



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

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12th September 2025

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have had a really good first full week back this week.

Firstly, I want to thank all those parents who have attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. I always say that it is the partnership between home and school that ensures that we get the best results for the pupils. It is an important opportunity at the beginning of a new school year that we should give parents the chance to meet the teacher and hear about what is planned for the children during the year ahead. We are always looking to create opportunities to engage our parents and we have been delighted to be able to speak to so many of you over the last few days and we just have the Year 1 meeting left for next Monday morning. You will have learned of our plans for some of the trips that are taking place this term and further details have either already been or are about to be circulated. These enrichment opportunities enhance what is going on in the classroom and, if you look at the curriculum plans that have been shared with each year group, you can see what topics the children will be covering. Whilst it is early in the term, please do put the dates of our Parents' Evenings, which are before half term, in your diary now so that you can discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. The dates of the Parents' Evenings are Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October. Regular contact between home and school is so important for progress, so please prioritise these dates.

It has also been a great pleasure to welcome our youngest pupils to St Mary's this week, as they begin their educational journey with us and, after half a day in school on Monday, lessons began for them on Tuesday morning. Some of the Reception children have found the transition very easy, whilst others are still getting used to it: that is part of the joy of a new school year and seeing the children settling in.

The other great achievement from this last week is that St Mary's was awarded the School Games Mark Silver Award for 2024-2025. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme which celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport within their school and community. It allows schools to assess their PE provision and create an action plan for improvement. Over the last year, Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick have been working hard towards this award and, whilst we had been aiming for a Bronze Award, we were absolutely delighted to achieve the Silver Award, which was presented to Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick yesterday afternoon.

I am also delighted to report that six of our seven classes have achieved attendance of 95% or above: this is a terrific achievement and I hope that this will be maintained as term progresses!

As we continue to look at our half termly value of respect, I will share a quote from Jane Goodall, after whom one of our classes was previously named:

*"Let us develop respect for all living things. Let us try to replace violence and intolerance with understanding and compassion. And love."*

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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## **A Welcome from the SENCo**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families as we begin this new academic year, and a special welcome to those joining us for the first time.*

*As SENCo, I am here to support pupils with their learning and wellbeing and to work in partnership with you to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive. If you have any questions or concerns relating to SEND, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or your child's class teacher.*

*You can contact me by emailing [senco@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk) or via the school office, where you can request an appointment or a telephone call. My working days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday (mornings).*

*Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every child flourish.*

*Warm regards,*

*Mrs Cherry Pegrum*

*SENCo*



## **Our focus for SEND at St Mary's**

To ensure that the school has a high-quality SEND provision, that expectations for all SEND pupils are high and that the school has the most effective systems in place to support those pupils.



## **What we have done since Ofsted visited in March 2025:**

- New SENCO has been appointed
- A full review of the SEND provision is being undertaken
- A new referral process and flowchart has been put in place
- Response times have been greatly improved
- Parents of SEND pupils are begin engaged to a much greater extent
- The Assess Plan Do Review (APDR) system has been streamlined and improved
- More pupils are having their needs met

# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**130**

**109**

**97**

**94**



**Well done Badgers!**

**130**

**109**

**97**

**94**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated this week and had their lunch with Mr Petty on Star Table.

**Reception - The whole class**

**Year 1 - Blossom**

**Year 2 - Callie**

**Year 3 - Joannah**

**Year 4 - Harrison**

**Year 5 - Lily**

**Year 6 - Sheyni**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Watson	99.2%	
Elizabeth	98.3%	
Hawking	98.1	
Attenborough	97.9%	
Donaldson	97.5%	
Curie	95%	

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 14th October	Parents' Evening (in person) 3.30pm –6.00pm
Wednesday 15th October	Parents' Evening (in person) 3.30pm –6.00pm
Wednesday 22nd October	Inset Day
Thursday 23rd October	Inset Day
Friday 24th October	Inset Day
27th—31st October	Half Term
Friday 5th December	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Tuesday 9th December	KS2 Christmas Carols—5:30pm
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Production—2pm
Thursday 11th December	KS1 Christmas Production— 9am
Friday 12th December	Rocksteady Concert—9:30am
Monday 15th December	Reception Nativity—2pm
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch
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

## CLASS PE DAYS

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

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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 Elizabeth Fry Award for

# Respect



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

Respect everyone, love your fellow-believers, honour God, and respect the authorities. (1 Peter 2:17)

## Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Help us to love everyone, whoever they are.

