



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

In the last week we have seen a new and really positive initiative for St Mary's. Last Saturday, Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick, with the support of parents, took a group of our children down to London to participate in the 2025 London Mini Marathon. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of running that final iconic mile of the full London Marathon, passing Buckingham Palace, as they headed towards the finish line, before being presented with their medals. There are photographs elsewhere in this newsletter for you to see, but it was a really successful day and we very much intend that it will be repeated in the future. Thank you to Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick for organising it.

Alongside the newsletter today, you will see that we are also circulating the Ofsted Report, of the inspection that we had on 18th and 19th March, which we received for publication this week. The very word 'Ofsted', for many, conjures up a variety of thoughts and feelings, but I am very grateful to the two inspectors that visited us in March for the time they took to understand and learn about the school and the improvement journey that we are currently pursuing at St Mary's. They are required to report as they found us during their two days with us, at that particular point in time, but they recognised how much had already been done and they could see what we are looking to achieve. Most pleasing of all, is that they did not tell us anything that we did not already know about ourselves. I will be holding a parents' meeting in the week beginning 12th May to go through the report and its findings, as well as our plans going forward. Most importantly, and this doesn't fully come across in the report, the inspectors were impressed by the children. During the two days with us, they only witnessed positive behaviour and active engagement in lessons and we could not be more proud of the children for that.

I am pleased to report that Year 6 are continuing to work hard as we enter the last few days before their SATs tests which begin on Monday 12th May: their work ethic is excellent and we wish them well over the coming days.

As we continue to look at the value of responsibility, I leave you with the following quote from Jim Rohn:

*"You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something that you have charge of."*

Enjoy the Bank Holiday 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:

**200**

**185**

**172**

**142**



**Well done Badgers!**

**345**

**343**

**299**

**317**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and sat on Star Table.

**Reception - Giovanna**

**Year 1 - Evie**

**Year 2 - Peony**

**Year 3 - Jess**

**Year 4 - Isabella**

**Year 5 - Sonny**

**Year 6 - Tomi**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Hawking 93.2%**



**Luther King 92%**



# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
12th - 15th May	Year 6 SATs
Monday 19th May	Class Photos
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

<b>Elizabeth - Year 1</b>	Mondays & Fridays
<b>Curie - Year 2</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays
<b>Hawking - Year 3</b>	Swimming Mondays & Thursdays
<b>Mandela - Year 4</b>	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 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

Take this ground God  
As the landing strip of heaven  
Grow this garden  
As your paradise on earth.  
Hear great creator Our heart's surrender  
Amen.

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been adding one more and one less of a number. The children have been using a tens frame with cubes to help them with their adding and subtracting. In English, we are continuing our book called 'My Shadow is Pink'. We have been lucky to have beautiful weather to look at our shadows outside. Also, we then finished reading the book and I asked the children some questions relating to why they think the boy sees the shadow pink and not another colour. We then discussed how a boy and a girl could wear either pink or blue. In PE, the children enjoyed jumping and hopping into a hoop, and then being able to throw and catch a ball at the same time by moving onto the next hoop. In understanding the world, we were discussing that people live in different homes. Then the children enjoyed drawing a picture of their own home. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

We have had another exciting week in Year 1 and it has been lovely to enjoy the beautiful weather and incorporate that into our learning. In Maths, we finished our unit on mass and volume and have moved on to multiplication and division. We began by counting in 2s and will be continuing next week by counting in 10s and 5s, noticing patterns in the numbers. In English, we are still reading our text, 'Seasaw' and performed some drama to help us understand the characters, Sophia's, feelings when she lost her teddy and then had it returned to her many years later. In Science, we went out to investigate what wildflowers we have growing in St. Mary's and used magnifying glasses to observe the many that we found, focussing on the parts of the flowers we learnt about last week. Finally, we have had a big focus on Phonics this week and will continue to do so in the lead up to the Phonics Screening Check in June. Please continue to read and practice with your child to help support the work we do at school. Many thanks for your continued support in this.



## Year 2 - Curie

A huge congratulations to Curie Class winning the Attendance Ted twice in a row, and thanks for maintaining a high attendance rate. They were excited at winning and enjoyed their extra play time.

In Maths we have started a new topic on fractions. They have been learning about parts and the whole through picture representations and being able to identify which pictures were not part of the whole. They then moved on to learning about halves and understanding that writing a fraction is based on the total parts and the parts shaded. Excellent work, Curie!

In English, we have started a new book called, 'The Dragon Machine'. The class were excited to find dragon's tails placed in different places around the classroom and were tasked with investigating their locations using different prepositions. E.g. amongst the bookshelf or under the clock. They created lists in their books and shared their findings with the class. They were then tasked with creating sentences about where they found the dragon tails that included a preposition and a conjunction. Well done.

In History, we are learning about the Victorian times. We have looked at what it was like in the Victorian classroom, and how the laws changed for rich and poor children attending schools. There were lots of interesting facts and the class engaged well with comparing today's classrooms with the Victorian classrooms. Fantastic effort.



## Year 3 - Hawking

What a lovely week Year 3 have had!

At the start of the week, the children enjoyed their first school swimming lesson- they all did really well and tried their best.

In Maths this week, the children have conquered more fractions concepts, including fractions and scales and equivalent fractions.

In our English lessons, we have been looking at using adjectives, conjunctions and noun phrases to write setting descriptions. The children have written brilliant setting descriptions about our story, 'How to Live Forever', using these skills.

In History this week, we have expanded our understanding of the Roman Empire and how the Roman soldiers were able to take over so much land.

In our Science lessons we are learning all about plants and their different parts, the children have been labelling images of different plants to show their understanding.



## Year 4 - Mandela

A great week in Year 4 and we have been enjoying the sunshine. In Maths, we have been expressing whole numbers in tenths. In Guided Reading, we have been learning about the Egyptians. In RE, we have been learning about Hindu Shrines.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

This week in Year 5, we have been learning about statistics in Maths. In English, we have been exploring use of the past perfect tense. In PE, we have been learning good sprinting form and how to hit good backhands in tennis.



## Year 6 - Luther King

£364.41 was raised from the Easter Sale!!

A hot week for all! In Year 6, we continue to prepare for our SATS week and have started discussions on our end of year production. Watch this space! In PE, we have started our Athletics unit, starting with sprint and long-distance running. In Science, we explored what makes a circuit complete and incomplete. Did you know that all the wires have to be connected for the electrical current to flow?



## Easter Sale Fundraiser - Year 6 PGL

£364.41 was raised from the Easter Sale organised by Year 6 before the Easter holiday. Thank you to everyone for your help and continued support.

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## London Mini Marathon

On Saturday 26th April, Hayden, Lola-May, Lyla, George, Hallie, Poppy, Henry Sonny, Leandro, Maisie, Charlotte, Nancy, David S, Diana, Tomi, Darcey, Kofi, Violet, Olivia-May and Ollie Wi represented the school and completed the London Mini Marathon. The way they represented the school was exemplary, they all had a great time and we are so proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Egerton, Mr Kilpatrick, Mrs Scully and all the families that took part.

