



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Happy Easter to you all! It has been lovely to have the children back at school this week, after the Easter break and, for the most part, to be able to have them outside in the sunshine as they enjoy the good weather - it really feels as if summer is here!

As always with the Summer term, there is a great deal for us to look forward over the coming weeks and we are very pleased to welcome Mr Veal to St Mary's, who has joined the staff to teach Year 5. The Summer term is always a favourite for many, with the better weather and more activities taking place outside. You will see from the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter that we have set the date for Sports Day. Please look at the calendar for the important dates. The list of after school clubs for this term has gone out separately and the annual school reports will be issued in the week before half term. Parents' Evenings will be taking place towards the end of term. There is also hard work to be done this term and Year 6 have just 10 school days left until the SATs tests.

As always at the beginning of every term, I encourage you to ensure that attendance levels remain high and I am attaching the Attendance Information Sheet for your reference. As has been the case each term, the termly attendance has increased and I am pleased to report that we had 93.69% attendance for the Spring term, with 32 pupils achieving 93%-96% attendance, 56 pupils achieving 96.1%-99.9% attendance and 22 pupils achieving 100% attendance for the term. The aim every term is to improve on the previous term and I am pleased to report that all classes this week have achieved more than 92% attendance.

Our half termly value for this half term is Responsibility and this is something that we are looking at in Collective Worship. Across the world this week, people have been reflecting on the passing of Pope Francis, ahead of his funeral in Rome tomorrow morning. He took his responsibility as leader of the world's Catholics incredibly seriously and always looked to support those who were vulnerable or marginalised. I was very taken with the comment on one newspaper front page on Tuesday morning after the Pope had been seen in public on Easter Sunday: 'One last Easter blessing and his work was done'.

As we reflect on our half termly value of responsibility, I shall leave you with a quote from Pope Francis:

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Responsibility



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

145

158

127

175



Well done Squirrels!

145

158

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STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Elesy

Year 1 - Meghan

Year 2 - Jasmine

Year 3 - Carter

Year 4 - Maisie

Year 5 - David

Year 6 - Ben

The following children were presented with Merit and Academic awards in a special assembly at the end of last term.

Reception - Teddie, Godwin, Merabel

Year 1 - Callie, Casey, Isla L

Year 2 - Peter, Christopher, Max

Year 3 - Divine, Lola, Lyla

Year 4 - James, Lily, Thenula

Year 5 - Kiniru, Olivia-May, Jessica

Year 6 - Qabid, John, Leonardo

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie

96.7%



Hawking

96.4%



Mandela

94%



Elizabeth

94%



Luther King

93.8%



Attenborough

93%



Donaldson

92.4%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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)
Thursday 10th July	Transition Day
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	Swimming Mondays & Thursdays
Mandela - Year 4	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 George Muller Award for

Responsibility



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

For we each have our own load to carry.- Galatians 6:5

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

help me to walk carefully so I do not crush the flowers I see along my way. Help me to talk carefully so I do not crush the people I meet along my way. Help me to listen carefully so I do not crush your voice speaking to me along my way.

Amen

Reception - Donaldson

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and it was great to see you all back for another busy term.

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been looking at numbers from ten to twenty. Then we have been adding numbers onto ten for example ten add one, ten add two. The children have been fantastic at understanding this new concept in maths. In English, we have started a new book called 'My Shadow is Pink'. We then went outside when the sun was shining to see if we could find our own shadow on the floor. Then we used torches in a darkened tent and noted what we could see. In PE, we have started a new topic called games. The children used their under arm throwing using a tennis ball, to try and put the ball onto a cone. Well done for a great first week back at school Donaldson class!

A polite reminder: please continue to read to your child at home and to remember to sign their reading record. Also, to record their phonics reading too! Thank you for your continued support.



Year 1 - Elizabeth

It was lovely to see the children back, refreshed and excited for the new term after the Easter break.

In English, we are reading a book called 'The Sea Saw' about a little girl who loses her teddy. The children made predictions about what might happen to the bear and made a missing poster with a focus on writing questions with the correct punctuation.

In Maths, we have been learning about mass, volume and capacity and have really enjoyed using the balance scales and jugs to measure and compare.

