



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

One of the highlights of the week was the visit of Saffron Severn on Tuesday. Saffron is a rhythmic gymnast who has competed for Great Britain and who now spends time visiting primary schools to help inspire the children - her message on not giving up on her sporting goals when she faced challenges was really clear for the children. She also encourages the children to raise money for the school to spend on sport.

Another of the other definite highlights of my week, this week, was when Mr Bailey popped into school yesterday and I witnessed the spontaneous reaction of so many of the children, across the year groups, to seeing him arrive. They were genuinely pleased to see him, which says so much about the impact that he had on the children during his time with us. It is often said that, as teachers, it is impossible to know the impact that you have had on those you teach: which, at one level, is something that makes the profession such an exciting one.

We also had a visit yesterday from the North Mymms Book Swap, when each class had the chance to come into the school hall and donate a book and then select a different one to take home and read. The Book Swap is a great initiative for the local community and we are very grateful to those who give up their time to run it and come into school so that our children can benefit.

On Friday of next week we have our local Member of Parliament, Andrew Lewin, coming to visit St Mary's. He is going to have a tour of the school and then he will do a Question and Answer session with the children in Key Stage 2.

As I sit here, in my office, typing my contribution this week's newsletter, in the background I can hear Year 1 and Year 2 in the hall practising their nativity play for the end of this term. It is such an exciting time of year in a school and the joy that the children demonstrate, as they prepare, is so special.

As we continue to look at our half-termly value of Love, I leave you with the following anonymous quote:

"To love is nothing. To be loved is something. But to love and be loved, that's everything."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

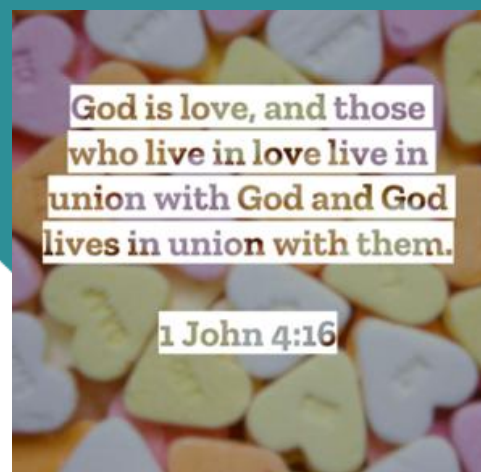
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Flourish for the future

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:

145

239

193

229



Well done Hedgehogs!

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 - Ellie

Year 1 - Godwin

Year 2 - Ellie

Year 3 - Ewa

Year 4 - Prosperity

Year 5 - James

Year 6 - Izzy

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Watson

95.7%



Curie

93.1%



Hawking

92.5%



Mandela

92.5%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 28th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 5th December	PTA Christmas Sale—In School
Friday 5th December	PTA Extraordinary General Meeting—2pm
Friday 5th December	Santa Dash—3pm
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
Tuesday 16th December	Pantomime whole school trip
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18th December	End of Term Church Service—St Mary's Church 10am
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 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

I live for those who love me, Whose hearts are kind and true; For heaven that smiles above me, and awaits my spirit too; For all human ties that bind me, For the task my God assigned me, For the bright hopes left behind me, and the good that I can do.
Amen

Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, in Maths we have been using a tens frame with cubes to add and take away with our partners. The children have now have a better understanding of this tricky concept. In phonics, we have learnt the sounds Z, QU, J, W and X and then being able to write these letters independently. We have also learnt some new tricky words, which are he and she. In English, we have been watching a cartoon called 'Pink Panther'. The children drew a different animal using a different colour. Then wrote the name of the colour independently in their books. In RE, we have been practising our Christmas nativity play and learning the new songs. In expressive arts and design, the children have been exploring play-dough, by using their fine motor skills. Keep up the great work Watson class!



Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in English, we've dived into the enchanting story of 'Billy and the Beast,' uncovering its secrets and adventures. In Maths, we've been exploring the fascinating world of shapes, discovering how they fit into our everyday lives. Our Science lessons have led us on an exciting journey as we investigate the properties of various materials. Plus, we've been hard at work practising our Nativity performance—it's going to be a show to remember!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth's class has been another fantastic one!

