



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

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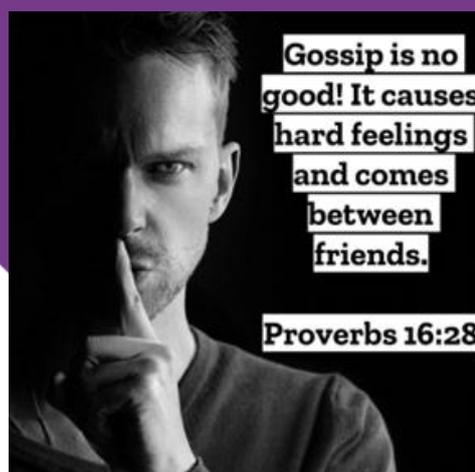
Mrs Sheila Hoile

After two terms of office, over the last eight years, Mrs Hoile has stepped down as our Chair of Governors. Her contribution to St Mary's during her time as Chair has been immense: her support for the school has been total, but most importantly, she has always put the needs of the children first. In Collective Worship this afternoon, she was presented, on behalf of the school, with a little book which both pupils and staff have signed and some flowers. Mrs Hoile was also presented with a Bishop's Certificate, on behalf of the Diocese of St Albans, for her outstanding contribution to the St Mary's community. We thank Mrs Hoile for all that she has done and she is going to be greatly missed.



Our value this half term is:

Friendship



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a very full and busy week at St Mary's!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parents' Consultation Evenings on either Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, as important discussions took place as we think about the children moving up to their new year groups in September.

Year 6 had a very special Leavers' Celebration Day yesterday. Firstly, we had the Leavers' Celebration Assembly in the afternoon, followed later in the day by the Year 6 Leavers' Festival which was highly successful. It was good to see Year 6 parents attending both events. I want to thank Mrs Stoughton, Mrs Hutchinson, Miss English and Mrs Brooks for all the hard work that they put into making yesterday such a success, as well as the team of Year 6 parents who worked for much of yesterday to support and prepare the Year 6 events.

This morning, we had our two Rock Steady concerts, the first for the parents and the second for the school. It is great to see what the children have achieved over the last term with Jordan, their band leader, and the hall really rocked as their enthusiasm came over for what they were doing.

At Collective Worship this afternoon we had a particular focus on the departure of our Chair of Governors, Mrs Sheila Hoile, and made a presentation to her on behalf of the school, as well as the Award of a Bishop's Certificate on behalf of the Diocese of St Albans. Mrs Hoile has given tremendous service to St Mary's over her two terms of office since 2017, where her focus has always been in ensuring the best outcomes for the pupils. We thank Mrs Hoile for all that she has done: she is going to be greatly missed.

Going out with the newsletter today is the overview that I promised parents about how we have responded to the recommendations of the Ofsted Report, following the inspection in March, and I have included some comments from our School Effectiveness Adviser on how effective the progress has been.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I will conclude with the words of the Irish blessing that I use at the end of every term:

"May God hold you safely in the palm of his hands, until we meet again."

Have a good weekend and a good summer break when it arrives on Wednesday.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



HOUSEPOINTS



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

195

180

207

162



Well done Rabbits!

2931

2576

2674

2302

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Godwin

Year 1 - Ellie

Year 2 - Leo

Year 3 - Harrison

Year 4 - Maisie

Year 5 - Seyi

Year 6 - Amelia

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Luther King	97.6%	
Hawking	95.8%	
Curie	94.1%	
Attenborough	92.9%	
Donaldson	92.8%	



Date	Event
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

District Sports

Well done to all the children who competed in District Sports!



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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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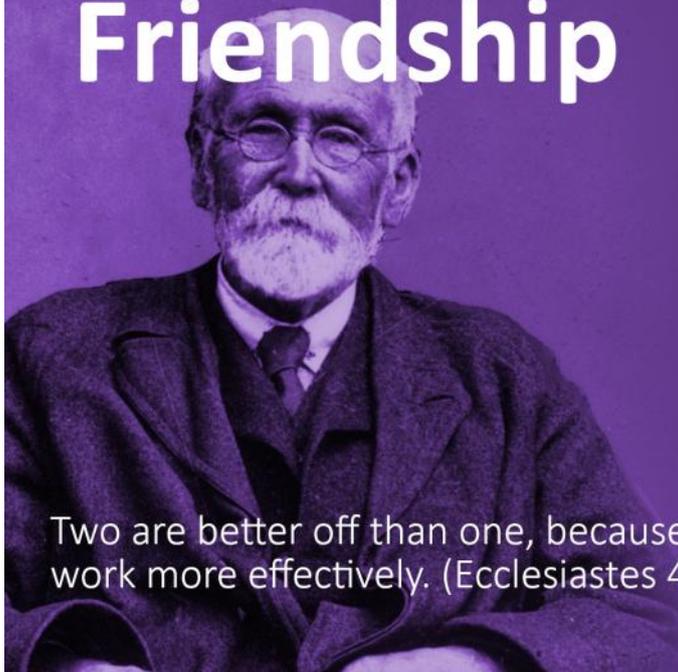


