



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have very much enjoyed holding the Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week. It was an important chance for parents and teachers to engage in discussion about the progress of the children. It was good to see so many parents attend over the course of the two evenings and I would like to thank all those parents who took the time to come in. I have always said that the way in which we get the best outcomes for the pupils is when home and school work together. It was also a chance for parents to see their children's books and see the work that has been going on in class. A considerable number of parents and children also attended the Scholastic Book Fair and several parents commented on how it reminded them of being at school themselves!

Today we have had our pyjama day, with many of the children coming in wearing their night clothes. In order to wear pyjamas, pupils were asked to bring in donations of bottles for the PTA Christmas event which is being held later in the term.

I have received a thank you note this week for all the Harvest contributions that we donated from our Harvest Festival which have now been delivered by those from St Mary's Church to the food bank at the 12 Apostles Church in Brookmans Park: it is good to know that our donations will make a difference to others.

As we come towards the end of this half term and finish looking at the value of Respect: we celebrate and value the differences that we all have which makes up who we are, I will share a quote from Alexandra Penney:

*"The ultimate test of a relationship is to disagree but to hold hands."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Respect

**"Show respect for old people and honour them. Reverently obey me; I am the LORD.**

**Leviticus 19:32**

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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**340**

**178**

**190**

**112**



**Well done Badgers!**

**1383**

**1220**

**1115**

**1129**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Tilly**

**Year 1 - Henry**

**Year 2 - Isla-Mae**

**Year 3 - Peony**

**Year 4 - Mahrukh**

**Year 5 - Zahra**

**Year 6 - Seyi**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	96.1%	👼😊
Watson	94.3%	😄
Attenborough	94.1%	😄
Elizabeth	93.6%	😄
Curie	93.1%	😄

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 22nd October	Inset Day
Thursday 23rd October	Inset Day
Friday 24th October	Inset Day
27th—31st October	Half Term
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
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
Friday 12th December	PTA Christmas Fayre 3:30pm till 5pm
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

## 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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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, I am so thankful for teachers and teaching assistants who help us persevere in our learning. Help us to show them the respect they deserve. Thank you for giving us so much in such a lovely school. Amen

## Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, in Maths we have been learning one more and one less of a given number. The children have been using cubes on a tens frame to help them add and take away. They have all done really well this week learning a tricky concept. In phonics we have been focussing on the sounds LL, SS, S and FF and have been practising how to write these letters correctly. We also have learnt another tricky word which was 'go'. In PE, the children enjoyed learning new freeze frames, which were star, straight and tuck position. In expressive arts and design, the children explored recycled modelling by using different types of cardboard, to make something of their choice. The children were using scissors, glue, string and tape to create different types of art. Keep up the amazing work Watson class!



## Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson Class, we have been continuing enjoying our English text, 'Sidney, Stella and the moon'. We created 'lost' posters to help the characters find the moon and the children did a fantastic job with their sentences and handwriting. In Maths, we have focussed on number bonds within 10 and have noticed patterns whilst we systematically listed the bonds, e.g.  $1+5=6$

$$2+4=6$$

$$3+3=6 \text{ etc.}$$

In History, we learnt more about what life was like for children in the past. We focussed on toys and the differences and similarities between what children may have played with in the 1960s compared to the present day. Well done Year 1; you are all working so hard.



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

Well done again to Elizabeth class for winning attendance last week. The class enjoyed their extra ten minutes of break and the trophy.

It was really nice meeting the parents and discussing how their children are getting on in school. I hope all the feedback was beneficial and you enjoyed going through their books. It has been another busy week, and the class have continued to engage with their learning. Keep up the good work.

In Maths, we have started a new topic on addition and subtraction. We have been learning about number bonds to 10 using tens frames. The class did well working out the different combinations to 10. Well done on this. We have then moved on to fact families and have learnt to write both addition and subtraction number sentences based on tens frame pictures. They know that the three numbers that are used for the first sum remain the same for all the different combinations. A tricky concept for the subtractions but well done for persevering.

In English, we are continuing with Jim and the Beanstalk. We have been discussing the thoughts and feelings of both Jim and the Giant based on three story events. The first event was the first meeting, the second event was when Jim helps the Giant, and the third event was when the Giant threatens to eat Jim. Lots of great ideas about their thoughts and feelings. A great effort from the class.

In History, we have been looking at the similarities and differences of schools now and one hundred years ago. We discussed how things have changed in the classroom, from the wooden benches to chalk boards. Lots of interesting discussions. The class then had to match different sentences about schools to the correct columns, being now and the past. Well done Elizabeth class.



## Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been working hard in Maths, focusing on column addition and subtraction. The children have been practising how to exchange ones for tens and are becoming much more confident using these new strategies. In English, we have been writing our own narratives inspired by the story "The Last Drawing". The children have taken great pride in publishing their finished pieces, which are now displayed in our brand-new publishing books!

