



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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It has been a very full week at St Mary's this week. Yesterday, we had the PTA Mother's Day sale which allowed the children to buy gifts for mothers and other significant people in their lives that we mark at this time of year. I am very grateful to all the members of the PTA that came in to make this sale work and gave the children the opportunity to select presents. It takes a good amount of organisation in advance and on the day itself to put these events together and we really appreciate the support that parents give us in this way.

Our focus for fundraising this year is to purchase a new trim trail for the field – which will be accessible at all times of the year – to replace the one that can no longer be used. This is what the School Council wanted to focus on when we asked them and it continues our improvement plan for the outdoor area at school. The additional climbing frame and climbing wall, which were installed last summer, have proved to be very successful and we want to continue to provide a high quality of provision for breaks and lunchtimes.

This morning we saw the school hall literally rocking! Our termly Rock Steady concerts – one for the parents and carers and one for the school – took place and allowed the five bands that have been working with Jordan, from Rock Steady, on a Friday morning each week to show what they have achieved. I think it is the enjoyment on the faces of the pupils taking part that is so wonderful to see, only matched by the enjoyment of the audiences to which they were performing! As we look forward to the weekend and as many people will mark Mothering Sunday to celebrate their mothers and other significant people who may care for them, I leave you with a quote from Steve Maraboli:

*"The people who truly care about you won't have to tell you they care. They'll show you."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

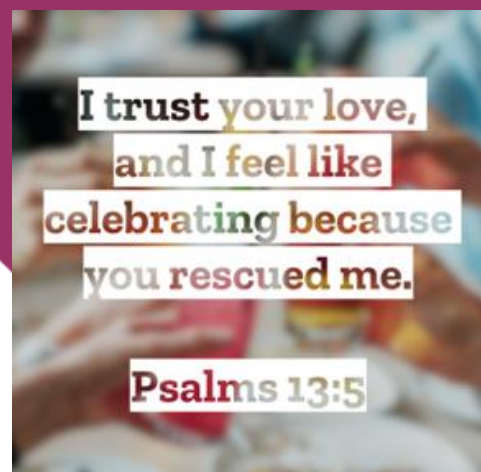
**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**201**

**240**

**173**

**199**



**Well done Hedgehogs!**

**2397**

**2572**

**2211**

**2458**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mrs Bartlett on the Star Table at lunchtime today.

**Reception - Bevin**

**Year 1 - Dominion**

**Year 2 - George**

**Year 3 - Divine**

**Year 4 - Josiah**

**Year 5 - Dennis-Junior**

**Year 6 - David**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Donaldson	97.9%	
Attenborough	96.2%	
Elizabeth	95.2%	
Hawking	94.7%	
Luther King	93.1%	

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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
Wednesday 3rd September	Inset Day
Thursday 4th September	Term Starts - 8:40am

## 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, Thank you that we can always trust you, We know that you won't ever let us down or leave us on our own. You are always there for us. Amen

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been looking at patterns in our environment. The children were able to identify the different kinds of patterns inside and outside the classroom. We have also been continuing doubling numbers up to ten. In English, we are continuing our book called 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. We received a letter from one of the characters in the book named Joe. He wrote to Donaldson class, about how he needs our help with planting seeds in his garden. We then watched a video of how seeds and plants grow. Then using our phonics knowledge we wrote a letter back to Joe, explaining how to plant seeds in his garden. In RE, we made an Easter garden using soil, stones, pebbles and chicks relating to the Easter story.

We also received Attendance Ted last Friday in Collective Worship, for our excellent attendance last week. The children enjoyed their extra ten minutes outside on the playground and playing with Ted. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth Class we have been doing assessments in reading, spelling and Maths. The children have worked hard to complete them in small groups with adult support and have done brilliantly. It has been wonderful to see how much progress they are all making and we are very proud of them. In PE, we have been thinking about our muscles and how we use them to do everyday activities such as walking and sitting, as well as in exercise. We have been thinking about how our bodies feel after exercise and why it is so important. In RE, we have been continuing to focus on the Creation Story and thinking of ways that we can retell it. We design a stained-glass windows to depict one of the seven days and the children worked so hard to make sure they included lots of details. Well done Year 1 on a super week of learning.



## Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have been working hard this week with the Spring term assessments. Well done for persevering and trying your best.

In English, we are continuing with Grandad's camper. The class have been using expanded noun phrases to describe an object that is memorable to them. They worked hard to complete a memory object splat and used different adjectives and nouns to describe their object using their five senses. E.g. for a conker found in the woods, the expanded noun phrase could be crunchy, wet leaves with sound as the sense. A fantastic effort and lovely discussions.

In PE, the class have been learning about team building skills. In the lesson, hoops and cones were used to have relay races. They had to communicate with each other to work out the best strategies to win. Fantastic effort Curie class!



## Year 3 - Hawking

Hawking class have done really well with their assessments this week. In PE, they have been doing dance and also practising their running by taking part in 800m sprints. Today Rock Steady put on a concert, so the children that take part performed in front of parents and carers and then the whole school watched the second performance. We also wrote Mother's Day Poems and Prayers, these have been laminated and are being displayed on the Church railings at St Mary's Church.



## Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class it has been a week of celebrating extra curricular talents and hard work. Some of the boys took part in the boys football tournament at Onslow school. They played a round robin of matches against other local schools. Well done boys. In the classroom the class have been working exceptionally hard at their assessments. They have been recalling their learnt Maths skills and putting their reading skills to use. We are proud of your resilience and how hard you have worked. The class were lucky enough to see our Rock Star's perform on Friday morning. Mandela class pupils sung or played an instrument like true musicians, a feat which is not easy in front of the whole school. We look forward to the last week of Spring term and finishing with our Easter performance at the church.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

Year 5 have had a busy assessment week and have shown us how amazing they are. We are very proud of the progress they are making and are looking forward to further progress in the Summer term. In Maths, we have started a new topic about Perimeter and Area and in Computing we have been experimenting with making and analysing data bases. We thoroughly enjoyed the Rock Steady Concert this morning, well done to everyone who took part.



## Year 6 - Luther King

It's been a fun and hard working week in Year 6. We have been really focused on our assessments and getting ready for our SATs in May, we have been working really hard. We have also really enjoyed being able to play on the field with everyone. In Science, we have been learning about the circulatory system, which has been very interesting. We have created posters for our Easter Sale to raise money for our coach to go to PGL. We have made cards for Mother's Day and bought some lovely gifts for a special woman in our life. Did you know? The heart is a muscle. When the heart beats, blood is pumped around the body. *Chloe and Amelia*



Space

An infinite, endless, curious sea, dipped in mystery, as old as time maybe older, each planet like a celestial boulder, a world of riddles waiting to be unpicked like a jilted piece of fabric, a radiating rock called the sun sits in one, one ravishing galaxy but not the only one.

by William

***Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA by buying gifts for Mothering Sunday. We hope you enjoy your gifts!***

***The children love the independence of choosing their own gifts. Thank you to the team who put a lot of hard work into buying gifts throughout the year and running these events.***

***We raised an amazing £500 which is going towards the play equipment for the field.***

***We already have lots of amazing gifts ready for our Father's Day sale in June.***

***Our next event will be the rainbow run which we are busy planning.***



**The PTA will be delivering all these Easter eggs to the School next week so the children can take part in an Easter egg hunt before the end of term. Every child will receive an Easter egg as a gift from the PTA and there will be a prize for a child per year who wins the Easter egg hunt. Happy Easter to everyone from the PTA!**

## 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.