Help us to include everyone in the things we do.

Help us to be thankful for the people who help us.

Help us always to treat people with respect.

Amen.

## Reception - Watson

We just wanted to say how fantastic Watson class have been on their first week at school. We have been impressed by how well they have all adapted very quickly to the school routine and expectations. This week has been very busy but it has been a fun week. In Maths the children have been learning about matching, sorting and comparing different objects. In phonics we have been focusing on the sounds S, A, T and P then we have been learning how to write these letters correctly. All the children have loved story time where we have been reading lots of different books and singing their favourite songs at snack time. The children enjoyed their first PE lesson of cosmic yoga and following the instructions of how to stretch their bodies. Most importantly, the children have enjoyed their first week at school and we shall look forward to welcoming them back to the second week.



## Year 1 - Donaldson

We have had a fantastic start to the year and could not be prouder of how well Donaldson Class have settled into Year 1. The children have adapted brilliantly to the new routines and are working extremely hard in all their lessons. We have been enjoying our new Phonics Scheme, and this week have learnt the sounds 'ai' and 'ee'. In Maths, we have focused on counting and sorting objects by colour shape and size, recording our work in our Maths books. In English, we are reading the book, 'The Naughty Bus'. On Monday the bus made a big mess in our classroom, and the children had to think about what might have happened. We learnt about adjectives and how they help us to describe nouns. The children came up with their own adjectives to describe the naughty bus and wrote a sentence using a capital letter and full stop. In Art, we learnt about the artist Piet Mondrian and talked about the colours he uses in his paintings. We then had great fun replicating some of his work, thinking about the colours we were using in different spaces. It really has been a fantastic week in Year 1 and we are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and fun.



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

It was really nice meeting the parents and carers of our new class at the 'meet the teacher' presentation. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you over the school year.

The children are settling in and slowly adjusting to the new work. I am getting to know them and was really impressed with how they articulated themselves during the 'show and tell' lesson. An impressive start.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on place value. The class have been learning to write numbers to twenty using numerals and words. They then practiced using tens frames, counters, and base ten dienes to determine number representations. The focus has been on tens and ones. Good effort. The class were excellent at counting to one hundred in tens and used this prior knowledge to work out how many groups of tens and ones were shown in their questions. Well done.

In English, we have started reading our book on Goldilocks and the three Bears. We first looked at the meanings of nouns and adjectives and used examples around the class. E.g. a ruler is a noun. A green, plastic ruler, the adjectives are green and plastic that describe the ruler. The class have been tasked with planning a wanted poster for Goldilocks, for breaking and entering the three Bear's house. To do this, we have been discussing the different adjectives describing Goldilocks and have used the conjunction 'because' to explain our adjective choice. I am looking forward to seeing their final wanted posters. Great effort, Elizabeth class.

Finally, in Science we have started a new unit on living things and their habitats. We discussed what the five main senses were and went on to watch a video about how the Venus fly trap plant uses its senses to catch an insect. We then went on to discuss the different life processes. There was lots of good engagement. We ended the lesson by having four groups working on a presentation from a selected life process. Each person in the group was allocated a task, either a speaking or acting part. A good effort working together to present to the class.



### **Year 3 - Curie**

We've had a wonderful first week in Year 3! The children have settled back into school brilliantly and have already thrown themselves into lots of new learning. In English, we've started exploring two exciting books – Leon and the Place Between and Stone Age Boy, which has links to our new History topic 'the Stone age, the Bronze age and the Iron age'. In Maths, the children have been building on their place value knowledge, and in science we've begun investigating the human skeleton. This week also marked our very first French lesson – a brand-new subject in Year 3 – and the children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity. It's been a fantastic start to the year, and we're looking forward to everything the term ahead has in store.



### **Year 4 - Hawking**

The children have settled well into life as Year 4s! In English, we have started reading Varmints, a story that makes us think carefully about nature and how people treat the world around them. In Maths, we have been working on place value, learning how numbers are made up of thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones, and practising different ways to represent them. For PE, we have begun learning about netball, learning some of the rules, as well as doing some fitness activities to build our stamina. In Art, we have been looking at the Italian Futurist Movement Manifesto, exploring how artists expressed speed, energy, and modern life through bold colours and shapes.



