



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy week at St Mary's – fitting everything into four days after the bank holiday weekend and nowhere has it been busier than in Year 6, as they have continued with their final preparations for the SATs tests which begin on Monday morning. They, along with the Year 6 staff team, have been working so hard and we wish them all well for the tests next week. Mrs Stoughton and Mrs Hutchinson have communicated with Year 6 parents directly about the precise arrangements for next week.

As I said in last week's newsletter, I will be holding a meeting for parents to go through our recent Ofsted Report. This is a voluntary meeting and will take place at 2.50pm next Wednesday, 14th May, before the afternoon pick up and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

The teachers are currently working on the children's annual school reports and they will be issued on Friday 23rd May. Parents' Evenings will then take place in the second half of term. Yesterday we held a special Collective Worship to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, where we reflected on the events of 8th May 1945 and how the people of Britain must have felt as almost six years of war in Europe came to an end. We also recalled the sacrifice of the 21 people on the North Mymms war memorial for 1939-1945. As the names of these 21 people were read out, the Year 6 pupils brought up a memorial card for each one of them in turn and they are now up on the wall in the hall as a reminder of what they did in the cause of protecting a free world. As well as looking back to the events of the Second World War, we also looked at the responsibility of us all to commit to the cause of peace in the future. As the week of national celebrations for VE Day 80 comes to an end, I will leave you with a quote from the King's speech at last night's concert in London, emphasising our own responsibility:

"Just as those exceptional men and women fulfilled their duty to each other, to humankind, and to God, bound by an unshakeable commitment to nation and service, in turn it falls to us to protect and continue their precious legacy - so that one day hence generations yet unborn may say of us: 'they too bequeathed a better world'."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Responsibility



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:

179

148

125

163



Well done Badgers!

524

491

424

480

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mr Petty on Star Table.

Reception - Ronnie

Year 1 - Charlize

Year 2 - Ewa

Year 3 - Teddy

Year 4 - Aram

Year 5 - Sheyni

Year 6 - Jack

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Mandela	96.6%	
Luther King	96.2%	
Attenborough	95.2%	
Hawking	95.1%	
Curie	93.8%	

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
12th - 15th May	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 14th May	Follow up meeting to the Ofsted Inspection - 2:50pm
Monday 19th May	Class Photos
Friday 23rd May	Colour Run
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
Friday 11th July	Arts afternoon - 3:30pm
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

Lord Jesus, the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea; help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy; help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love.

Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been practising their cutting skills of different shapes and making an object out of them. The children also used cubes to create a shape. In English, we have come to the end of our book called 'My Shadow is Pink'. The children tried writing a sentence about what happened in the story and were given sentence starters to help them. In PE, we have been practising jumping over hurdles. We then raced against each other making sure we didn't knock the hurdle over. In understanding the world, we are exploring the life cycle of a chick. We have some eggs in school, which we hope are going to hatch very soon. The children are very excited and can't wait for this to happen. Another great week of learning Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Elizabeth Class. In Maths, we have begun to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and look at the patterns these numbers make. The children have worked so hard with this, and we will continue to build on it in the coming weeks. In English, we have been planning our own story based on our class book. The children chose a toy that is special to them to write about and planned an adventure where it gets lost and returns home. They have had some wonderful and creative ideas, and we are all looking forward to beginning writing our stories next week. In History, we have started to learn about Mary Seacole who was an incredibly brave and pioneering nurse who helped many soldiers during the Crimean War. We created a question bank and fact file about what we know so far, and the children have really enjoyed learning about her amazing legacy. Keep up the brilliant learning Year 1!



Year 2 - Curie

It has been another busy week for Curie class, and they have persevered and pushed forward with their learning. Continue with the great effort!

In Maths, we are continuing with fractions. The class have been recognising a quarter from pictures that have been split into four equal parts. They have learned how to write this as a numeric fraction and understand what the top and bottom numbers represent. The class then looked at different shapes that were split into different equal and non-equal parts and had to establish which ones represented a quarter. Well done! As a challenge, children had to draw a whole shape based on the quarter shape printed in their workbook. This was a tricky concept, but everyone tried hard at this.

