



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is funny to think that, as a nation, we are rarely happy with the weather. It is either too hot or too cold! Very rarely do you hear someone say, this temperature is absolutely perfect! It has certainly been on the warm side this week and it is a greater challenge to keep everyone focused in the heat. Please make sure that, as the summer continues, the children put on sun cream before they come into school and that they bring a hat with them for when they are outside: this is really important to ensure that they remain protected against the sun and we are ensuring that they remain hydrated throughout the day.

Today we have had our break the rules day and the children have enjoyed coming into school in their own clothes, with a wide variety of hairstyles, temporary tattoos and nail polish. It has allowed us to raise money which will support things that we are trying to do at school.

Next week we are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children for September 2025 to the 'stay and play' picnic on Monday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon we have a team who are participating in District Sports at Gosling Park and then on Friday afternoon we have our Colour Run. The final details of this will be published early next week.

As we continue to look at our half termly value of friendship, we are focusing on the friendships we all have and how to maintain them, even when there are disagreements. I leave you this week with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"When friendships are real, they are not glass threads or frost work, but the solidest things we can know."

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:

297

413

215

214



Well done Hedgehogs!

1883

1955

1724

1544

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mrs Pegrum on Star Table.

Reception - Sonny

Year 1 - Meghan

Year 2 - Naveen

Year 3 - Oscar

Year 4 - Zahra

Year 5 - Lenny

Year 6 - John

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie	98.8%	
Hawking	96.7%	
Luther King	93.6%	
Attenborough	93.3%	

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 25th June	District Sports
Friday 27th June	Colour Run
29th June - 2nd July	Year 6 PGL
Friday 4th July	Colour 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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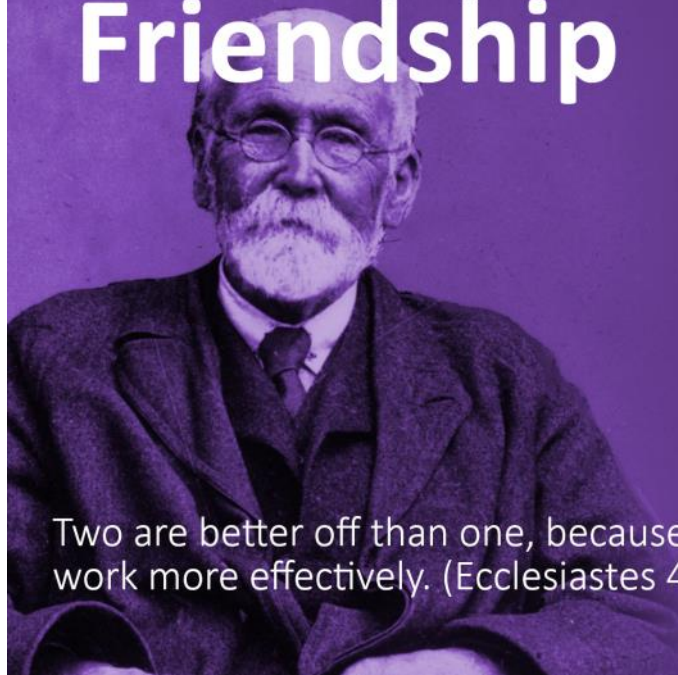


The Joseph Rowntree Award for

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

Dear Jesus, Help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go, flood our souls with your Spirit and life. Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus. Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be light to others. Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been practising our early learning goals for Maths and all the children have done so well at achieving these independently. We have also been looking at three different numbers and ordering these numbers from smallest to largest. In English, we are continuing our book called 'Oi Frog'. The book is all about rhyming and the children have been matching an animal to an object, for example, cat and mat. We then came up with some other rhyming words together and then wrote them down with a picture to match. The children have been really enjoying this book! In understanding the world, we have been learning about computer safety and why it is important to be safe on the internet. We then used iPads to access some educational games for the children to practise using the touch screen. In PE, we did cosmic yoga and the children absolutely loved stretching their arms and feet while still having fun. Another great week of learning this week Donaldson class, keep up the amazing work!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth Class, we have started a new Maths unit. We are focussing on direction and position and started the week looking at turns. The children practised turning their bodies in quarter turns and then experimented using 3D shapes and Numicon. In English, we wrote an instruction text on how to look after our pebble where the children used 'bossy' imperative verbs to start each instruction. In Science, we had lots of fun decorating plant pots and following instructions to plant sunflower seeds. We are looking forward to watching them grow over the next few weeks. In RE we looked at some Jewish Psalms about how God made everybody unique. The children used oil pastels to interpret their understanding of the words, and they came up with some beautiful pieces of Art. Well done on a fantastic week of learning Year 1.