### **Year 5 - Mandela**

This week, we have an exciting start to our new topics of learning. In English, we are working with the text Hidden Figures and have received our NASA/ NACA badge's, making us official employees. In Maths, we have been learning about the place value of numbers up to 1 million. Whole Class reading has seen us working on Rapid Recall and VIPERS reading skills. In Science we are learning about our Solar System and our Friday comprehension has taught us some more about our planet Earth. Bench-ball and Capture the Flag were our PE Sessions this week.

*By Raphael and Nancy*



## Year 6 - Attenborough

We've had a fantastic first week back in Year 6! It's been great to see everyone return with such positive energy and enthusiasm. This week, we've spent time settling back into routines and discussing the high expectations we have for behaviour, learning, and leadership. As the oldest pupils in the school, Year 6 are now stepping into their role as role models — a responsibility they are already taking seriously.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the 'Meet the Teacher' evening. It was lovely to see so many of you and to begin building that important partnership for the year ahead.

In class, we've jumped straight into some exciting new learning. In History, we began our topic on the census, looking at how it's changed over time — and even conducted our own class census to get hands-on experience! In English, we've started reading *Boy in the Tower*, and the children are already intrigued by the setting and the characters they've been introduced to so far. In Maths, we've kicked things off with a focus on place value, laying strong foundations for the term ahead. The children have applying to become team captains and sports ambassadors and creating 'All about Me' bunting.

We've also started our Play Leader training, learning how to support and lead games for younger pupils during playtimes — a great opportunity for Year 6 to show their leadership in action.

It's been a busy and exciting start, and we're looking forward to everything this term has in store!





We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick who led the application. We look forward to applying once again in 2026 and reaching for Gold!



### **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.





## ST MARY'S CHURCH, NORTH MYMMS

North Mymms Park, Tollgate Road, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7TN

Tel: 01727825578 Registered Charity No: 1130079

### COFFEE POTS AND TINY TOTS


**Our Baby and Toddler group meet every Wednesday morning from 10-11.30am (Term times only)**

Our hall has plenty of space for free play, crafts, stories and songs

\*(school term times only, dates in brackets mean it's half term)

**Drop-in fair from 2pm**

Explore stalls from local support and information services

 SEND  
0-25 years  
Hertfordshire's Local Offer

 SPACE

**Author talk with Cathy Reay:  
How to be Disabled and Proud**

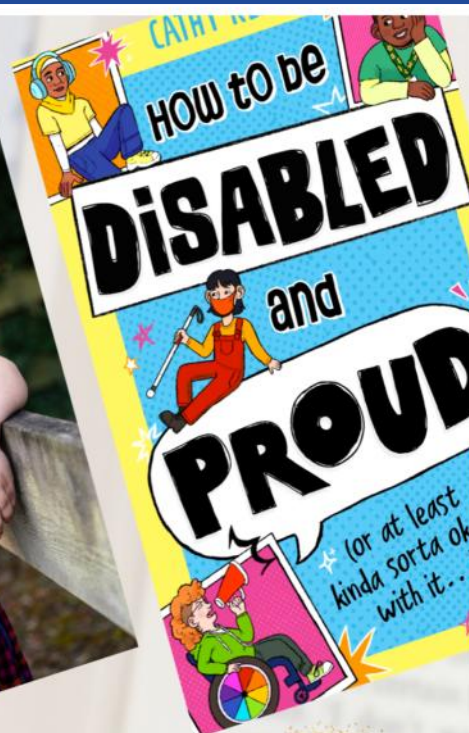
**Wednesday 1 October, 5pm**

**Welwyn Garden City Library**

Suitable for parents and carers

Book your free ticket in the library

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries100](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries100)



# **An Autumn Serenade** *Coming Home*

Join us for a programme of choral music including folk songs, pop classics and a 1945 tribute

performed by

**Positif Chamber Choir**  
directed by Jill Knight



**Saturday 4th October at 5pm**  
**St Mary's Church,**  
**North Mymms, AL9 7TN**

Tickets £12 for adults, £5 for under 16s  
Available from Ticketsource or at the church

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms)





**Fourth Sunday of the month from 2.30pm.  
We will have an activity at church in our outside  
space relating to the Season.**

**Dress appropriately for the weather and all to get  
involved.**

No need to book, just turn up or go to our website  
[stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk](http://stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk)  
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