



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a very busy week at St Mary's. On Monday we had a visit from our School Effectiveness Adviser and she was really impressed by what she saw in terms of the progress we have made so far since the Ofsted inspection. She could see how well each of the four areas highlighted by Ofsted are progressing and the difference that change is making. Several parents have also commented positively about how support for SEND pupils has developed since the beginning of this term.

It was lovely for us to host the Reception 2025 'stay and play' picnic on Monday of this week and there was a lovely atmosphere, with both parents and children being excited about joining us in September. Miss Cocks and Mrs Ellis had provided a picnic tea and the children played really nicely in the Reception classroom.

On Wednesday afternoon we took part in the District Sports at Gosling Park. It was a really good afternoon and there were some strong individual performances by our children. We came 2nd in the small schools competition and 7th (out of 10) overall. Thank you to

Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick for organising the team and accompanying them to Gosling Park.

After the Rainbow Run of previous years, this afternoon we have held our first ever Colour Run which was great fun and raised money for the school. Thank you to the PTA who organised it, Mr Lewis who assisted in the marking out of the field and to the staff who helped run it. It was a very successful afternoon and the children (and a few adults!) were thoroughly covered in paint by the end of the event! It is always so nice to see our pupils enjoying themselves in the sunshine.

On Sunday, Year 6, along with Mrs Stoughton, Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Kilpatrick will be leaving for their PGL trip in Suffolk. As we focus on our value of friendship, this is an important few days for our Year 6 pupils as they spend time with their friends – some of whom have been together for seven years – doing some adventurous activities and making some special memories in their final few weeks at St Mary's.

I will leave you, this week, with this quote about friendship from Mindy Kaling:

"Real friends are the ones you can count on no matter what. The ones who go into the forest to find you and bring you home. And real friends never have to tell you that they're your friends."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Friendship

**A friend is always a friend,
and relatives are born to
share our troubles.**

Proverbs 17:17



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

420

396

414

302



Well done Badgers!

2303

2351

2138

1846

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Ned

Year 1 - Heidi

Year 2 - Max

Year 3 - Reynard

Year 4 - Raphael

Year 5 - Charlene

Year 6 - David

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Attenborough 96.3%



Donaldson 94.4%



Elizabeth 94.3%



Luther King 93.6%



Hawking 93%



Curie 92.9%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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	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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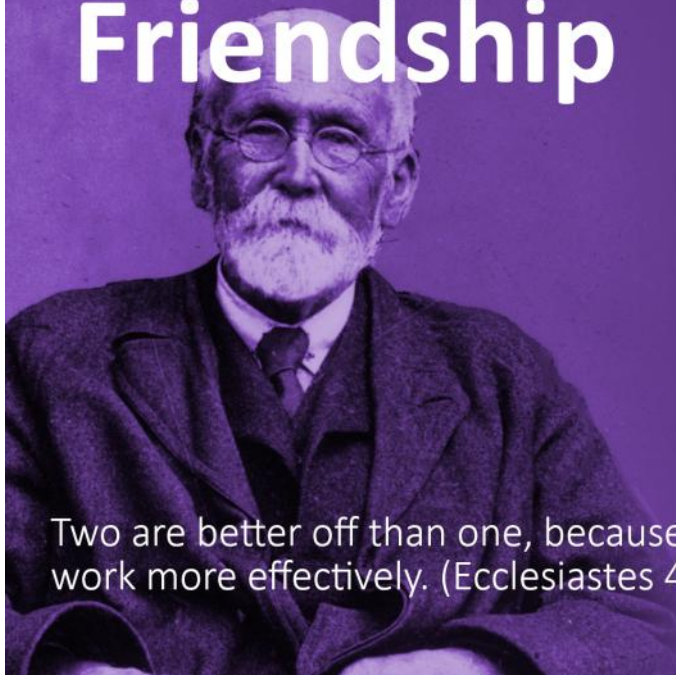


The Joseph Rowntree Award for

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

May the Good Lord smile upon you and bless you every day; May His love and grace surround you and shelter you, I pray; May your days be filled with laughter and the joy of many friends; May God bless you with His mercy and peace that never ends. 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 counting backwards from twenty and the children enjoyed saying the numbers really fast. In English, we have started a new book called 'Izzy Gizmo'. The book is about a girl who invents different things and likes to take her tools everywhere she goes, to fix anything she finds along the way. The children enjoyed writing down some words to encourage Izzy, to not give up with her new invention and to keep trying her best. We then discussed if anyone has had any toys or gadgets, that have gone wrong at home or in school and if they had tried to fix them. In understanding the world, we have been exploring where we live and what things we see when coming to school. We then looked at google earth to see our school and the places that are near the school. In PE, we were jumping over hurdles with our teams, to practise for our sports day, which is coming up soon. Another great week of learning this week Donaldson class, keep up the amazing work!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth Class there was lots of excitement as we watched our sunflowers begin to grow. The children helped to water them and ensured they had enough sunlight. Unfortunately, a few of them have not grown yet, so we have replanted a seed and hope to see them produce shoots soon! In English, we have been retelling the story of Lubna and the Pebble and the children have produced some wonderful writing based on this. In Maths, we have focussed on position and direction and are now moving onto place value working up to 100. In Geography, we enjoyed learning about how the seaside has changed since the Victorian times and the children were able to make lots of links in their learning with our history unit about life in Victorian Britain. Well done Year 1 on an excellent week of learning.