In Science, we have started a new unit of learning on plants. We observed a number of different plants and had great fun dissecting some tulips and naming the parts. We identified the roots, stem, leaves, flowers and petals. Well done on a fantastic week of learning Elizabeth Class.



Year 2 - Curie

Curie class came back fully energised and refreshed, ready for the final school term. They were particularly excited to be getting an additional ten minutes of play time as they were the Attendance Ted winners. Thank you for ensuring their positive attendance.

In Maths, we have been looking at volume and capacity. They have been comparing different objects and determining whether they are full, empty, nearly full or nearly empty. They were then challenged with drawing the water levels of an empty beaker that was greater and less than two other beakers. A great effort was made by the class.

In English, the class have prepared a bare bones planner for a sequel to Grandad's camper book. We brainstormed different ideas where the adventure could have taken them next. Fantastic discussions! They have started writing up their paragraphs from their plans. I am looking forward to hearing about their different adventures. Well done!

In Computing, we have started to learn about producing digital music using the software 2sequence. They had lots of fun experimenting with the different instruments and placed them on different parts of the music grid. At the end of the session, we played the song that the class created. Really good effort.



Year 3 - Hawking

We've had a lovely first week back after our two weeks off, in Year 3.

In English, we have started our new book 'How to live forever' by Colin Thompson- the children have already made predictions about the story as well as using different sentence types to write persuasively.

In Maths, we are brushing up on our fractions knowledge after two weeks away; we started with looking at the link between fractions and scales and where we might see these being used.

In our History lessons this term, we will be learning all about the Romans, where they came from and how the Roman Empire came to be.

In PE this week, we started our athletics unit and on Monday we will be starting our swimming lessons- please remember your swimming kit!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we started our new book all about Tutankhamun. We have been learning how to pronounce some of his family members name such as Queen Nefertiti and Ankhesenamun. We have also been researching about Egyptian Gods and Goddesses to write our own non chronological reports on them. In RE, we have begun to learn about the Hindu faith. We used a timeline to put key events in chronological order. In maths, we have continued to learn about decimals. This week we have been converting hundredths from fractions into decimals.

By Kameel and Maisie



Year 5 - Attenborough

In PE, we have been learning about pacing for endurance events and how to hit forehands in tennis. In History, children have been learning about the development of democracy in Ancient Greece. In Maths, we have learnt to interpret information from line graphs. In English, we have been learning how to use the subjunctive form in conjunction with our new book, Firebird.



Year 6 - Luther King

Our final term in Year 6! We have hit the ground running this week and started our consolidation and revision in preparation for the SATS. Everyone has been working hard and applying themselves. In Maths, we have been investigating the internal angles of different polygons and learning about the properties of a circle – radius, circumference and diameter. In Science, we have started our topic on electricity. We explored how to make a ‘series’ circuit and got the tool kits out and built one. We really enjoyed putting all the components together to see if we could light up our bulb. Did you know....the internal angles of a quadrilateral ALWAYS total 360 degrees!



Summer Pop 'N' Soul Live Band Fundraiser Night

There is no better way to spend a summer evening than dancing to an incredibly talented 5-piece live band at the newly upgraded Memorial Hall, while helping to raise funds for a great cause. Pumping out everyone's favourite tunes, with incredible vocals backed by sensational musicians, the Pop 'N' Soul and Rock 'N' Roll band will have everyone on the dance floor throughout the night. We have a licenced bar serving your favourite drinks for purchase and you are welcome to bring along some nibbles. Don't forget to buy tickets for your family, friends, and children over the age of 10 too and make it a celebration of your own! Tickets are limited to 100 on a first come basis. No children under the age of 10 are permitted. No drinks are to be brought in from outside. No animals of any kind are permitted. Remember to bring some cash for the raffle draw.

TICKET PRICE (Adults and Children - Same Price)

Advance Purchase Online - £10 Per Person (+ booking fee)

At The Door (if tickets available) - £15 Per Person (+ booking fee)

Date

Sat 7th June 2025 - 7pm to 11pm

Location

Get directions

North Mymms Memorial Hall

36 Station Road, Welham Green, North Mymms, Hatfield AL9 7PL



<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EKSQ>



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

