



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term Issue 6
10th October 2025

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week started well with our annual Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on Monday morning. I would like to thank Rev Ruth for leading our worship and for all the classes for their contributions to the service. We are grateful to all those families that donated harvest gifts that will be going to a local foodbank: it is greatly appreciated.

From a sporting point of view, it has been a great week for St Mary's: the Year 4s represented the school very successfully at the indoor athletics on Monday at Stanborough School. Yesterday, the Year 5s and 6s did really well at the District cross country yesterday, with some strong individual performances. Thank you to Mrs Egerton and Mr Kilpatrick for supporting the children in their endeavours.

Next week we have our Autumn term Parents' Evenings and we are looking forward, on Tuesday and Wednesday, to sharing how your children are doing in their studies. There will be a chance at Parents' Evening to look at their books before going to speak to your child's teacher. We are also going to have a book sale from Scholastic Books available for our families after they have met the teachers. More details of that will be circulated on Monday. On Wednesday morning next week, 15th October, we have an Open Day for Reception 2026, which is taking place during the school day at 10am. If you are interested or know of any families who might be interested in coming to visit, please let them know.

Every day, I see children doing their best and showing determination as they work hard. As I had lunch with the children on Star Table at lunchtime today and celebrated their successes with them, it makes me think of the following quote from Theodore Roosevelt:

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty
Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Respect



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

298

303

341

247



Well done Rabbits!

1043

1042

925

1017

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Phoebe

Year 1 - Merabel

Year 2 - Oakley

Year 3 - Robert

Year 4 - Reynard

Year 5 - Mia

Year 6 - Delil

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth

95.5%



Curie

93.8%



Hawking

92.9%



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
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

Dear God, Thank you that you value each one of us. Please help us to treat others with respect. Help us to embrace differences between us. Help us to love others, even if they are very different from us. Help us to see the value in each individual person. Amen.

Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, in Maths we have been continuing to count to ten. We have been playing a game where the children stand in a circle and count up to ten. The child who reaches ten first sits down and then we start counting again from one. This has helped the children understand the counting pattern. In phonics we have been focussing on the sounds F, L, H and V and have been practising how to write these letters correctly. We also have learnt some more tricky words which are 'I' and 'no'. The children have done so well at remembering these words and they know that these words cannot be sounded out. In PE the children have been learning how to move in different directions, by skipping, hopping and galloping. Then learning how to throw and catch a bean bag. Lastly, the children loved going on an Autumn walk to the woods. They found lots of leaves and acorns and enjoyed exploring nature. Keep up the amazing work Watson class!



Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in Year 1, we have started reading a new text called, 'Sidney, Stella and the Moon'. We are imagining what it would be like if the moon disappeared and have been gathering facts about it. We then created our own factual sentences using the information that we have learnt. In Maths, we have continued to explore part-whole models and the children have enjoyed using the resources to create them. We have now moved on to writing 'fact family' number sentences for our part-whole models, such as $4+2=6$, $2+4=6$, $6-4=2$, $6-2=4$. This has been a tricky concept, but the children have worked so hard in their learning. In Science, we learnt about temperature and experimented, measuring the temperature of different glasses of water with a thermometer. We also measured the temperature outside and drew a picture to describe the autumn weather. Well done on an excellent week of learning, Donaldson Class.



Year 2 - Elizabeth

Well done again to Elizabeth class for an amazing result in attendance last week. The class enjoyed their extra ten minutes of break. Some of the children have changed Attendance Ted's outfit during the week and have been highly creative.

We have had another busy week, and the engagement has been really good. Keep up the great work.

In Maths, we have been counting in twos, fives and tens. They have been filling in the missing numbers on the number tracks and using cubes to count and identify number patterns. A series of numbers were also given, and the class had to decide which numbers did not fit a pattern. E.g. 5, 10, 20, 30, 40. The answer would be 5, as the other numbers are multiples of 10. Really good effort.

