



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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11th July 2025

The weather is getting warmer and warmer, but work continues at St Mary's! Firstly and most importantly this week are our SATs results. These are such a massive improvement on last year's results and I want to thank Mrs Stoughton, Mrs Hutchinson and the Year 6 team for all the hard work that they have done throughout the year which has led to those results being achieved. However, I must also pay tribute to the Year 6 pupils and how hard they have worked in order to do as well as they have done - they should be very proud of themselves: we are certainly very proud of them!

It was lovely to have so many of the St Mary's community come together on Wednesday afternoon for Sports Day. I would like to thank you to Mrs Egerton, Mr Kilpatrick and Mr Lewis and other colleagues for the work that they did in preparing the event. It is the first time that we have had races for the parents in my time at St Mary's, although I'm not sure whether the suggestion from one parent that we should have a teachers' race is one that we will take up next year! I am delighted to report that our School Effectiveness Adviser visited St Mary's yesterday and she was impressed by the progress that has been made since the Ofsted inspection last March. The document that I promised parents detailing our improvement plans since the Ofsted inspection will be published next week.

Yesterday was Transition Day: our Year 6s went to visit their new secondary schools and the children at St Mary's spent the morning with their new teachers which they really seemed to enjoy as we look forward to the new school year in September.

As we continue to consider our half termly value of friendship, I leave you this week with the following quote from S.E. Hinton:

*"If you have two friends in your lifetime, you're lucky. If you have one good friend, you're more than lucky."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Friendship

Let us consider how we  
may spur one another  
on towards love and  
good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**228**

**162**

**135**

**144**



**Well done Hedgehogs!**

**2736**

**2396**

**2467**

**2140**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated this week for Star Table.

**Reception - The whole class**

**Year 1 - The whole class**

**Year 2 - Joannah**

**Year 3 - Poppy**

**Year 4 - Rishika**

**Year 5 - Izzy**

**Year 6 - Tomi**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Donaldson	95.6%	
Elizabeth	93.8%	
Curie	93.5%	
Hawking	92.2%	

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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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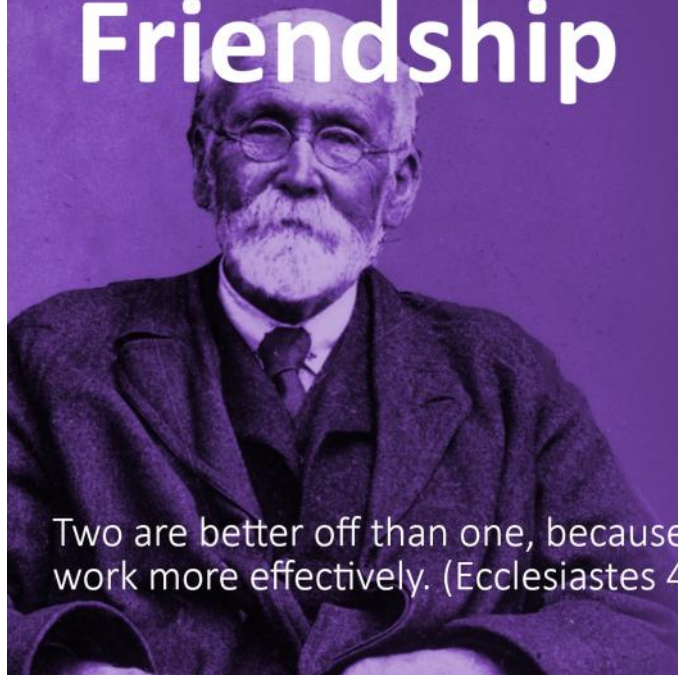


The Joseph Rowntree Award for

# 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 the smallest to largest and all the children have worked hard to achieve this. We have also been adding numbers together and writing the sum on a whiteboard. For example  $5 + 2 = 7$ . In English, we have come to the end of our book called 'Izzy Gizmo'. The children enjoyed using their imagination to think of an invention that they would like to have in school or at home. They then drew a picture of this and wrote what the invention was. In arts and design, the children enjoyed cutting and sticking tissue paper onto card. They then wrote down the colours that they used, using their phonics knowledge. The main event this week has got to have been Sports Day! The children were amazing at the egg and spoon races and running to the end of the field. We loved how all the children were enthusiastic and eager to give it their best effort. Great work, Donaldson class!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

It has been another exciting week in Elizabeth Class as we near the end of term. In Maths, we have been working with base ten and partitioning double digit numbers up to 100. We have been thinking about one more and one less and estimating where these numbers might sit on a number line to 100. In English, we have continued to enjoy our text, 'Iggy Peck, Architect' and written letters of advice to the main character. The children really enjoyed preparing for Sports Day and taking part in the day. We are very proud of how they all took part and supported each other. The children enjoyed their morning in Year 2 on Thursday morning, and we will continue to think about this transition as we go into our final full week. Well done, Year 1 on another super week of learning.



## Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have had another busy week. For Transition Day, they had the opportunity to see what their new classroom was like and engaged with fun activities. They also enjoyed all the Sports Day activities and had lots of fun. I was inundated with requests from the class to do the events again, as they enjoyed it so much. Well done to the team for organising such a fun packed and engaging Sports Day.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on position and direction. We started the lesson by identifying which bank of words the class thought related to position and direction. E.g. car, behind, towards and red. The class engaged with this activity and confidently answered all the words correctly. We then went on to answer questions that compared different objects and working out which shape was to the left of the blue square or the shape that is between the cube and the sphere. Well done on engaging in the activities.

In English, we have started a new book called, A walk in London. The children were put into small groups and looked at various London souvenirs from Mr Bailey's bag. They then had to work out where I had been and to explain their answers. The focus of the lesson was to ask a range of questions and remembering to use capital letters for proper nouns and using question marks at the end of a question. We looked at 10 different London landmarks with their pictures and had to choose a few and write a range of questions about it. E.g. The London Eye - How much does it cost? How tall is it? Lots of great questions during the modelling phase of the lesson. Well done!

In Science, we have been learning about why a healthy diet is important to stay healthy. We looked at the different food groups, such as carbohydrates, proteins, fruits and vegetables, dairy, and foods high in sugars or fats. We also discussed alternative foods people could eat that still provided the same nutrients. Lots of good discussions. The class had to design a healthy balanced diet, by drawing the food on a plate template and writing the relevant food groups names. A great effort from everyone.



## Year 3 - Hawking

In Maths, we have been covering the mass and capacity topic. This week we have been reading scales and measuring mass in kilograms and grams.

In English we have continued with Our Tower and have continued to plan setting descriptions and dialogue exploring a range of new adjectives.

On Wednesday we had Sports Day! Our sack race was great fun, and it was great seeing how happy and excited you all were. Congratulations to Hedgehogs for your Sports Day win!

Yesterday we had our transition morning in Year 4 with our new teachers Mrs Egerton and Ms Williams. The children painted a background with sponges for a display and told their new teachers all about themselves. We can't wait for Year 4!



## Year 4 - Mandela

In Maths, we have learnt about translation: we understand that it means moving from one position to another on a grid. In English we have created our own fantastic beasts and potions. Thursday was Transition Day and we got to meet our new teacher, see our new room and create self portraits for display. We also wrote about and shared our likes as a way of getting to know each other better. One of our reading lessons involve watching a movie and answering questions about it. This was very different but we liked it. Sports day was enjoyed by all: our highlights were the three legged and sprint races.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

This week in Year 5 we have enjoyed having Miss Cottrell as our teacher. In Maths we finished our unit on negative numbers. In English, we have read 'The Jabberwocky' and written our own nonsense word poems. On Thursday we spent the morning with Mrs Stoughton and Mrs Hutchinson who will be teaching us when we start Year 6 in September. It was a great morning and we are looking forward to our final Year at St Mary's.



## Year 6 - Luther King

It's been another exciting and eventful week in Year 6!

In Design & Technology, the children became burger chefs for the day, designing and making their own delicious creations. After exploring different breads, toppings, and sauces, pupils put together some truly mouth-watering combinations — think toasted brioche buns filled with crispy lettuce, melting cheese, tangy relish, and everything in between! There was a strong focus on planning, preparation, and presentation, and the results were both creative and tasty.

We also had our much-anticipated Transition Day this week. Year 6 pupils visited their new secondary schools, meeting new classmates and teachers, and taking part in a variety of taster lessons. It was a great opportunity to get a feel for what September will bring, and the maturity and enthusiasm shown by the children was brilliant. They came back full of stories and feeling more prepared for the exciting chapter ahead.

To top off the week, we had a fantastic (and very warm!) Sports Day. Despite the heat, spirits were high and the energy on the field was infectious. This year featured a new format with a brilliant mix of events, including a fancy dress race for Year 6, which brought lots of laughs and some very creative outfits and the day ended with an epic tug of war. A huge well done to all the children for showing great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. With just a few days left of term, we're looking forward to more fun, reflection, and celebration as we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s



# Sports Day

Some pictures from this year's Sports Day. A particular highlight was the parents race. Thank you to those that took part.



# Colour Run

Thank you to the PTA for a fantastic event!



On Monday 21st July there will be an Ice Cream Van in the playground after school!



### **Travelling to school and road safety**

We have had complaints from residents about drop off and pick up time, so here are some reminders:

Please ensure that you are aware of the principles of road safety.

If you are driving to the school, please observe the 20mph speed limit and do not park across the drives of residents in Dellsome Lane.



# Teddy Bears' Picnic

Fun for all the family at St Mary's Church  
Sunday 13th July  
2 - 5pm



Come to watch the brave teddies parachute from the church tower, enjoy a picnic, and play outdoor games. Refreshments and ice cream are available for purchase.

To book your free timed ticket for the parachute drop\* visit  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms)  
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\*Advance booking  
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