



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We could not be prouder of our Year 6s this week and the way in which they have worked during their SATs tests since Monday. They have taken six papers this week: three in English and three in Maths and they have demonstrated a positivity and determination in what has been a very demanding week for them. The majority of them have arrived at 8am each day to have breakfast so that they were ready and well fuelled for the tests that were ahead of them. It is a lot for them to manage and they have proved more than equal to the task. I would like to thank Mrs Stoughton, Mrs Hutchinson, Miss English and Mrs Brooks for all the work that has gone in, throughout the year, in preparing the children for this week and to all the other members of staff who were involved in the administration of the tests this week and supporting the children.

At the other end of the school, a highlight of the last week has been the chicks that have hatched and been living in the Reception classroom and causing much excitement amongst the pupils in the Reception class – I even went down and held one myself!

I would like to thank those parents and carers who were able to attend the meeting that took place on Wednesday afternoon to look at the recent Ofsted Report. It was a really useful opportunity be able to talk through the findings of the report and to discuss the school's response to it. As I said at the meeting, we will be circulating a document in the coming weeks which will outline our plans as we continue our improvement journey.

As I said last week, the annual school reports will be issued on Friday of next week and you will see from the calendar of events, elsewhere in this newsletter, that we have now scheduled the Parents' Evenings for the second half of this term and they will be taking place on Tuesday 15th July and Wednesday 16th July from 3.30pm. The meetings on both of those days will be taking place in person and in school.

As we continue to look at the half termly value of responsibility, I leave you with a quote from Martin Luther-King:

"The time is always right to do what is right"

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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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:

266

196

319

190



Well done Rabbits!

790

687

743

670

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Rayanne

Year 1 - Casey

Year 2 - Nneka

Year 3 - Prosperity

Year 4 - Daisy

Year 5 - Michelle

Year 6 - All of Year 6

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Luther King

100%



Hawking

99.3%



Mandela

94.1%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 19th May	Class Photos
Friday 23rd May	Annual School Reports issued
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
Tuesday 15th July	Parents' Evening (in person) - 3.30pm
Wednesday 16th July	Sports Day (Reserve date—afternoon)
Wednesday 16th July	Parents' Evening (in person) - 3.30pm
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

You speak. You create. You want us to be stewards of Your creation. We come to You to re-learn how to care for the earth and people you have made. Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about doubling numbers up to ten and understanding odd and even numbers. The progress that the children have made is fantastic and I am really proud of them all. In English, we have started our new book called 'The Night Pirates'. The children enjoyed exploring the treasure map, which they had found in our classroom and the pirate pictures around the room. We then found some treasure in our sand tray. All the children were very excited to find out why the pirates came to our classroom. In understanding the world, as mentioned last week, we are exploring the life cycle of a chick. We now have six very cute little chicks. The children have named all of them and their names are: Nick, Nancy, Sam, Summer, Lucy and Pat. All the children have enjoyed looking after the chicks and holding them this week. Well done Donaldson class, another great week of learning.



Year 1 - Elizabeth

We have had another exciting week of learning in Elizabeth Class and the children have all worked incredibly hard. In Maths, we have been looking at equal and unequal groups. The children used multi-link to make equal groups from a given number. For example, can you make 4 equal groups from 20 cubes? How else could you group them? In English, we have written our stories, and the children have done fantastically. Everyone was able to write the beginning, middle and end of their story and will be sharing them with their friends today. In RE, we learnt more about Judaism, focussing on Shabbat and how Jewish people enjoy rest and time with their families. In PE, we have been focusing on running skulls and using a tennis racket. Well done Elizabeth Class on your fantastic learning, as always.



Year 2 - Curie

It has been another wonderful week for Curie class. Well done for your continuous effort. In Maths, we have been learning about thirds in fractions. The class have been looking at different pictures and determining how many equal parts it has been split into and how many shaded parts are represented. They then had to write this as a numeric fraction. They have learnt that one third means 1 out of 3 equal parts. We then went on to learn about whole fractions. We used the same principles to determine how many counters the whole was comprised, how many equal groups it was split into and the value of each part. This was then progressed to working out a fraction of a whole number. E.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6. The class worked hard with this and have made excellent progress.

In English, the class have been planning a beginning, middle and an ending for the dragon machine story. They were tasked with changing the names of the character, creating a different type of machine, and writing a different ending. They had to write using the past tense, un-prefix words and using conjunctions. There have been some lovely pieces. Keep up the good work.

In Computing, we have started a new unit on presenting ideas. The class have been learning about what an E-book is, how mind maps are used and that nodes are a way of representing ideas using text and images. The lesson was based on the story, Goldilocks and the three Bears. The class were intrigued with the story concept map and enjoyed seeing how the node buttons opened further details of the story. E.g. for the story characters, each node button brought up Goldilocks, Daddy, Mummy and Baby Bear. The next way of presenting a story was through quizzes. We looked at the different styles of questioning, such as multiple choices, labelling, text entries, sequencing and grouping objects to the correct category. The class had fun answering the questions. Amazing effort from everyone.



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning activities. In Maths, we focused on finding fractions of quantities, using practical resources and real-life examples to help us understand how to divide amounts into halves, quarters, and thirds. In English, we began planning and writing our own prequels to the story How To Live Forever, ensuring we use adverbials, noun phrases and speech in our writing. We also enjoyed our weekly swimming lesson, where we continued to build confidence and practise our strokes in the water. In PSHE, we learned about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, discussing what rights every child should have and why they are important.



Year 4 - Mandela

In Mandela class we have begun writing our Biographies of Howard Carter. We researched four different areas of his life and then have used fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses to make our writing interesting. In History, we continued learning about the Vikings and what the Danelaw was. We learnt that Alfred the Great created the Danelaw where the Vikings then ruled. However, it did not work for long and the Anglo Saxons and Vikings continued to fight. In Maths, we have now moved on to money. We are using our decimal knowledge to help convert from pounds to pence. In PE, we learn how to sprint and then ran races against each other.



Year 5 - Attenborough

This week, Year 5 have been using calculations to work out angles in Maths. In English, we have been engaging with our new book, Kasper: Prince of Cats. We have used the perfect tense form to help describe events which have either recently happened or are ongoing. In PSHE, we used the online Band Runner game to help us think about how we might be respectful to others while playing games online. In History, we discovered how the Olympic Games vanished for hundreds of years before returning with many new sports. Next week, in Maths, we shall be learning about coordinates and how to translate points on a grid. In English, we shall use descriptive vocabulary to build a character description. We shall practise using sentence structures using 'when' as a conjunction. We shall revisit using the perfect tense form to write a letter.



Year 6 - Luther King

What a week it's been for our amazing Year 6s! You've all shown such maturity, focus and determination throughout your SATS – we couldn't be prouder. It was lovely to see so many of you at breakfast club each morning, chatting and laughing together. It really helped to start each day in a calm and positive way. After the last test on Thursday, we had some well-earned fun – we ripped up our practice papers and had a 'snow' storm in the classroom with biscuits and juice to celebrate! Then we headed to the outdoor classroom, which was decorated with bunting and balloons, for a special celebration. Everyone received a certificate and their leavers hoodie – a moment to remember! As a school, we're all very proud of you, and as your teachers, Mrs Stoughton and I have loved seeing how brilliantly you've handled this week. Well done, Year 6 – you've smashed it!



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