Year 2 - Curie

I would like to start by thanking you for ensuring your children have maintained a high attendance last week. They were super happy about winning Attendance Ted, the trophy, and the extra 10 minutes of playtime. This week has also been good with the attendance. Please keep up the amazing effort. Curie class have also had a productive and busy week and have really persevered with their learning.

In Maths, we have been looking at minutes in an hour. The class first learnt about the seconds, minutes and hours and then discussed which of these key words were the correct answer to questions, such as: It takes me 30 _____ to do 15 jumps. The class used their prior learning knowledge to work out how many minutes there are in a quarter and three quarters of an hour. The key skill here was to convert word times into numbers to make the questions easier to understand and answer. They have worked hard at this, and we have been doing lots of practice. Curie class then progressed further by using the expressions, greater than, equals to and less than, to answer questions comparing two statements. E.g. half an hour ___ 40 minutes. Well done and keep practicing at home.

In English, we are continuing with the Great Fire of London story. We have been using command sentences to create a warning poster, as King Charles II wanted these put around the city. They were tasked with including imperative or bossy verbs in their writing and a conjunction. We brainstormed different ideas, and lots of interesting discussions. A great example provided was, sweep up the ashes after the fire has died. We then studied a picture of burning houses with people shown in some of the windows. They had to create speech bubbles of what they thought the people could be saying to each other using contractions. Excellent effort from everyone.

In PSHE, we have been discussing how the human body changes from young to old. We then looked at a series of pictures and had to work out what the connection was between all of them. Lovely ideas from the class. They then used their whiteboards and had fun writing the letters of the pictures to each stage of a human. Finally, they completed their own timeline for all the stages of a human and wrote what would be done at each stage. Great work, Curie!



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3, we've been busy wrapping up our topic on Time in Maths, where the children have worked on learning to read both analogue and digital clocks, calculate durations of time, and solve simple problems involving timetables. Now that we have finished our unit on Time, we are moving onto Statistics, where the children will learn to read and create bar charts. In English, we've had lots of fun exploring cautionary tale poems, creating imaginative couplets, incorporating moral messages. In geography, we've been learning how compasses work and using the cardinal and intercardinal directions to follow simple directions, which the children have enjoyed. PE continues to be a highlight, with swimming lessons building water confidence this week with personal survival, while cricket sessions are helping develop our skills in bowling, batting, and teamwork. It's been tricky in the heat this week—well done, Year 3.



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Maths, we have been learning about symmetry and reflection and are now at the end of our shape unit of work. We enjoyed making symmetrical patterns through shading. RE this week has been about baptism, we have learnt about infant baptism, adult/believers baptism and confirmation. For English, we have started a new unit of work based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We have enjoyed reading the text so far and have discovered what Turkish Delights are. Our Science learning on the Digestive System continued this week: we have labelled parts of the digestive system by building a picture of the parts.



Year 5 - Attenborough

This week in Year 5, we have continued to learn about decimals in Maths. We have added, subtracted and sequenced decimals down to 3 decimal places. In English, we have been learning about the fictional life of Ada from the Benin Kingdom. We have used contrasting conjunctions to compare what she knew about herself before and after secrets were revealed surrounding her origin. In Computing, we have used a 3D design tool to modify the shape of a truck and to colour its exterior. In Geography, we have learned about the climate of the Caribbean and how hurricanes can leave a devastating impact.



Year 6 - Luther King

Year 6 have had a busy and exciting week of learning (and staying cool!). In English, we've begun exploring Romeo and Juliet, diving into the story of the Montagues and Capulets and discussing the tension between the two families. In History, we've started trialling our brand-new scheme of work with a fascinating topic called Unheard Histories. As part of this, we're debating who should be featured on a £10 banknote, focusing on individuals from history whose stories are often overlooked. Over in Geography, we've now completed our topic on trade, ending with thoughtful discussions about what fair trade means and why fairness matters in the global economy. Maths took a fun (and slightly competitive!) turn this week as we played the Pirate Game, using logic and strategy to win treasure—things got lively as everyone aimed to outwit their classmates! All of this has been achieved while surviving the summer heatwave, with plenty of water bottles, fans, and resilience on show!



St. Mary's School Lunch



Please be reminded that you must pay for lunch **daily** or in **advance**.

Your account should not be in arrears.

If your account is in arrears, you must provide your child with a **packed lunch until the arrears are cleared.**

Your child's lunch must be ordered **by 9a.m.** each day. If you are running late, please email or phone the school with your child's lunch choice. You can find the menu on our website.

If your child's lunch choice is not chosen by 9a.m. you must provide your child with a **packed lunch.**



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