



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

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Mrs Debbie Bartlett

After almost 18 years at St Mary's and the last six as Deputy Head, Mrs Bartlett left us today. She was presented, in Final Assembly, with a book to which all the pupils have contributed and a rose bush. Mrs Bartlett has had a great influence during her time at St Mary's and will be greatly missed.



Our value this half term is:

Trust

Some trust in chariots
and some in horses, but
we trust in the name of
the LORD our God.

Psalms 20:7

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have made it to the end of a very busy term! So much has happened since we returned after Christmas, not least the Ofsted inspection. The final few days of term have equally busy. Last Friday afternoon we had our termly Arts Afternoon and the children who took part performed really well; whether they were singing, reading or reciting poetry, showing off a piece of their own art or doing gymnastics, they demonstrated their own enjoyment through their performances and presentations. It was really good to have so many parents and carers join us for that too.

On Wednesday we had our annual Easter Egg hunt which was great fun and I thank the PTA for their organisation in advance and for obtaining the Easter eggs and to the staff for the organisation on the day itself: a good time was had by all! Yesterday, Year 6 held their Easter Sale, which had been in preparation for a couple of days, and there was a great deal of enthusiasm as the rest of the children went to make their purchases! We also held our second termly Merit Assembly yesterday afternoon. This was a real chance to recognise the achievements of some of our pupils both in academic excellence and what they contribute to our community. Today in our final assembly, we awarded certificates for very good, excellent and outstanding attendance this term. 110 of our pupils received a certificate for achieving 93% or higher this term.

As this term ends, we say farewell to three members of staff: Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Leonard and Miss Garip. We thank them for all they have done during their time at St Mary's and we wish them well for the future. I have written separately to parents to explain the staffing arrangements for next term.

Alice Freeman Palmer said: *"For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all new born."* These are words on which we can reflect as we move towards Easter. Our End of Term Service, at St Mary's Church this morning, was a chance to reflect on the events of the last week of Jesus' life. I would like to thank Rev Ruth for leading our worship and to all the pupils and teachers for the effort that they put into their contributions to the service.

As we break up for the holidays, I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter and I will leave you, as I do at the end of every term, with the words of the Irish blessing:

"May God hold you safely in the palm of his hand, until we meet again."

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



HOUSEPOINTS



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

259

116

178

147



Well done Badgers!

2656

2688

2389

2605

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Sonny

Year 1 - Jayden

Year 2 - Robert

Year 3 - Freya & Siyoth

Year 4 - Nancy

Year 5 - Tallulah

Year 6 - Max

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie	97.9%	
Attenborough	94.2%	
Luther King	94.2%	
Hawking	93.3%	
Elizabeth	92.2%	

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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
Friday 13th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
29th June - 2nd July	Year 6 PGL
Wednesday 9th July	Sports Day (afternoon)
Wednesday 16th July	Sports Day (Reserve date—afternoon)
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

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

Jesus, You are my example of how to have perfect trust in the Father. It's by keeping my eyes focused on You that my trust develops fuller. Please help me stay close to You, Jesus. Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been looking at odd and even numbers up to ten. The children did so well at understanding this tricky concept and were able to identify which numbers were odd and which were even. In English, we have finished our book called 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. We then planted some seeds in our garden and hopefully after the Easter holidays, we will see how much they have grown. The main event for the children this week, has got to be our trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park. The children absolutely loved looking at all the animals and their habitats. We also had a minibeast workshop during our time there, which was also interesting. To top it all off we were very fortunate to have beautiful weather for our trip too!

We also received Attendance Ted last Friday (again I must add!) in Collective Worship, for our excellent attendance. The children enjoyed their extra ten minutes outside on the playground playing with Ted.

We hope you have a fabulous Easter break Donaldson class and look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.



Year 1 - Elizabeth

What a brilliant week Elizabeth Class have had! On Tuesday, we had the most amazing day at Shepreth Wildlife Park and were so lucky with the beautiful weather. We started our day walking around the park and discovered so many different animals up close. The children loved seeing the tigers, capybaras, and monkeys as well as a very interesting Scottish Wildcat! We got to see rabbits running around freely and even got to walk through the bat enclosure- the children were a lot braver than some of the adults! We enjoyed the workshop where we learnt about food chains and got to explore animal skeletons. To end the day, we had lots of fun in the outside play area before heading back to school with some very tired children. We are so proud of well the children behaved and represented our school. We wish you all a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the summer term in a couple of weeks.





Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have been slowly winding down this week in preparation for their break. Well done on all the hard work done this term.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on Mass, capacity and temperature. The class have been learning about using different weights in grams and kilograms to measure the mass of different objects. They were tasked with finding objects that balanced their chosen weight and had to determine whether to reduce or increase the items to achieve a balanced scale.

In English, we are continuing with Grandad's camper. The class re-read the story and then had to write down the things they liked and disliked about the story. They then had to write about any part of the story that they wanted more information about. E.g. I wonder how long the journey took to travel to the beach. The last section they had to complete was about how the story connected with them. Well done!

In PSHE, the class have continued with the topic on healthy eating. They have been learning about which foods would give their body more energy and which foods provide the most nutrition. Lots of discussions and a fantastic effort.

Have a wonderful Easter break.



Year 3 - Hawking

In English we have been dedicating our time and effort towards perfecting our spelling, punctuation, and grammar skills.

In Maths, we have been diving deep into the world of fractions. We've been exploring everything from adding and subtracting fractions to multiplying and dividing them, and the possibilities seem endless.

We attended the Easter service in church where we re-enacted Jesus' trial!

It's always tough to say goodbye, but today we bid farewell to three amazing individuals - Freya, Siyoth, and Miss Joo . We wish them all the best.

Overall, it's been a fun and productive last week of term, and we can't wait to see what next term has in store for us with Miss Webb!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we have been learning about clouds and the rain system. We then made our own filters using stones, mud and sand. Our water did not come out as clean as it should have and we decided as a class that we would not drink this water. In maths, we have continued our learning of decimals. We now know how to divide decimals by 10. We took part in the whole school easter egg hunt and enjoyed our chocolate eggs. Although, some of these may have melted before eating them. In design and technology we made purses using felt. We used our new sewing skills to create them and put original designs on the front. We finished off our term with a wonderful church service where we sang the song we have been learning this term in music, Lean On Me. We sang it beautifully. We look forward to the summer term.

By Lily and Maisie



Year 5 - Attenborough

Year 5 have had a busy last week of term. We have been exploring area of shapes in Maths and estimated the area of our hand span. In English, we have been recapping on inverted commas, relative pronouns and using different tenses in our writing. We have also spent time finding out about the Easter story and have written some amazing acrostic poems about the resurrection of Jesus to share in church. We had a great game of rounders, in the sunshine, with Mr Kilpatrick in PE. Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a relaxing break.



Year 6 - Luther King

Year 6 have been entrepreneurs this week! They have made, priced, marketed and retailed their produce at the Easter Sale and thoroughly enjoyed it! We had different roles which included a 'Welcome' team, finance team and selling team. We will let you know how much we have raised. Science has been interesting too! As a conclusion to our learning about the heart, the children were given the opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart to find the chambers, atrium and ventricles. A few faces spoke a thousand words! They loved it! We wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term.



Book Swap Easter Special

North Mymms Memorial Hall

Saturday 5th April 2025

10am-12 midday

Tombola

Refreshments

Arts & Crafts



Organised by North Mymms Book Swap



Easter Monday 21st April

Come and join us for our FREE Easter Egg Hunt.
Timed tickets available at 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 2.30pm.

Please book via Ticketsource through our Website
stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk

Come and join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at St Mary's Church North Mymms. Hunt for Easter eggs in our churchyard. Find Six eggs and exchange them for a chocolate egg.

There will be FREE juice for children and refreshments available too

This event is free but booking is essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult, but only children need tickets.

Any questions please email the Office mail@stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk

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



VE Day commemorates the end of
World War II

**St Mary's Church North Mymms AL9 7TN
will be Celebrating VE Day
with an Afternoon Cream Tea on
Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 2pm.**

We will also have **Dr Rachel King, Curator: European renaissance
and Waddington Bequest for the British Museum** who will give us a
presentation talk on the Amber Tankard currently held in the British
Museum. Tickets are £18.00 please email

mail@stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk to book your tickets

Last day to order tickets 26th April for catering purposes

