



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week at St Mary's has been overshadowed by the very sad news of the tragic death of one of our former pupils who was only 13 years old. Many of the staff who knew her so well and the pupils have felt this loss very keenly, but most importantly we continue to keep her family in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. May she rest in peace. I am very grateful to Rev Ruth who came into school on Wednesday morning to help support some of the children and also to the various external agencies who have offered support to the school.

The Year 6s left for their PGL residential at Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk on Sunday and returned on Wednesday afternoon. The group was led by Mrs Stoughton, Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Kilpatrick and the children had a fantastic time being involved in various adventurous activities during the few days that they were away and, in some cases, overcoming their fears as they participated in several activities! We are very proud of the way in which they behaved while they were away and I am very grateful to the staff for taking the trip and giving the children such a superb experience.

There is much to which we can look forward during next week, with Sports Day taking place on Wednesday afternoon and then Transition Day on Thursday, when our Year 6s go to visit their new secondary schools and all the other children get to spend time with their new teachers for next year during the morning. For various reasons there has been a delay in publishing the staffing for next year, as we are still finalising certain aspects of it. However, it will be sent to parents and carers ahead of next Thursday.

On Friday next week we are holding our termly Arts Afternoon at 3.30pm where the children who want to perform or show some of their work are able to do so.

During the following week we have our Parents' Evenings for Reception to Year 5, both of which will be in person, so please do sign up for them when the appointments go live.

Our half termly value of friendship seems even more poignant this week, as we think about those in our wider school family who need support, so I will leave you this week with the following quote from Henri Nouwen:

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*"The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing... not healing, not curing... that is a friend who cares."*

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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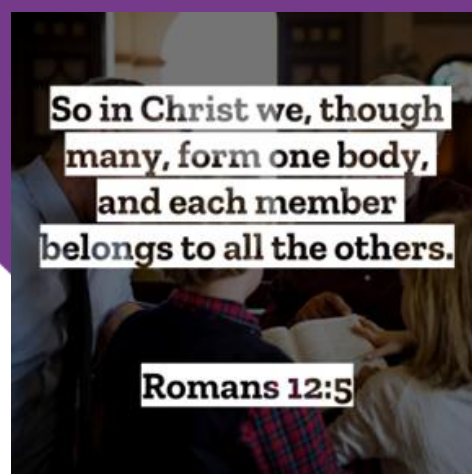
4th July 2025



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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:

**205**

**207**

**194**

**150**



**Well done Hedgehogs!**

**2508**

**2558**

**2332**

**1996**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Henry**

**Year 1 - Callie**

**Year 2 - Peter**

**Year 3 - Thomas**

**Year 4 - Isabella**

**Year 5 - Sheyla**

**Year 6 - All of Year 6**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Attenborough 94.3%**



**Curie 94.1%**



**Hawking 93%**



**Luther King 92.4%**



# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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
Wednesday 22nd October	Inset Day
Thursday 23rd October	Inset Day
Friday 24th October	Inset Day
27th—31st October	Half Term

## CLASS PE DAYS

<b>Elizabeth - Year 1</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays
<b>Curie - Year 2</b>	Wednesdays & Thursdays
<b>Hawking - Year 3</b>	Swimming Mondays & Wednesdays
<b>Mandela - Year 4</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays
<b>Attenborough - Year 5</b>	Wednesdays & Thursdays
<b>Luther King - Year 6</b>	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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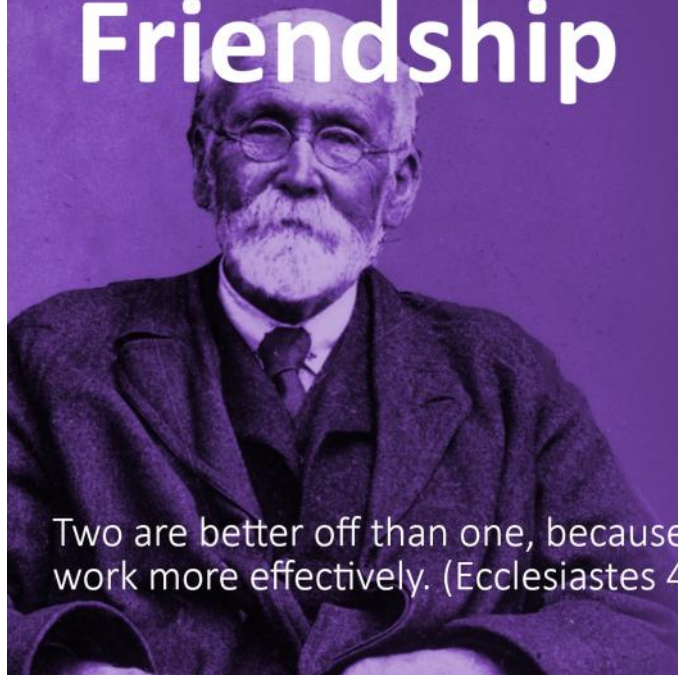


The Joseph Rowntree Award for

# 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 Father, I treasure my wonderful friends so much. Thank you for their presence in my life. I ask that you would watch over them and lead them into hope and blessing. I trust that you will protect and hold them when life is hard. Lord, help me to be a good friend to them. Amen.