The Joseph Rowntree Award for

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 God give you... For every storm, a rainbow. For every tear, a smile. For every care, a promise. And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share. For every sigh, a sweet song, and an answer to each prayer. Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been exploring clocks and how they work. We then looked at different kinds of clocks around our room and some clocks we have at home. We have also been adding numbers together and writing the sum on a whiteboard. For example $5 + 2 = 7$. In phonics, we have been practising writing a sentence using our Fred talk. The children have been amazing by remembering a capital letter at the start of the sentence, finger spaces and then a full stop at the end. In arts and design, the children enjoyed using their fine motor skills, to cut paper into small pieces and to stick them onto card. In understanding the world, the children enjoyed using the iPads to access educational games. In PE, the children loved playing the tag game, where two children had to tag the other children to get them out of the game. Lastly, well done to all of Donaldson class for winning attendance Ted last week, the children loved their extra ten minutes of playtime! Another great week of learning Donaldson class, onto our last few days together!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

We have had a fantastic time in our final full week of Year 1! The year really has gone by so quickly, but it has been wonderful to see how much the children have all grown and thrived.

In Maths, we have been learning about money and the children have done very well to recognise the coins and notes; beginning to understand the different values of each one. In English, we have been focussing on spelling and learning to spell a variety of 'tricky words' that cannot be spelled phonetically. In RE, we thought about the world, focussing on the Creation Story. We thought about what Christian and Jewish people believe about how God wants us to care for it.

We are looking forward to our ice creams this afternoon and our final fun few days next week!



Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have been slowly winding down and preparing themselves for the summer break.

In Maths, we have been continuing with position and direction. We have focussed on a quarter, half and full turns when answering questions on shape rotations. They had fun rotating themselves like robots to learn these fundamentals. E.g. pointing to each side of a wall is quarter of turn. We then moved on to learning about clockwise and anticlockwise and combined this with the object rotation vocabulary. The class worked hard and persevered with this. Well done.

In English, we have continued with the book, A Walk in London. We have been practising writing a setting description for St Paul's Cathedral. We started by describing the features of St Paul's Cathedral, and then discussed which adjectives would be the best to describe it. We then watched a short tour of the outside and inside of St Paul's Cathedral and paused the video to write appropriate noun phrases. E.g. Tall, golden ceilings. The final task was to write a setting description using the present tense and noun phrases. There were some particularly good examples written.

In Computing, we looked at creating pictures in the style of the artist William Morris. The class had fun learning how to rotate shapes and using the different presets and zoom tool to get fantastic results. We also used the 'Slice tool' to create rotational patterns. Different effects were made by adjusting the angle of the design area. Amazing designs, Curie class.



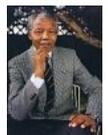
Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3 has been full of creativity, learning, and preparation! In English, we have been busy writing diary entries, using descriptive language to share our thoughts and feelings, as a character from our current book. In Maths, we continued exploring mass and capacity, working with different units and solving problems. We also completed some beautiful artwork for our upcoming end of term church service. As the term comes to a close, we've started getting ready for Year 4, reflecting on how far we've come and looking forward to the exciting challenges ahead!



Year 4 - Mandela

For our final full week in Year 4, we have enjoyed watching our friends perform in the Rock Steady Concert and had a taster session, in an outdoor assembly from S and S, who run the Drama Club. The S&S assembly was great fun because we got to watch the adults - especially Mr Petty - dance to Matilda's Revolting Children. Our wizardry work on Harry Potter continued with us creating our own house names and writing diary entries as house elves. We challenged ourselves to use similes and synonyms to avoid repetition. On Friday, we completed an Island project, where we had to create a new island and use our geographical skills to place it in the world.



Year 5 - Attenborough

Our last full week of the school year has been a busy one. We have watched the Year 6 leavers' assembly which was great to see how much they have enjoyed their time at St Mary's. Rock Steady performed their end of term concert to the whole school. This was a fantastic display of musical talent throughout the groups. We will be bringing home our work books so our families can see what we have been learning this year.



Year 6 - Luther King

What an unforgettable week it's been for Year 6!

One of the highlights of the week was undoubtedly the much-anticipated Leavers' Awards and Memories Assembly, which took place on Thursday. After weeks of hard work and rehearsal, our fantastic Year 6 pupils finally took to the stage to perform for the whole school and their families. The assembly was a heartwarming celebration of their time at primary school, filled with beautiful songs, a touching poem, shared memories, and of course, the funny awards, presented by Mrs Stoughton and Mrs Hutchinson. Laughter and a few happy tears filled the hall as we looked back on a journey full of growth, friendship, and joy.

As if that wasn't enough excitement, the day continued with a fabulous after-school Festival of Celebration! The field was buzzing with energy as the children enjoyed a huge inflatable, sparkly face glitter, delicious food and drinks, and all kinds of fun props and photo opportunities. There was a hilarious game of "Guess the Teacher", but the ultimate crowd-pleaser was the epic water fight – where absolutely no one was safe, not even the teachers! By the end, everyone was soaked and smiling, the perfect way to cool off and cap off a day of celebration.

It's been a week full of laughter, emotion, and well-deserved celebration. We are so proud of everything our Year 6s have achieved – the countdown to their next adventure is on!



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.



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Thank you for your support with this!

The PTA

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