



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's funny how long ago half term already seems! It has been a busy week at St Mary's and we have returned with the need to make some staffing changes. All parents and carers will have received the letter, yesterday afternoon, detailing the changes and the reasons for those changes.

Today, we said goodbye to Mr Bailey, who has been with us since the Summer term 2024. Mr Bailey has made a real mark during his

18 months with us and we are going to greatly miss both his commitment and his sense of humour, as he moves on to further progress his career. Mrs Hutchinson has been working at St Mary's for the past six years, firstly in Year 1 alongside Mrs Bartlett and latterly with Mrs Stoughton in Year 6. Whilst only ever part-time, she gave a great commitment to the school and, along with the rest of the Year 6 team, had a large part to play in securing the vastly improved Key Stage 2 SATs results last summer. Mrs Hutchinson will be greatly missed by colleagues, pupils and parents alike.

Next week is the national Anti-Bullying Week and we will mark it on Monday with Odd Socks Day which has the aim of celebrating all that makes us unique as individuals.

Attendance has been really good this week with six of the seven classes achieving more than 92% and the seventh class was only just below the 92% mark. This is such a positive start to the new half term, so please let us keep this up as we make our way through this second half of term.

On Sunday we will mark Remembrance Sunday, when we remember all those who gave their lives in conflict in the service of their country. Next Tuesday, on Remembrance Day itself, we will be holding a Collective Worship as a school community and will mark the two minutes silence at 11am. Our half term value for this term is Love and, as we reflect over the next few days on the sacrifices that have been made during past conflicts, I leave you with a quote from the Bible (John 15:13) that is often used at this time of year:

*"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for their friends"*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Love



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**202**

**175**

**221**

**244**



**Well done Squirrels!**

**1585**

**1395**

**1336**

**1373**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Tate**

**Year 1 - Teddie**

**Year 2 - William**

**Year 3 - Max**

**Year 4 - Scarlett**

**Year 5 - Josiah**

**Year 6 - Lenny**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie	98.1%	👼😊
Watson	97.9%	😊
Attenborough	95.9%	😊
Elizabeth	93.6%	😊
Hawking	93.6%	😊
Mandela	92.9%	😊

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks Day
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

<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 Corrie Ten Boom Award for

**Love**



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. (John 15:12)

## Prayer of the Week

Lord, I know how good it is when I know I am loved by you and by my family and friends. But I know that many people have little love in their hearts. I know some loving people seem to have a change of heart. Help me to trust in your love that never shrinks and never changes. Help me to be a person of love. Help me to love people who love me, and even people who seem to dislike me. I praise you because your love never goes away. Amen.

## Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, in Maths we have been counting from one to twenty and ordering the numbers. Also, we have been adding one more of a number by using cubes to help us. In phonics, we have been recapping our level 2 sounds and all the children have been fantastic at remembering them all. We have also been doing Robot Rick talk, where we use the sounds to help us say a word. In English, we have started 'Drawing Club'. The children have made a great start to our new book called 'Not Now Bernard' they have drawn a drawn a monster, house and lots more which relate to our book. In PE, we have started a new unit which is dance. The children enjoyed moving their bodies to the music and understanding the different beats. We danced to head, shoulders, knees and toes. In expressive arts and design, the children made bonfire pictures by using different coloured paints. They used a paint brush, to splatter the paint onto the paper. Well done Watson class for a great first week back after half term!



## Year 1 - Donaldson

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week, and we have made a fantastic start to our learning this half term. In English, we have started our new text, 'Billy and the Beast'. The children created their own beast and used adjectives to describe it. In Maths, we have begun to think about subtraction and finding 'parts'. The children have enjoyed using the resources and part-whole models to find the missing number in a number sentence such as  $6 + ? = 10$ .

In Science, we have started a new topic all about everyday materials. We enjoyed looking at a number of objects and discovering what they are made of. We then grouped them according to their material and will be going on to look at the properties of these over the next few weeks. Well done on a super week of learning Donaldson Class!



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class have worked really hard this week and have continued to try their best and engage with the lessons. Keep up the brilliant effort.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting numbers by one. They started off by using picture representations, then went on to answering questions using number lines and base 10. Great effort. We then went onto adding three single digit numbers using number lines and tens frames. The class found this initially tricky, but after a few more practice questions, they persevered using a step-by-step process and had much better success. Well done.

In English, the class have been working on making changes to Jim and the beanstalk. They have started by changing the character's name and brainstorming ideas to change what the Giant had made, being the glasses, new teeth, and a wig. A great start to their final write up.

In PE we have started a new topic on invasion games. The class were learning how to keep possession of the ball and being able to move around safely. They went on to doing partner work drills, where the person with the ball had to stay still, and the other person had to move around and call for the ball. Lots of high energy and determination. We ended with a game where two people wearing bibs had to go around tagging peoples football, whilst the rest of the class continued to use their skills to move around passing the ball to each other. Lots of great fun was had. Well done.

I would like to end by saying how proud I am of Elizabeth class. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching such a bubbly, energetic and amazing class. Continue to push yourselves, remain positive and reach for the stars. I am going to greatly miss you.



## Year 3 - Curie

What a fantastic week it's been in Year 3! We've started diving into two brilliant new books — "The Tear Thief" and "The BFG." The Tear Thief has helped us explore figurative language, and we've had lots of fun spotting and creating our own similes, metaphors, and personification. There have been some wonderfully imaginative ideas shared in class!

In Maths, we've been mastering column addition and subtraction — the children have shown amazing determination and teamwork as they worked through tricky challenges. In science, our new topic "Forces" has got off to an exciting start. We experimented with ping pong balls to see how different forces can make objects move, speed up, or change direction — it was great fun!



## Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4, we've been exploring multiples in our Maths lessons. We have started a new story 'FARThER' in English, we studied the characters behaviour and asked questions about it. In Geography, we've discussed the vital importance of rainforests to our planet. Additionally, in PE, we enjoyed a session of Hockey.



## Year 5 - Mandela

We have started learning a range of new Topics in Autumn 2. In Maths, we have learnt about factors and common factors to start our learning on Multiplication and Division. Our RE Big Question is 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain Today?' We explored mosques in Britain and learnt that Muslims follow the 'Five Pillars of Islam' like Christians do the 'Ten Commandments'. We have also thought of questions we would like to know the answers to during the unit. In English, we are working with Percy Jackson. We have identified word classes, identified how authors show character through dialogue and actions and have worked in pairs to begin writing a soliloquy. We also wrote Acrostic Poems for Remembrance Day. In Music, we have started learning a new song called 'The Fresh Prince of Bell Air' by Will Smith. In PSHE we are learning to Celebrate our Differences.

*Lily and Josiah*



## Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6, we began reading our new book *Leila and the Blue Fox*. It tells the story of a girl who travels to Norway to meet her mum — someone she hasn't seen in six years! We imagined what it must have been like for Leila by writing in character about her flight from London to Norway, reflecting on how difficult it can be to leave your home and move across the world. In Maths, we tackled BODMAS — the order of operations. It was a bit tricky at first, but we persevered and worked hard to understand it. In Science, we explored the fascinating world of micro-organisms — the tiniest living things! Did you know bacteria come in five different shapes? Spiral, rod, corkscrew, comma, and spherical! We found out that Mrs Hutchinson has sadly left our school. We are all very upset about this, as she is one of the best teachers ever! We really hope she is able to visit us soon. We miss you, Mrs Hutchinson!



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.

## Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks Day — Monday 10th November

Children can wear odd socks with their normal school uniform or PE kit (if it is their PE day) on Monday.



### 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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