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been practising ordering numbers from smallest to largest and all the children have worked hard to achieve this. We have also been learning about odd and even numbers. In English, we are continuing our book called 'Izzy Gizmo'. In the book Izzy came across a crow without any wings. I asked the children how they think the crow would be feeling without being able to fly anymore. The children came up with some fantastic answers. For example, sad, upset, disappointed, shy, angry and frightened. We then had a go at writing these words down onto a post-it note and sticking it onto the board to share with the class. In arts and design, we have been using our fine motor skills firstly, by using play dough, to create their own home. Then, to use scissors to cut different kinds of lines. In understanding the world, we have been looking at the United Kingdom and where we are on the world map. We have also, been looking at the different countries that we are close too. Another great week of learning this week Donaldson class, keep up the amazing work!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth Class has worked extremely hard during Assessment Week. We are so proud of how everyone has tried their very best and remembered so much of their learning... it has been wonderful to see the progress they have all made since the start of the year. In Geography, we learnt about the importance of keeping our seashores clean and what happens when single-use plastic enters the oceans. The children produced some wonderful posters to remind everyone of the dangers of littering and how we can make a difference. In English, we are starting our final text of the year, 'Iggy Peck, Architect'. We transformed our classroom into an architect and building room this morning to learn all about what architecture means. The children had brilliant fun working in a group to design and construct mini-buildings from Playdough, Lego, wooden blocks, and other materials. They then presented their ideas to the class and labelled their work. Keep up the wonderful efforts Year 1!



## Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have had a busy week with their summer term assessments in English and Maths. They have all tried their best, so well done.

In RE, we have continued with what makes some places special to believers. The class focussed on comparing what happens during worship at a church and synagogue. We looked at pictures from both perspectives and had a class discussion based on their observations. We discussed that churches have a welcome by the priest, hymns or songs, prayers, and communions. In a synagogue, they also have special prayers, Torah readings, the opening of the Ark ceremony and a Rabbi's sermon. Great discussions!

In PSHE, the class have been learning about being confident, what is liked and disliked and being able to ask for help. We then went on to discuss the types of touches that were liked and disliked and how it made them feel. We had some brilliant discussions. Some examples of touches that were liked were hugs, high fives and being spun around. Examples of touches that were disliked were being pushed or barged out of the way. Great engagement from the class.

In Geography, we learned about what schooling was like in Gambia compared to our school. There were lots of interesting facts, pictures and videos that prompted deeper questions and curiosity. Lots of comparisons were made to our school. However, the class were very envious when they found out that Gambian school's finish at 1.00pm every day. Well done Curie for your discussions and engagement.



Poppy and Rocky James attended an inclusive tennis event at Oaklands college and met Nitro, a gladiator from the BBC show Gladiators.



## Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3 has been a hot and busy one! The children tackled their Reading, SPaG and Maths assessments with great focus and determination, and I've been really impressed with the effort they put into each task. They also enjoyed three energetic PE lessons—swimming, football, and cricket—showing fantastic enthusiasm, skill, and teamwork in each. In DT, we began creating our 'moving monsters', and I've already seen some wonderfully creative and well thought-out designs starting to take shape. It's been a great week of learning, fun, and showing what they're capable of!



## Year 4 - Mandela

This week we have been completing our end of year assessments: we demonstrated great perseverance and we are very proud of ourselves. Our key highlight this week was our football taster session with Woody's, who will be running an after school football club next year. Lots of us are eager to join and improve our footballing skills. In Reading, we read extracts from Alice in Wonderland and The Wizard of Oz, they were difficult to comprehend as we had lots of 'reading between the lines' to do. In order to answer the comprehension tasks. In computing, we have started a new unit of work on Artificial Intelligence. We were puzzled by the name but quickly came to realise we know a lot about it, because we are familiar with the term AI. Our Geography learning was about Climates and our Cricket skills continue to develop.

*By Raphel and Charlotte*



## Year 5 - Attenborough

A busy week in Year 5, we have completed our assessments. We had a great taster Football session from Woody's. We have really enjoyed having Attendance Ted this week, having won the Attendance award last week.



## Year 6 - Luther King

Welcome back, Year 6! What a week it's been! We've just returned from our exciting residential trip to PGL, and we couldn't be prouder of how the children represented St Mary's. Despite the very, very hot weather, they kept positive attitudes throughout, worked brilliantly as a team, and truly were a credit to our school.

Staying in tents brought a real sense of adventure (and some great laughs), and it was a joy to watch the children support each other, face their fears, take on new challenges, and persevere through it all. From zip wiring to raft building and many more activities, every single one of them showed resilience, courage, and kindness – a fantastic example of everything we value at St Mary's.

A huge thank you to the children for making the trip so enjoyable – your company was a delight – and to the staff who made it all possible.

Back at school, the children who didn't attend PGL also had a brilliant few days! They joined the lower school classes and completed a creative project full of imagination and fun. They baked cakes, made slime, and even designed their very own theme parks – and let us tell you, the ideas were absolutely amazing!

Whether at PGL or in school, Year 6 have shown just how talented, creative, and resilient they are. Well done to every single one of you – we are so proud.



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