



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term Issue 1
5th September 2025

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Although we have only had two days, it is great to be back in school as the new term and the new year begins. It was wonderful, yesterday morning, to see the children running through the gate and there has already been a positive and purposeful atmosphere around the school and it is really good to have the St Mary's community back together. I always feel that it is an exciting moment standing on the cusp of a new year, with the hopes of all the things that might lie ahead as we start the Autumn term and we move the school forward. It is also important to remind ourselves of our Mission Statement which outlines why we are here:

"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."

Before the end of last term, I shared with parents and carers the priorities of our post-Ofsted Rapid Action Plan and those four priorities remain our focus for the next 12 months. The first is the development of our SEND provision; the second is the development of the Early Years curriculum; the third is the development of the whole school curriculum and the final focus is the continued improvement of attendance.

We are always looking to increase our engagement with our parents and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings which start on Monday morning of next week. Elsewhere in this newsletter. You can find the details of which class meetings are taking place on which day. Please do take the opportunity to attend these meetings and meet with your child's class teacher and teaching assistant.

As we have only been back for two days, there are no stars of the week, attendance awards, House points or class paragraphs this week, but they will return next week.

Alongside this newsletter, you will see that, as we always do at the beginning of a term, we have attached our Attendance Information sheet, both to remind you of the importance of high levels of attendance and of the protocols that we introduced during the course of last term and which remain in place. At the beginning of this term, we are also sending out a form for updating contact details. Periodically, we do find that a parent has changed their phone number and hasn't let us know, so please complete the attached form and return it to your child's class teacher.

Our value for this half term is respect and I will finish my first newsletter contribution of the new year with a quote from Ayad Akhtar:

"The secret of a happy life is respect. Respect for yourself and respect for others."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Respect

**Respect everyone,
love your fellow-
believers, honour
God, and respect
the authorities.**

1 Peter 2:17

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SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 22nd October	Inset Day
Thursday 23rd October	Inset Day
Friday 24th October	Inset Day
27th—31st October	Half Term
Thursday 18th December	Term ends—School closes 1:45pm
Friday 19th December	Occasional Day—School Closed
Monday 5th January 2026	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 6th January	Term starts—Children back at 8:40am
16th-20th February	Half Term
Friday 27th March	Term ends—School closes 1:45pm

Meet the teacher meetings

We will be hosting 'Meet the Teacher' meetings from next week.

All meetings will start at 8:55am and will take place in your child's classroom.

Monday 8th September - Year 4

Tuesday 9th September - Year 2

Wednesday 10th September - Year 3

Thursday 11th September - Year 6

Friday 12th September - Year 5

Monday 15th September - Year 1

CLASS PE DAYS

Donaldson - Year 1	Wednesdays & Fridays
Elizabeth - Year 2	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Curie - Year 3	Mondays & Thursdays
Hawking - Year 4	Mondays & Tuesdays
Mandela - Year 5	Mondays & Wednesdays
Attenborough - Year 6	Mondays & Thursdays

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The Elizabeth Fry Award for

Respect



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

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Prayer of the Week

Bless us, O Lord, in our teaching and learning. Give to enquiring minds wisdom and understanding. Inspire us all with your justice and peace and bring us always to delight in your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.



The PTA, Friends of North Mymms St Mary's, are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-north-mymms-st-marys/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

The app you download will link with your internet browser and notify you of Company websites you're on that are affiliated with easy fundraising. This allows you to easily know when a purchase you make can lead to a donation to us.

Thank you for your support with this!

The PTA



North Mymms Book Swap



North Mymms Memorial Hall

Saturday 6th September 2025

10am-12 noon

**Refreshments, homemade cakes, tombola and
face painting.**

All monies raised donated to MacMillan Cancer Support

Organised by North Mymms Book Swap and supported by North Mymms Parish Council

WOODY'S

SPORTS ACADEMY



ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL FOR YEARS 1 - 6

Thursday 11th September - Thursday 11th December
(13 weeks)

3.20pm - 4.35pm

Our sessions will help
develop your child's football
skills, build their confidence
and most importantly be a
lot of fun!



- **Price: £84.50**
(discounted price)
- **Per session: £7.50**



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Afterschool Musical Theatre!



St Marys C of E Primary School



Dance. Act. Sing. Perform.

Join us after school for our Musical Theatre Club!

The classes will offer all three disciplines: Singing,
Acting and Dancing.

Each term will be based on a different musical and
end with an awards ceremony and showcase!

KS1 Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

KS2 Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

£8 a session (paid termly or installments)

Email us at info@sarahandstageproductions.com to

book your space!

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