In computing, we have been developing our coding skills by learning how to add timings to animations, making objects appear and disappear on screen. The class have really enjoyed experimenting and testing their ideas through coding challenges. To end the week, Year 3 are very excited about their upcoming trip to the Science Museum, where they will be exploring the topic "Animals Including Humans." This visit will help deepen their understanding of how the human body works and how it compares to other animals — a fantastic way to consolidate their Science learning from this half term.



## Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4, we have been developing our subtraction skills, focusing on solving 4-digit subtraction problems that involve exchanging. We have also been learning how to use inverse operations to check our answers and rounding to estimate, helping us to see if our answers are sensible. In English, we have been writing our own legend narratives, creating mythical creatures. We are also coming to the end of our music unit on ABBA, enjoying listening to and performing some of their most well-known songs!



## Year 5 - Mandela

In English, we have finished reading and are currently writing our own Firebird inspired stories with a focus on adverbials. In Science, we have drawn day, night and seasons diagrams and have talked about the rotation of the earth. We have continued reading Coming to England. In Maths, we have finished our unit on Addition and Subtraction and have consolidated our understanding of re-grouping, as this is what we found most challenging. In Art, we have explored texture and describe their feelings. Our History unit has come to an end and this week; we learnt about diseases such as Smallpox and The Plague.

This week was a very hard working week!

*Daisy & Mia*



## Year 6 - Attenborough

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. Your support and engagement are truly invaluable, and it's always a pleasure to discuss the children's progress with you. Working together plays a vital role in helping them achieve their full potential.

This week, our Year 6 children have been buzzing with excitement as they put the finishing touches on their final pieces of writing inspired by the thought-provoking text *Can We Save the Tiger?* Their work showcases not only their growing writing skills but also their passion for environmental themes. Alongside their writing, the children have been illustrating their pieces with great care and creativity, bringing their words to life. We can't wait to share their incredible efforts with you soon!

In Science, we explored how Carl Linnaeus classified the plant kingdom into four key groups: mosses, ferns, conifers, and flowering plants. The children really enjoyed getting hands-on with this topic — especially creating jars to represent one of the plant groups. It was a fantastic, engaging activity that brought their learning to life!

A gentle reminder: on our PE days, children must wear the correct school PE kit, not general sportswear. This helps maintain consistency and ensures all pupils are dressed appropriately for school activities. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Did you know we are a referral agency for the Hatfield Foodbank? Speak to Mrs Jones in the office if you have any questions or need a voucher to be issued.

## Gardening Club

Our Governor Helen Lee and Volunteer Reader Tessa Thompson came in to school to harvest their crops from gardening club. Thank you to them and the children for such a successful club.



## The PTA

### **Clothes collection:**

Thank you to everybody who donated clothes for the clothes collection. We will confirm the amount raised by the collection after half term.

### **Christmas fun afternoon:**

The PTA are pleased to announce we will be running a Christmas fun afternoon on Friday, 12th December after school. All parents and children are welcome to come and enjoy some festive games, crafts and a mince pie! Santa may even make a visit too!

Thanks for the all bottle donations today, they will be going towards a bottle tombola at the Christmas fun afternoon!

More details will be released after half term.

### Headlice

Headlice can make your head feel itchy or like something is moving in your hair. Treat headlice as soon as you spot them. You can treat headlice without seeing a GP.

To remove headlice, comb the hair with a special fine-toothed comb. You can buy these online or at pharmacies. There's no need to keep your child off school.

Lice can be removed by wet combing:

Wash hair with ordinary shampoo, apply lots of conditioner.

Comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that hair is free of lice after 17 days. See [Head lice and nits - NHS](#) for more information.



## Dates for your diary

### November 2025

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Book Swap

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Warm Space

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Warm Space

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Friendship Group

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Book Swap

### December 2025

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Friendship Group

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Warm Space

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Book Swap Xmas Special

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Book Swap

### January 2026

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Book Swap

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Warm Space

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Warm Space

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Friendship Group

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Book Swap

### February 2026

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Friendship Group

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Warm Space

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Warm Space

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Book Swap

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Book Swap

**Friendship Group**, The Sibthorpe Arms (conservatory), Station Road, Welham Green 11am-12midday, doors open at 10:30am for tea/coffee beforehand. Activities vary each month from quizzes and bingo to Guest speakers. All ages welcome.

**Warm Space**, The Burns Pavilion (bowls club), Bushwood Close, Welham Green. 10am-12midday. Come along for a hot drink and biscuit for 50p, a space to sit and chat but also play cards, board games etc. Ran by north Mymms Parish Council. All ages welcome.

**North Mymms Book Swap**, North Mymms Memorial Hall, 10am-12 Midday. Come along to swap a book or puzzle. Refreshments including homemade cake available in the main hall. All ages welcome.



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