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and many of the children have painted a red nose on or worn a red nose to mark the day.

Buckets were available on the gate at the beginning and end of the day to raise money for a very good cause.

As we come to the end of a very busy week, I leave you with a verse from the Book of Psalms (33:20-21) reflecting our half term value of trust:

"We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in God holy name."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Trust

**Trust in the LORD
and do good; dwell in
the land and enjoy
safe pasture.**

Psalms 37:3

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

338

455

298

403



Well done Hedgehogs!

2196

2332

2038

2259

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Merabel

Year 1 - Antonia

Year 2 - Fabian

Year 3 - Hayden

Year 4 - David

Year 5 - Timur

Year 6 - Amelia

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Donaldson 98.9%



Elizabeth 98.3%



Curie 97.2%



Hawking 97%



Attenborough 95.4%



Mandela 94.3%



Luther King 93.8%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Thursday 27th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 28th March	Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
Friday 28th March	Arts Afternoon 3:30pm
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

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 continuing doubling numbers up to ten and looking at 3D shapes. The children have worked really hard at identifying 3D shapes in our environment. In English, we are continuing our book called 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. The children drew a flower and then labelled what they had drawn using their phonics knowledge. In PE, the children enjoyed bouncing and catching the ball with their hands. Then with their partners they were able to bounce the ball to each other. In our outdoor area, the children have loved making obstacle courses by using crates, tyres and construction blocks to practise their gross motor skills. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

We have had a busy week in Elizabeth Class! In Maths, we have focussed on numbers to 50 and estimating where they fit on different number lines. This has been a tricky concept, but the children have worked really hard to find the answers. In English, we looked at the key events of our text and ordered them into the correct sequence, thinking about the structure of the story. On Friday, we will be planning our own version of the story and writing it next week. In Science, we had great fun in the sunshine, looking for signs of spring, including new flowers, green shoots and insects. In Design and Technology, the children built a home using a collection of boxes and containers. They thought about how they could join them together and used different tools such as tape, glue and folding techniques to help them. Well done Year 1 on a super week of learning.



Year 2 - Curie

Another busy week for Curie class and they have been really working hard.

In Maths, we have continued with length and height. They have been comparing two objects together on the same ruler and having to work out the difference for the object not starting at 0cm. We have also looked at ordering lengths and heights of three objects. One of the objects lengths could be given and the other objects could be double the length of another object or adding an additional length. They worked hard understanding this concept. Great effort!

In English, we have started a new book called Grandad's camper. The class have looked at a range of objects that Grandad kept in his dusty box and had to predict what adventures he had been on. They had to include the conjunction 'because' to explain their predictions. They had fun reading and discussing the story and were tasked with writing down the places they had visited, including an adjective to make their writing more descriptive.

In PSHE, we are working on the 'Healthy me' unit. The class have been learning about food groups and brainstormed examples for each group. We used the Eatwell plate template, which was split into the recommended ratios for healthy eating. It was interesting to see where each child's favourite food fitted in. They were tasked with looking at different composite foods, such as spaghetti and meatballs, and being able to split the food components into the Eatwell plate. Great effort Curie!



Year 3 - Hawking

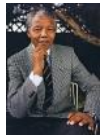
What a busy week filled with learning! In Maths, we delved into the world of perimeter, exploring the fascinating concept in depth. In English, we proudly completed the publishing of our creative stories, showcasing our writing skills. In DT, we unleashed our creativity by designing unique and personalized photo frames. And to top it all off, it was Red Nose Day! Some of us sported red noses or painted our noses red!



Year 4 - Mandela

In Maths this week we were learning about fractions. We now know what a mixed number and improper fraction look like. We can also add mixed numbers and subtract from them too. In PE we continued learning carnival moves. We used the moves we learnt last week to make up our own routine. In English, we are coming to the end of The Lion and the Unicorn. We have begun to plan our own version using prepositions, conjunctions, nouns, adjectives and noun phrases. This week some of the girls were lucky enough to experience a football festival at Ridgeway Academy in Welwyn Garden City. They took part in drills to improve their skills and then played two matches. They won both their matches meaning that the girls are still unbeaten. Well done!! To finish the week off we have been learning how to do a running stitch, backstitch and overstitch in Design and Technology. We will use these skills to make our own purses.

By Rishika and David



Year 5 - Attenborough

A very busy week in Year 5

In English, we have been composing our own chapter of Beowulf.

In Geography, we have been researching and developing fact files about the Sahara Desert.

In Maths, we have been examining percentages as decimals and fractions.

In PE, focusing on outdoor adventurous activities, we are learning compass points and utilizing them to navigate maps.



Year 6 - Luther King

The sun is shining! Year 6 have finally been out on the field but will it last? We all hope so! As you know, we have had visitors watching our learning this week and we showed them how hard we are working! We have started writing our Dystopian stories and have planned our main character and described the settings. We will continue next week, as we are hoping to write 5 chapters. In Maths, we have been using protractors to measure angles and have been learning about different types of angles – reflex, obtuse, a right-angle and acute. We have been calculating angles too and applying our knowledge. In PE, we have been practising our serving skills and continuing to build our dance moves. Did you know ... the heart has four chambers – left atrium, right atrium, left ventricle and right ventricle.



PTA Mothers Day Sale

The Mother's Day sale is taking place next Thursday 27th March.

This takes place during school time and gives the children the opportunity to pick a gift for a special lady in their life. The children really enjoy picking gifts for Mum, Nan, Aunt etc.

Gifts are priced from £2 to £5, for younger children it is beneficial if the name of the person they are buying for is written on the envelope with their money inside.

Please provide a bag for your child to bring home the items they purchased.

All money raised is going towards the new playground equipment.





On Sunday 23rd March at 2.30pm at St Mary's Parish Church, North Mymms, AL9 7TN. We will have our Wild Worship outdoor service where we will be exploring the story of the resurrection and the empty tomb as we make Easter gardens for you to take home. We will be eating cheese and ham toasties cooked on the open fire as well . Please do come along and join in with us. All are welcome. Wear wellies or suitable footwear as it's all outside.

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 8th April and Thursday 10th 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 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.