



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have now hit that point in the school year where we are moving into the transition phase: that is preparing our Year 6 pupils for their move to secondary school and we have started to have visits from our new pupils for Reception in September 2025. The Year 6s are wearing their Leavers' hoodies - even in this hot weather! - and they, along with their parents and teachers, are working on planning their leaving events which will take place over the next few weeks. I would like to thank the Year 6 parents who helped with the cake sales on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the end of the school day and to those who actually baked cakes.

We held the meeting for the new Reception parents last week and we have had a number of the 'stay and play' sessions for our new pupils so that they can familiarise themselves with St Mary's. Alongside all of this activity is the planning that is going on for next year, as we make our plans and put the calendar together and schedule various events and trips.

As promised in last week's newsletter, I have sent out a letter today along with our new processes for Attendance at St Mary's. Please read it carefully, so that you are aware of your responsibilities. Our only aim is to work with parents, to ensure high levels of attendance in order that the best social and academic outcomes can be achieved for the children. I would like to thank the members of the PTA who set up last night and worked hard this morning for the Father's Day sale that took place in the hall. It was lovely to see the children choosing things for those important male role models in their lives. However you are marking Father's Day this weekend and whoever you are spending it with, please keep in mind this anonymous quote, which is so applicable to so many of the role models in our lives and those who look after us:

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Friendship



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

223

262

230

183



Well done Hedgehogs!

1586

1542

1509

1330

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Blossom

Year 1 - Taylor

Year 2 - Geroge

Year 3 - Leandro

Year 4 - Charlotte

Year 5 - Cristianna

Year 6 - Rocky-James

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie	99.4%	
Hawking	97.8%	
Donaldson	97.1%	
Luther King	93.2%	
Attenborough	92.6%	

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 20th June	Break the rules day
Wednesday 25th June	District Sports
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	Wednesdays & Fridays
Curie - Year 2	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Hawking - Year 3	Swimming Mondays & Wednesdays
Mandela - Year 4	Mondays & Wednesdays
Attenborough - Year 5	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Luther King - Year 6	Wednesdays & 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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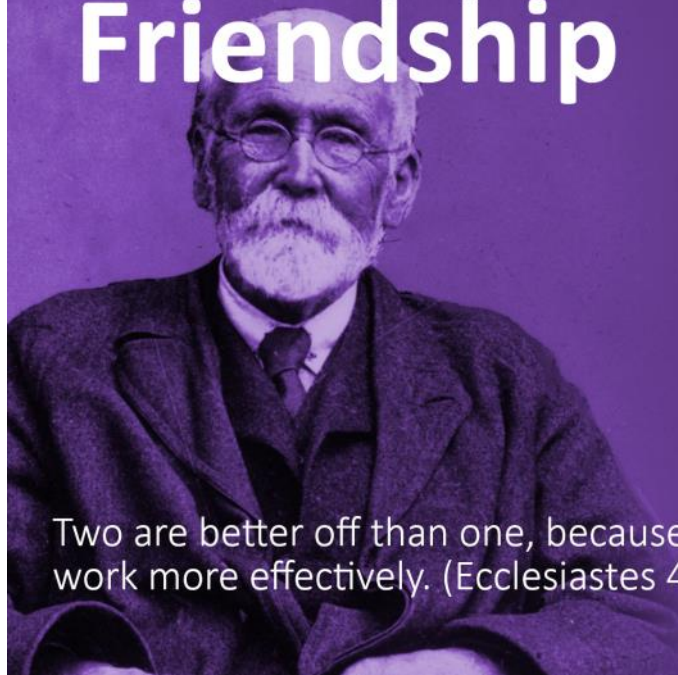


The Joseph Rowntree Award for

Friendship



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*



Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

Prayer of the Week

Thank you, Lord, for giving me friends that I can trust. Help me to be a friend that cares for others, a kind friend who is thankful, shows respect and comforts those people that are sad or upset. Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about mapping and positional directions. The children have been using positional language for example, opposite, in front, behind and lots more to describe which child they are near. Also, we have been looking at different maps to determine where things are by using different directions. In English, we are continuing our book called 'Oi Frog'. The children had to write a question about the book. The children came up with some fantastic questions. For example, Why did the dog sit on the frog? Why do cats sit on mats? In understanding the world, we have been learning about past and present. We looked at the process of growing up, for example we start off as a baby, then a toddler, teenager, an adult and then elderly. The children enjoyed drawing a picture of themselves as a baby and then as they are now. Another great week of learning this week, Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

It has been another exciting week of learning in Elizabeth Class this week. Most children have now completed the Phonics Screening Check and we are incredibly proud of how well they have done. The progress each child has made this year in Phonics, has been truly amazing and we thank-you for your support at home with this. In Maths, we have moved on to looking at quarters of shapes and amounts. In English, we have focussed on verbs and used a range of action words to help us write a letter to give advice to a character in our book. In Science, we had great fun going on a nature walk around the school, identifying different types of trees, and collecting leaves for leaf rubbing . Well done Year 1 on all your hard work this week.



Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have had a brilliant week and have really applied themselves to their work with a positive attitude. Keep up the amazing work.

In Maths, we are continuing with Time. We have progressed to looking at the times past and to the hour using 5-minute intervals. Lots of practice has been done using mini clocks. It is tricky to remember that minutes to, always finishes at 12 and that there are also equivalent times. E.g. 20 minutes to 3 is also the same as 40 minutes past 2. Keep on practising at home and you will master the times. Curie class have been working hard at this so well done. I am also pleased with the increased number of Mathletics certificates being handed out every Friday. Keep on practising!

In English, we have started a new book called 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams. The class read a made-up letter from the Mayor of London that requested Curie class to prepare a poster and speech to promote London tourism. The class was very excited about this, so we started by looking at an example of an expo exhibition. They then worked in pairs and used an iPad to log into the Visit London website. They had to choose on Ancient London landmark, such as the Tower of London and one modern landmark, such as the London Eye. The fun part was to click on their chosen landmark and research two interesting facts to record on their spider diagrams. Well done on doing such great work.

In Science, we are learning about growing and changing. As a class, we shared examples of how we have changed as we have got older. Lots of great examples. We then went on to discuss the different life stages of a baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult and the elderly in more detail. It was interesting to hear from the class what changes they would see for each one. They finished with a task that sorted the life cycle of a human with pictures and wrote a few sentences about what changes have taken place.

Well done, Curie.



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3 has been an exciting journey into the world of time! We've been honing our skills in telling the time in Maths, and to spice things up, we introduced the fascinating 24-hour clock. Over in English, our creativity is soaring as we craft our very own cautionary tales—can't wait to share them! And in French, we've embarked on a delightful new topic: 'les fruits!' A huge thank you to Miss Cotterell for her inspiring teaching this week, and we eagerly await the return of Miss Webb next week!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week, in Mandela Class, we have continued working on our nonsense poems and are now at the publishing stage. We have thoroughly enjoyed writing poems and are proud of what we have produced. In Computing, we have continued working with music and have focused on altering speed. We created our own music and listened and danced to everyone's work as a class. This term our P.E. Focus is Cricket. We are enjoying learning from the cricket coach who comes in to take the lessons. Our Science learning on teeth has continued: we have learnt about different teeth including molars, premolars and incisors. We have also been learning about features of Eastern Europe and we have all researched a country of our choice to enhance our knowledge of the region.

By Daisy



Year 5 - Attenborough

This week, we have written a newspaper report at the time of the Titanic disaster. Children have learned to combine facts, opinions and questions in a way that grabs a reader's attention. In Maths, children continue to apply their knowledge of decimals to addition and subtraction questions. In Computing, we have been learning how to use our Purple Mash program to create 3D models from 2D nets. We are learning all about the continent of North America in Geography this half-term. We located countries on maps this week and identified some outstanding statistics which apply to the continent. Children have identified language relating to where they might live in French and matching it to corresponding images.



Year 6 - Luther King

This week in Year 6, we began our new PSHE topic, Changing Me. The children have shown great maturity and curiosity, asking thoughtful and respectful questions as we explore this important area of learning. We learnt about puberty and the Science behind how a baby is made. It's been lovely to see them supporting one another and engaging so positively with the discussions.

In English, the class has stepped into the world of fairy tales! They've written their own imaginative stories, making sure to include all the classic features—something they double-checked with a fun game of fairy tale bingo! The results have been creative and impressive, with wonderful examples of good triumphing over evil.

Our Science lessons have focused on how diet affects our bodies. The children have enjoyed learning about the different food groups and the impact nutrition has on our overall health.

We've also started thinking ahead to our leavers' songs and assembly, and the children have begun writing down some of their favourite memories from their time at school—there have already been some touching and funny moments shared!

Finally, we said a fond goodbye to Ben this week and wished him all the very best for his new move to Somerset. We'll miss him, and we hope he settles in quickly and enjoys his new school!



The PTA raised over £450 from the Father's Day Sale this morning. Thanks to all those that took part.



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- 1. JUICE IN YOUR BOTTLE, INSTEAD OF
WATER**
- 2. OWN CLOTHES (INCLUDING FOOTBALL
KITS!)**
- 3. HAIR STYLES AS YOU WISH (YES...
COLOUR OR GLITTER SPRAY!)**
- 4. CHOCOLATE OR SWEETS IN YOUR
LUNCHBOX (STILL NO NUTS!)**
- 5. NAIL POLISH AND TATTOOS!**



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