We have started a new unit on addition and subtraction and have been learning about number bonds. They looked at all the different combinations of two numbers added together to make a digit. They also used tens frames to work out missing values from number sentences. Keep up the good work and continue practising on Mathletics.

In English, the class were working on writing their sequel to Goldilocks and the three Bears meeting 20 years later. They have had fun role playing the parts of what they would say to each other and have been using sentence starters to formulate their stories. A great effort!

We have just started a new story called Jim and the Beanstalk. The class have been learning about predicting stories using just the text and pictures. Lovely discussions and engagement.

In PE, the class have been progressing their rolling skills to different areas of the activity area. They have been learning to move towards the rolling ball and stopping it with their hands and feet. The class played a game where they had to aim for a cone. Their partner had to stop the ball with their feet or hands. Points were awarded for either hitting the cone or stopping the ball. The lesson ended with having five groups of people. One person had to throw the ball into an area when the other defenders were not standing and run between two hoops scoring runs. The runs ended when one of the defenders placed the thrown ball into one of the hoops. Lots of fun was had. Well done Elizabeth class.



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been delving into the world of trade in our history lessons. The children have enjoyed discovering how people in the Iron Age exchanged goods and how this changed daily life for different communities. We had some great discussions about what kinds of items might have been traded and why these exchanges were so important. This learning linked beautifully to our maths work, where we have been developing our understanding of exchanging when working with addition and subtraction. In Science, we continued exploring nutrition and healthy eating by looking closely at the different food groups. The children were fascinated to learn that some of their favourite foods belong to unexpected categories — for example, that nuts are a source of protein and potatoes are actually carbohydrates! The class showed brilliant curiosity and asked thoughtful questions about how our bodies use these foods to stay healthy and strong.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4, we have been working hard in Maths, focusing on formal addition and subtraction methods, including exchanging. The children have shown great perseverance and growing confidence when tackling tricky calculations. We also enjoyed an exciting athletics trip, where pupils represented our school brilliantly with enthusiasm and teamwork. We had a lovely time listening to poems and songs during our Harvest Festival service at the church, taking time to reflect on gratitude and community. In our whole-class reading sessions, we have started our new book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, and the children are already captivated by Charlie's story and the magical world of Mr Willy Wonker!



Year 5 - Mandela

This week we have started a new reading text titled *Coming to England*. We have learnt about the author's (Floella Benjamin) childhood in Trinidad. In English, we finished publishing our Hidden Figures Information Texts and have started a new text called *Firebird*. We have identified verbs in the text and recorded their antonyms. We have also retold sections of the narrative ensuring we maintain tense consistency. In R.E we have looked at how ideas of God are expressed through art. In Science, we learnt about the different phases of the moon using Oreos, which we got to eat. In History we compared children's leisure time from three eras (one being our own) using a Venn diagram. The most challenging part of Maths this week was working on inverse operations. We spent two lessons on it and are beginning to develop a better understanding. *By Delma and Lily*



Year 6 - Attenborough

It has been another exciting week of learning in Year 6!

In English, we began writing our own discussion texts inspired by the book 'Can We Save the Tiger?' Each child has chosen an endangered animal to research and will be using their findings to present different viewpoints about how we can protect it. We are looking forward to completing and publishing these pieces next week, along with our own scientifically drawn illustrations of the animals.

In Maths, we have been sharpening our multiplication skills by practising both the column method and the grid method. The children have been working hard to apply their times table knowledge to tackle more complex problems with increasing confidence.

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(325x4)

(325x50)

$$541 \times 34 =$$

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30			
4			

Science was especially fun this week as we explored the question: What are the characteristics of an invertebrate? To help us understand, we used clay to model and label an insect, a worm, a snail, and a spider. This hands-on activity really helped bring our learning to life. Well done to everyone for their effort and enthusiasm this week—we can't wait to see what next week brings.



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

Please may we ask parents/carers for a metal tea pot and metal saucepans. These can be given to Miss Cocks, our Reception class teacher.



Please do not approach the school gates to our playgrounds/field at break or lunch. We actively discourage the children from speaking to people through the fences.



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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



**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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