Year 2 - Curie

A huge thanks again for ensuring another excellent attendance last week. Curie class enjoyed their extra ten minutes and had fun on the playground apparatus.

We have had another busy week learning lots of new things. In Maths, we have started a new unit on Statistics and looked at how to count numbers using marking tally charts. We practised counting in 5s, as every 5th number on the tally marks was represented with a diagonal bar. Well done for persevering. We then moved on to looking at data within a table, comparing items and totals. The class had to answer different questions, such as working out the most popular flavour of ice cream. The class finally looked at block diagrams to interpret group information. They would answer questions such as, 'How many more people liked rugby compared to tennis? The class worked hard at this and used their prior learning to work out the answers. Great effort, Curie.

In English, we have continued with The Great Fire of London story. We have brainstormed several reasons why some Londoners should have received a certificate of recognition. Lovely answers from the class, such as helping to pull down the houses or using leather buckets filled with water to help put out the fire. The class produced some beautiful certificates. Well done. The class then moved on to planning a fact file for the Great Fire of London. They used various subheadings on their spider diagram planners, such as, 'What was London like in 1666?' and wrote different facts about it. This is in preparation for a detailed write up on their chosen subheadings to create a booklet.

In RE, we have been learning about special places for believers. The class have compared Jewish people, Muslims and Christians and have learnt about their different places of worship. E.g. Muslims go to a Mosque and Jewish people go to a Synagogue. We then went on to look at the different features of a Church, such as a font, a baptism pool, and an altar. The class engaged well with the lesson and watched videos to consolidate their knowledge. Keep up the excellent effort, Curie.



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3 has been full of exciting learning across different subjects. In Maths, we have explored statistics, learning how to read and create pictograms and bar charts to show information clearly. We also published our cautionary tale poems in English, which were full of imaginative warnings and interesting rhyming language. We have now begun reading our new book *Our Tower*, and the class have already enjoyed listening to nature around school and creating their own soundscape poem. In geography, we started learning about map coordinates and how to use them to locate places on a grid. In DT, the children have finished designing their 'moving monsters' and the next step will be the creating... It's been a busy and productive week!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week we have been busy learning about direct and indirect speech using our core text. Our learning on the digestive system continues in Science and in Maths, we have started a new unit called Position and Direction. We have understood writing and reading coordinates quite quickly and were able to see the link to line graphs. In RE, we were looking at the significance of baptism to Christians and we designed congratulatory postcards for the occasion. Cricket continues and we would like to say a big thanks to Coach Sam for making the sessions lots of Fun. Lastly, we are super excited about the Colour Run! Than you everyone for organising it.



By Lily and Maisie

Year 5 - Attenborough

This week in English, we embarked on an exciting literary adventure with the captivating book, 'Children of the Benin Kingdom.' The stories transported us to a vibrant world filled with rich culture and history, igniting our imaginations and sparking engaging discussions among classmates. In Maths, we looked into the intriguing realm of negative numbers. We unravelled the mysteries behind them, exploring how they work both in theory and in practical applications. Who knew learning about numbers could be so thrilling? Meanwhile, our Geography lessons took a creative turn as we put our poetic skills to the test. We focused on the Caribbean, crafting beautiful poems that celebrate its stunning landscapes, lively cultures, and the spirit of the islands. Each piece reflected our unique perspectives and appreciation for this region. What a week full of learning and creativity it has been!



Year 6 - Luther King

It's been another action-packed week in Year 6, full of learning, creativity, and preparation for some exciting upcoming events!

In history, we've been exploring the fascinating lives and legacies of monarchs. From the power struggles of Henry VIII to the influence of Queen Elizabeth I, pupils have enjoyed diving into the past and discovering how these rulers shaped the world we live in today. They have been using evidence to decide if Alfred the Great or Queen Elizabeth I was the most significant monarch.

In English, we've continued reading Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, focusing on the dramatic clash between Benvolio and Tybalt. Using adverbials, the children have written vivid passages to describe the fight—suddenly, without warning, with great fury, swords were drawn and the tension soared!

Over in Science, our young investigators have begun planning an exciting heart rate experiment. We've been thinking carefully about how to make it a fair test—discussing what we will keep the same, what we will change, and what we will measure. Everyone is looking forward to testing their hypotheses and analysing the results.

A special highlight this week has been practising our leavers' song. Singing together has brought plenty of laughter and we hope everyone will start learning the words at home too—it's going to be a memorable performance! Don't forget - Year 6 parents are invited to the Year 6 Memories & Rewards Assembly on Thursday 17th July from 1.30pm.

Finally, we're buzzing with excitement as we prepare to head off on our residential trip this Sunday. The weather is looking great, and we can't wait to make more memories together. We look forward to seeing all of you who are joining us.



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