



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

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2nd October 2025

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy week and the highlight of the week has to be the Year 2 and Year 5 trip to the Natural History Museum on Tuesday. The children (and the staff) came back literally buzzing from the trip and full of excitement for the things that they had seen.

I think the highlight of my own week this week was when I was touring some prospective parents around the school and one of the Year 2 children, who hasn't been with us very long, came up to me and said:

"Mr Petty, I love coming to this school!" As a Headteacher, it is moments like that when everything we are achieving and aiming still to do are made worthwhile. It was a lovely, spontaneous moment and is also reflective of Ofsted's observations back in March when they said "Pupils enjoy coming to school..."

Our improvement journey is still continuing and progress is being made in all the areas that have been identified. You will also find new curriculum documents for some of the subjects on the school's website. We are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church on Monday morning. As always, parents, carers and families are very welcome to attend. If you wish to donate gifts for the Harvest Festival - tins and packet items are the most helpful for the food bank - please allow your child to bring them in with them on Monday morning and we will get them to the local food bank.

A letter is going out about Parents' Evenings which are taking place the week after next. Please prioritise these dates in your diary. When the booking system goes live, please do make sure that you book your meeting: it is an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and to look at their books. There will also be an opportunity to attend the Scholastic Book Fair on those two evenings where you can purchase books for your children to read for pleasure.

More information about the book fair will be circulated next week.

We have continued to look at the value of Respect this week and thinking of the world around us, conscious of the death this week of the environmentalist and naturalist, Jane Goodall, after whom we named one of our classes in 2023-24, I will conclude with the following quote:

*"I'm always pushing for human responsibility. Given that chimpanzees and many other animals are sentient and sapient, then we should treat them with respect."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



Our value this half term is:

# Respect

Every house, of course, is built by someone — and God is the one who has built all things.



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:

**190**

**218**

**128**

**225**



**Well done Squirrels!**

**745**

**739**

**584**

**770**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth

99.1



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

**Reception - Harley**

**Year 1 - Ned**

**Year 2 - Nikita**

**Year 3 - George**

**Year 4 - Ayo**

**Year 5 - Aram**

**Year 6 - Olivia**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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
Friday 17th October	Pyjama Day—Bring a bottle in return for wearing your Pyjamas to School
Wednesday 22nd October	Inset Day
Thursday 23rd October	Inset Day
Friday 24th October	Inset Day
27th—31st October	Half Term
Friday 28th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 5th December	PTA Christmas Sale—In School
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	Flu Vaccinations—2nd Visit
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

Help us to work as a team. May we respect one another for our different talents. Help us to work as a team. May we enable one another to do the best we can. Help us to work as a team. May we care for one another in good times and in bad times. Amen

## Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, in Maths we have been counting to ten. We have been using cubes to help us count and then practising with our partners. We have also been subitising numbers one, two and three. The children were given some paper plates with different amount of dots on them, to see if they can automatically recall the number without using their fingers to count. In phonics we have been focussing on the sounds CK, E, U and R and have been practising how to write these letters correctly. We also have learnt some tricky words which are 'to' and 'the'. The children have done so well at remembering these words and they know that these words cannot be sounded out. In arts and design, the children drew their family pictures and we discussed who is in our family during circle time. Lastly, the children have been practising our harvest song for when we go to church on Monday. Keep up the amazing work Watson class!



## Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in Year 1, we have been finishing writing our stories inspired by 'The Naughty Bus'. The children have done fantastically and written some excellent sentences, remembering to use capital letters and full stops. Next week, we will be beginning our new text. In Maths, we have moved onto looking at part, part, whole models. The children used cubes to represent the two parts, and we added them together to make the whole. In Art, we had lots of fun replicating a Piet Mondrian painting. We used masking tape to create squares and rectangles on some white paper. We then used pastels to colour in the shapes and peeled the tape off. Our next job is to outline the shapes in black marker, and we will post some pictures of our work next week! Well done, Donaldson Class on a super week of learning.



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

A huge thanks to the parents and carers for ensuring a high attendance last week. The class were so happy to have come first and win the Attendance Ted and trophy. They had a well-deserved extra ten minutes of break.

Elizabeth class have had a busy but productive week and have been brilliant with their engagement and discussions. Keep up the good work!