In English, we are continuing with the dragon machine story. The class were tasked with writing commands that give advice to someone. They had to write a letter of advice to George about his dragon's bad behaviour. They had to include in their letter either the word; would, could or should, a conjunction and an un- prefix word taken from a printed word bank. They were some beautiful examples read out in the class. Fantastic effort.

In PE, we are continuing with net and wall games. The success criteria of the lesson were to move quickly from the ready position to meet the ball coming towards them. Underarm throws of a ball were made to their partner in different directions. They had to allow one bounce, and the other partner had to move and catch the ball. Lots of lovely ready positions and movements observed. They ended with a 4 v 4 match separated by a 4-cone net. They had lots of fun and very close scores with all the teams. It was great to see such good teamwork and communicating. Well done, Curie.



Year 3 - Hawking

In Maths, we've been diving into the fascinating world of fractions, exploring the art of halving and quartering numbers like pros. Meanwhile, in English, we've been flexing our creative muscles, crafting instructions and engaging in some persuasive writing on the compelling reasons to steer clear of the 'How to Live Forever' book. Over in Science, we've uncovered the mysteries of how water journeys through plants, revealing nature's incredible processes. And in French, we've sweetened our vocabulary with the delightful discovery that "Les Glaces" means ice cream. What a deliciously enriching week it has been!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week, Mandela Class has been busy with a range of exciting activities. In Science, the class continued exploring electricity by making circuits to test various materials and identify which were conductors and insulators. They found that all the metal objects conducted the electricity while all other materials acted as insulators. As part of their English writing work, they stepped into the shoes of journalists by writing newspaper articles about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Using fronted adverbials and facts taken from our class book, the class wrote compelling stories. They also delved into the world of the Vikings, learning about what they looked like. Using both primary and secondary sources, the class designed informative and eye-catching posters to explain their research, showcasing their growing skills as young historians. Did you know that there is evidence to suggest that the Vikings did not all look like they do in How to Train Your Dragon?



Year 5 - Attenborough

Year 5 have been exploring the world of shape in Maths this week. We have been measuring angles using protractors and drawing angles to a set number of degrees. In English, we have been writing stories with the theme of a quest to find a thief who turns out to be not so bad after all! In Science, we are learning about air resistance and how we can make use of it or reduce it, depending on the situation.



Year 6 - Luther King

Everyone in Year 6 has continued to work hard this week and stay focused. We have been consolidating our understanding on Roman Numerals, time, percentages, co-ordinating conjunctions, apostrophes and continued to develop our reading skills. In Science, we explored if adding more components to a circuit effects the flow of the electrical current. With SATs week just around the corner, here are some helpful reminders to make sure everyone feels prepared and confident.

- 1) Get plenty of sleep
- 2) Eat a healthy breakfast – Breakfast for ALL year 6 will be served from 8am and we look forward to seeing everyone!
- 3) Be on Time
- 4) Stay Positive
- 5) Listen carefully!

We wish everyone all the very best of luck. We are all very proud of you.
Enjoy your weekend.



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



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SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

21 MAY
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



Highway Resurfacing Works In Station Road, Welham Green

Permit Number **FM301BR6402000360460-02**

Works will be carried out under Road Closure.

Road resurfacing works from junction of Dixon Hill Road Roundabout to junction of Dellsome Lane. Please ensure your vehicle is removed between these dates to enable road surfacing works to be carried out.

Works Between **09.30 am to 3.00 pm.**

Between Dates: 12th May – 16th May 2025

****Please refer to yellow signboards on your street for exact details.***

- ***The works are weather dependent and may be postponed if poor weather conditions are forecast.***
- ***Any changes to the above dates will **be indicated on the signboards** at either end of your street, and at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/roadclosures***
- ***We will try to maintain access to properties and businesses but there may be delays when works are in progress. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained.***
- ***Any overgrown vegetation found overhanging the footway at the start of the works will be cut back by the contractor.***
- ***If you have any special needs/circumstances that you would like to discuss with the team then **please contact (Contractors name and contact number) or CSCHighways@hertfordshire.gov.uk - By phone on 0300 123 4047.** Where it is safe to do so, the County Council may be able to exercise discretion in exceptional circumstances in order to meet its public sector equality duty.***