



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I have spent a great deal of time this week reading and writing on the children's annual school reports which have gone out this afternoon. It has been a joy to read so many positive reports and to see how well the children at St Mary's are doing. This is the third set of annual school reports that I have done at St Mary's and I have never read so many that are so encouraging of the children's individual efforts in the classroom and how focused they are in their lessons. It is this driven and focused approach that we are striving for at St Mary's. A separate letter has gone out with the reports explaining two additions to this year's reports. The first is a pupil and parent comment slip. In previous years we have got the pupils to comment on their reports in school, but this year we would like you to sit with your child and talk to them about their report and their learning and then there is a section for parents and carers to comment as well. For us this is an important way of engaging parents in what is going on at school. Please return that slip to your child's class teacher in the week after half term. The second thing we have added to the report is an attendance chart. The reason for this is to emphasise the importance of high levels of attendance for a child's learning. Anything below 90% – which is the equivalent of three weeks and four days missed – is considered as persistently absent. This figure is set at a national level, not by us at St Mary's, but we continue to do all we can to ensure that the children are in school as often as possible.

As you will have seen from another letter that has gone out today, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Egerton as the new Deputy Headteacher at St Mary's. We congratulate her on her appointment and she will begin in post immediately after we return from the half term break. I am very grateful to Mrs Stoughton who has undertaken the role of Interim Deputy Headteacher and for all the work that she has done in that role.

As we come to the end of this half term and looking at our half termly value of responsibility, I leave you with the following quote from Denis Waitley:

"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

Have a good half term.

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:

257

286

274

270



Well done Hedgehogs!

1047

973

1017

940

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Arthur

Year 1 - Polly

Year 2 - David

Year 3 - Lola-May

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Tallulah-May

Year 6 - Oliver Wo

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	96.1%	
Curie	92.2%	
Donaldson	92.2%	
Elizabeth	92.2%	

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 23rd May	Annual School Reports issued
26th - 30th May	Half Term
Tuesday 3rd June	Year 5 & 6 K'nex
Friday 6th June	Pyjama Day
Friday 13th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 27th June	Rainbow Run
29th June - 2nd July	Year 6 PGL
Friday 4th July	Rainbow Run (Reserve date)
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

Holy Spirit, prompt us When we kneel to pray; Nearer come, and teach us What we ought to say. Holy Spirit, help us Daily, by thy might, What is wrong to conquer, And to choose the right Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about sharing numbers into equal groups, this is to help the children's understanding of odd and even numbers. We have played different kinds of odd and even games, which the children have enjoyed. In English, we are continuing our book called 'The Night Pirates'. The children came into the classroom this week to discover that the pirates had left us with a treasure chest, golden coins, a pirate telescope and pirate capes to wear. We then wrote a sentence explaining about what we had found in our classroom and wondering how the pirates came into our school. In arts and design, the children enjoyed exploring different paints by doing a whole class activity. The children painted different kinds of pictures which were, pictures of mummy and daddy, painting numbers, painting the sun and lots more. Well done Donaldson class, another great week of learning.

We hope you have a lovely half term!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

We have had lots of fun and worked hard this week in Year 1. In Maths, we have continued making groups and focussed on sharing amounts of cubes equally. In English, we published our stories and have had a whole class focus on letter formation and handwriting. The children had wonderful fun on Wednesday afternoon, completing their beach collages based on the artwork of After Wallis. They used a variety of different coloured and textured papers to recreate a beach scene, and their final pieces all look fantastic displayed in our Art Gallery. The children have also been working extremely hard with their Phonics, and we are really seeing the wonderful progress they are making. Please continue to work with your children over half-term to help prepare them for the Phonics Screen Check in the week beginning the 9th June. There will be some extra practice materials sent home today. We hope you have a wonderful break and thank-you for your continued support.



Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have had another brilliant week and are looking forward to a well-deserved half term break. Well done.

In Maths, we have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions. The class were determining the equal parts, the parts shaded and the numerical fraction amounts that had been shaded from different shapes. They then moved onto matching items to the correct fraction amounts. Lots of progress has been made with this. Well done and keep on practising. They have also learnt that unit fractions have a 1 for the top of the fraction and non-unit fractions are 2 or more for the top fraction. The class have then progressed onto learning about three quarters and drawing these as representations.

In English, we have started a new book called 'Toys in space' by Mini Grey. A box suddenly appeared in the classroom filled with different toys, which were labelled with different addresses. The class were tasked with being detectives again and brainstormed ideas where they thought the box came from and how they could return them to their rightful owners. Lots of great discussions. We have also started to read the book. The story toys were left out in the garden by mistake and have mixed emotions about being left out in the dark. One of the stars in the sky was getting bigger and bigger until it emerged as a spaceship. The class were tasked with writing thought bubbles as to how the animals felt seeing the spaceship. They had to use questions, commands, and exclamations in their writing. Excellent ideas and writing Curie.

In Science, we are studying plants. We have been looking at the life cycle of seeds and bulbs. There are different phases of the cycle, so the class had fun acting as seeds on the carpet and gradually growing roots, shoots, and flowers as an adult flower. They ended the cycle by dropping flowering seeds on the carpet for the cycle to start again. Lovely acting which reinforced learning. They also compared the life cycle stages to the seeds and bulbs grown in the class. Well done, Curie.



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Maths, we began our new topic on money, where we explored different coins and notes and practised adding and subtracting amounts. In History, we continued learning about the Romans and focused on Boudicca, discovering how she led a brave rebellion against the Roman invaders. In English, we worked on writing detailed descriptions using powerful adjectives, we have also written our own non-chronological reports on cameras, making sure to include headings, subheadings, and interesting facts. It's been a busy and enjoyable week- enjoy your week off!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class, in English we wrote and then published our biographies on Howard Carter, we also made collages of Tutankhamun to accompany them for our new classroom display. In RE we learnt the story of Rama and Sita, we then discussed the six most important points and what this story tells Hindus about dharma. In Art, we finished our Viking art unit by creating Viking knots in clay. Mandela class have worked extremely hard this half term and we look forward to summer 2 and the exciting activities ahead.



Year 5 - Attenborough

This week in Year 5, we have been problem-solving using coordinates in Maths. In English, we have been using superlatives to describe the Titanic before its launch. In PE, we have been learning how to serve in tennis along with putting together a variety of strokes in rallies. In Computing, we have been completing our maze games and evaluating them. Children enjoyed creating blueprints for designs of their own spacecraft in Art.



Year 6 - Luther King

This week, in English we have started a new book called Grimm Tales for young and old by Philip Pullman. We read, 'The Fisherman and his wife' and discussed the characteristics of fairy tales, like talking animals and spells or enchantment. We read Little Red Riding Hood and wrote from the Point of View of one of the characters. Our value this half term is 'Responsibility' so for 'Thankful Thursday' we made a gratitude tree. We wrote what we are thankful for on leaves and decorated our class tree. In Geography, we are learning about trade locally and around the world. We have been exploring different types of job and grouped them into 3 categories - primary, secondary and tertiary. Did you know ... that Grimm fairy tales don't always have a happy ending?





CERTIFICATE

This certificate is presented to:

St. Mary's C of E primary school, North Mymms

for participating in The Little Recyclers school fundraising programme.
Through clothing donations, you helped to divert textile waste ending up in
landfills.

Date: 21/05/2025

KG collected: 335

Funds raised: 150.75

THE LITTLE RECYCLERS TEAM



Thank you to everyone who donated clothes for the collection this week. We made £150 and ensured clothes are recycled rather than going to landfill! We really appreciate your support.



SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2025

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ENTRY
1-5PM
ADULTS
£2**

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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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