



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

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26th September 2025

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The highlight of the week has to be the Year 5s taking part in the cross country at Stanborough on Wednesday afternoon. All the children ran really well, with three of the children making it through to the District finals in October! We are so proud of all the children and I am very grateful to Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick for organising the children's participation in the event.

Going out with the newsletter today is the 2025-2026 Home/School Agreement. Please go through it with your child or children, sign it and return it to school via your class teacher. One needs to be completed for each child and it is also important that the everyone understands what is expected of them.

At the very beginning of term we sent out a form asking you to confirm the details that we hold for your child. We are still waiting for some of those to be returned, so please return those to the school office next week. It is important that we have up to date contact details in case of an emergency and in case we need to make contact with parents during the school day.

There is a lot for us to look forward over the coming week: on Monday we will be voting for the new House Captains for this year. The Year 6s who want to stand for election have written their speeches and will present them to the other pupils in their Houses on Monday morning and a vote will then take place. On Tuesday, Year 2 and Year 5 are heading off on their school trip to the Natural History Museum in London. On Wednesday, all the children have their school photographs. Children who would usually come in wearing their PE kit on a Wednesday should wear their school uniform and, for this one day, bring their PE kit in with them so they will change after the photographs.

In Collective Worship this week we have continued to think about the value of Respect and, on Monday, we thought about how we are unique as individuals and how we must show respect by celebrating the diversity that exists in our school community and in our world. I will conclude with a quote from Bryant McGill who said:

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Respect



Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

220

321

194

241



Well done Hedgehogs!

555

521

456

545

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Piper

Year 1 - Reggie

Year 2 - Heidi

Year 3 - Prabhleen

Year 4 - Cristiano

Year 5 - Isabella

Year 6 - Izzy

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth

99.1



Watson

94.5%



Curie

93.5%



Hawking

92.9%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 1st October	Individual School Photos
Monday 6th October	Harvest Festival—10am St Mary's Church
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

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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

May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy, go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness. May the Son who teaches us to care for stranger and foreigners, go with us as we try to be good neighbours in our communities. May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community, go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all. Amen.

Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, in Maths we have been looking at patterns and capacity. The children enjoyed simple action patterns, by clapping, jumping and hands up, making it into a repeated pattern with their partners. Also, the children liked exploring capacity by filling up different size cups. For example, full, half full, a little bit and empty using mathematical language. In phonics we have been focussing on the sounds G, O, C and K and have been practising how to write these letters correctly.

In arts and design, the children did conker rolling with paint which they found exciting. They also used dabbers with paint to mark-make a tree using Autumn colours. In RE we looked at the Harvest Festival and why it is important for Christians. Another fabulous week Watson class, keep up the amazing work!



Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson Class, we have been planning our very own version of 'The Naughty Bus' story. Each child has created their own 'naughty' character and have decided what the main event in their story will be. The children have begun to write a sentence to represent each part of their plan and have done an amazing job at using capital letters and full stops correctly. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers and beginning to use the greater, than and lesser than symbols. In History, we thought about special memories in our lives and added them to our personal timeline which shows when we were born up until the present day. Well done on a wonderful week of learning and fun, Year 1!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class have done well this week. I am very proud of how they have engaged with the lessons. Keep up the brilliant work.

Please feel free to come and speak to me about your children or if you have any queries about their work.

In Maths, we are continuing with place value. The class have been learning about expanding numbers into tens and ones from part whole models and base 10. They have done well by remembering to use their tens and ones headings which makes it easier to split the numbers. The lesson also introduced the class to writing number sentences as an addition. E.g. a part whole model with a total of 37 can be expanded into 3 tens and 7 ones. This can be written as $30 + 7 = 37$. The class tried hard at this. Great effort. We have also started to look at number lines to 100. The questions the class have been looking at require filling in missing numbers on a number grid or having a number line in intervals of either ones or tens with missing numbers. They had to work out which number the arrow was pointing to. Well done on this. Remember to write down the values of the intervals first before answering the question.

In English, we are continuing with the story of Goldilocks. The class were tasked with answering Goldilocks concerns about finding wanted posters around the school about her actions. Lovely engagement and responses to her questions. Goldilocks then explained why she ate the porridge, broke the chair by accident and fell asleep in the bed, so we empathised with her and wrote an apology letter to the three Bears on her behalf. Fantastic effort again on their letters. We have just started to plan a role play of Goldilocks meeting up with the three Bears. Both Mrs Shearer and I modelled our acting of what we thought would be said by Daddy, Mummy and Baby Bear to Goldilocks. One group did an amazing job with their role play. The rest of the groups to follow which we are looking forward to.

In PE, the class enjoyed their lesson with Coach Jason. They were introduced to the safe spaces and working areas which were marked out by bands and cones. They had fun practicing underarm rolling using the correct techniques. The session ended by each team having to roll a ball inside one of the four hoops on the ground. More points were offered for the yellow centre hoop. Each team worked well and had to keep their scores. Great engagement from everyone. Well done.



Year 3 - Curie

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting week! In English, the children have been inspired by Leon and the Place Between to write their own magical stories, full of imagination and creativity. In art, they explored the effects of different paint brushes to see how this changes their work. In Maths, the class have completed their topic on place value and are ready to begin exploring addition and subtraction next week. Meanwhile in Science, the children enjoyed a hands-on project building model hands to show how the muscles in our own hands work.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Hawking Class has been full of exciting learning across our subjects. In Maths, we have been practising rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, building our confidence with place value. In English, we have started writing our explanation texts all about the life cycle of plants, using clear structure and scientific vocabulary to share our knowledge. In Music, we enjoyed listening to some Abba classics and thinking about rhythm, melody and harmony, while in French we continued learning about the seasons, practising new vocabulary and pronunciation.



Year 5 - Mandela

In English, we have continued working with Hidden Figures and have ended the week drafting our information texts about these women. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000; comparing and ordering numbers and have explored rounding larger numbers within 1,000,000. This week's History taught us about the working lives of Victorian Children. Some of the jobs children had were in coal mining, textiles mills and in rich people's homes. We have continued reading James and the Giant Peach and have continued developing our retrieval, inference, predicting and summarising skills by answering comprehension questions. In R.E., we have been developing our understanding of religious vocabularies such as omnipotent, holy, eternal, loving and omniscient. We previously did a poster about God.

By Daisy and Mia



Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6, we have been practising and consolidating our strategies for adding and subtracting, making sure to use our place value knowledge from the last couple of weeks. The children have shown real focus and determination in their Maths learning. In English, we have been writing the next chapter for *The Boy in the Tower*—and what excellent writing has been produced! The children worked hard to bring their ideas to life and today had the chance to publish their work before we move on to our new text next week.

In Science, we have been learning all about cold-blooded vertebrates. The children explored the different groups of animals, their unique features, and how they survive in their environments. There were some fantastic discussions and thoughtful questions that showed great curiosity and enthusiasm for the topic.

Yesterday afternoon was an exciting one, as Year 6 went to meet their Reception buddies for the very first time. They introduced themselves with great confidence, spent some time playing together, and then shared a story. It was lovely to see how caring and responsible our Year 6 pupils were with their new buddies, and we are looking forward to seeing these friendships grow over the year.



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



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

17 OCTOBER
FRIDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



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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

Drop-in fair from 2pm

Explore stalls from local support and information services



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



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





**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

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