In Maths, we have been comparing two objects or numbers and writing down if they were more than or less than. We recapped on the hungry crocodile that always eats the larger number. The class have also been learning about the more than, less than and equals symbols. We then looked at ordering three objects or numbers from either smallest to largest or largest to smallest. Number lines were used to compare numbers. Great effort on this and keep practising. We finally looked at base ten and picture representations to sort the numbers in order and then to complete a number statement. E.g. if the numbers to choose from were 36, 49 and 53, then  $53 > 49$  or  $36 < 49$ . Keep on practicing with this and great effort.

In English, the class have been learning about comparing two versions of the same story. We have looked at an alternative story to Goldilocks called 'Me and You' by Anthony Browne. We compared how the story settings were different, with one being based in the woods and the other in the city. The class discussed about any other differences between the stories, then had to write their own comparative sentence that included the conjunction 'but' to join their two sentences. Well done on this. We then looked at the same book and studied the other story about Goldilocks that was just picture based. We looked at how her feelings changed from the beginning, middle and end of the story. Lots of great discussions justifying her feelings. The class ended by completing an emotions graph. Well done Elizabeth class!

The class were super excited to be going on a trip to the Natural History Museum. They were very well behaved and enjoyed looking at the different artefacts on display. They engaged well with the Mini beast's session. They enjoyed the story about the fox helping the spider to find a suitable habitat, with props being used, then they were shown a model of a woodlouse and given some interesting facts. The class were tasked with going into the enclosed museum garden in their groups and looked under logs and leaves to find any woodlouse. They used small plastic scoops to put their findings inside a glass container and went back to view their findings under a magnified projector. Lots of great discussions. A wonderful day for Elizabeth class. Well done.

We would like to share some photos of our day at the Natural History Museum.



## Year 2 - Elizabeth



### **Year 3 - Curie**

This week in Year 3, we have started our brand-new maths topic of addition and subtraction, building on our place value knowledge. In English, the children have begun exploring our exciting new book *The First Painting*, which will inspire lots of creative writing over the coming weeks. In art, we have been experimenting with watercolours, learning different techniques to create beautiful effects. Meanwhile, in Science, we have been investigating the nutritional value of everyday household foods and discussing how these contribute to a healthy lifestyle.



### **Year 4 - Hawking**

This week in Maths, the children have moved on from their work on place value and are now tackling addition and subtraction with growing confidence. In English, they were very proud to publish their finished pieces of writing before diving into a brand-new text to enjoy together. PE has seen the class continue to build their fitness and develop their netball skills, showing brilliant teamwork on the court. In history, the children were fascinated to learn about Lord Shaftesbury and how he helped improve the lives of children in the past. We are looking forward to Harvest Festival next week.



### **Year 5 - Mandela**

The highlight of our week this week, was our trip to the Natural History Museum. We were greeted by a gigantic skeleton of a blue whale, suspended in the Great Hall and we saw several magnificent sights, including a giant squid (which we sat under), a mechanical T. Rex and the skeleton of a Triceratops. We thought it was fantastic being out of school to learn in a different environment. In English, we concluded our unit of work on Hidden Figures by publishing our Non-Chronological Reports. We also wrote Autumn poems in preparation for Church next week. In Science, we finished off our clay models of planets by painting them. Some look very realistic with lots of detail. In Maths we are working on Addition and subtraction. We applied our understanding of exchanging but using larger numbers and sometimes with several exchanges. In P.E. We have continued learning basketball skills and playing matches. In P.S.H.E. we are learning about being responsible citizens. We learnt about the UNCRC Articles.

*By Josiah and Raphael*



## Year 6 - Attenborough

Our Year 6s have had a busy and exciting start to the term. The week began with pupils reading their Team Captain speeches in front of their houses, showing great confidence and enthusiasm. After some thoughtful voting, the new captains were chosen, ready to take on their leadership roles.

In English, we have started our new text *Can We Save the Tiger?* which has sparked some brilliant discussions about endangered animals and how humans can help protect them. Science lessons took us into the world of vertebrates, where we explored the special characteristics of warm-blooded animals and compared them with other groups.

In Maths, we've been working hard on divisibility rules and using them to help us with factors, multiples and prime numbers. There's lots to remember, but everyone has shown fantastic perseverance and determination to master these important skills.

It's been a week full of learning, teamwork and curiosity—well done, Year 6!



## 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



Hatfield

**Foodbank**

Together with Trussell

Please bring donations of the following on Monday;

- Tinned soup
- Tinned meat (especially hotdogs or meatballs)
- Baked beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables like peas, sweetcorn or carrots
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Pasta
- Long life juice
- Long life milk
- Small jars of coffee



# 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



## ST MARY'S CHURCH, NORTH MYMMS

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

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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

 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)  
or email  
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