In our Maths lessons, we focused on understanding tens, specifically exploring the concepts of one more and one less. We discovered various methods for addition and subtraction problems involving larger numbers. A particularly enjoyable activity involved using base 10 alongside hundred squares. The hundred squares allowed us to visualize these concepts creatively and we used coloured pencils to highlight the numbers that represented "10 more" and "10 less" of any given number.

Moving on to English, we continued our exploration of the story "The Journey Home." Throughout the week, we concentrated on mastering the correct suffixes for pluralizing animal names, such as adding "es," "s," or "ves." We also practised writing in role and learnt the importance of using commas when writing a list. Looking ahead, we are excited to begin our own writing next week, inspired by the themes and narratives from the story.

In Geography, our lessons revolved around the equator. The children learned that the countries closest to the equator are known to be the hottest places on Earth, and that the equator itself is an invisible line encircling the globe. We took the time to label the equator on our maps, along with several countries nearby. Additionally, we discussed the significance of the red colouring for countries that touch the equator, enhancing our understanding of climate patterns.



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, the children have been busy experimenting with magnets as part of our forces topic. They loved exploring which materials are magnetic and testing how magnets attract and repel — lots of curious questions and great scientific thinking!

In English, we have wrapped up our unit on "The Tear Thief" by writing our very own newspaper reports about the mysterious theft of the jar of tears stolen from Year 3 last week. The children did a brilliant job using quotes, headlines, and dramatic detail to bring their reports to life.

In Maths, we have been focusing on grouping and sharing, building a strong understanding of early division. We've also begun exploring the 3 times table, and the class are already growing in confidence as they practise new strategies.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week has been a busy week in Hawking class! In Maths, we worked hard to finish our multiplication and division unit, practising lots of strategies and building our confidence with our times tables. In English, we began writing our own sequels to FARThER, using our imaginations to continue the story and think carefully about characters, setting, and emotion. In RE, we continued to explore the meaning of Pentecost, learning why it is such an important event for Christians and how it shapes their beliefs. Our geography work took us deep into the rainforest, where we discovered who lives there, how they survive, and why these unique habitats are so important to protect. One of the highlights of the week was our inspiring visit from Saffron Severn, the Olympic athlete, who shared her journey, encouraged us to stay active, and reminded us that determination can help us achieve incredible things. Overall, it has been a busy, thoughtful, and enjoyable week of learning.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week, we have been writing our own Percy Jackson chapter based on the furies' attack, ensuring we use devices such as prepositions, noun phrases and multi clause sentences. In Reading, we completed a stand-alone comprehension about Rainforest and read chapter 7 of Cosmic, our whole class reading text. In Geography, we learnt about the four layers of the rainforest, which are emergent, canopy, under-story and forest floor. In RE (Religious Education), we focused on the pillar of Zakah and created posters of ideas to encourage Muslims to adhere it even if they are unable to give 2.5% of their savings. In Maths, we have started a new unit on fractions. So far, we have focused on unit and non-unit fractions and finding equivalences. In Science we completed our knowledge and skills catcher to round off our Earth and Space Unit of work. This week's PE was bench ball where we played boys vs girls and the boys won.

By Josiah and Raphel.



Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6 has been incredibly engaging and packed with exciting learning opportunities! In English, we delved into the captivating story of "Leila and the Blue Fox." Through our exploration, we crafted rich, expansive noun phrases and employed the technique of personification to vividly convey the biting cold experiences of traveling to the Arctic. It really helped us understand the setting in a whole new way! In Maths, our focus shifted to the world of fractions, where we tackled mixed numbers with enthusiasm. Developing our skills in this area has been both challenging and fun! Art class was particularly imaginative as we ventured into the realm of animal anatomy. We were each provided with an image depicting one half of an animal, and our creative challenge was to draw the other half. It was fascinating to see how our interpretations varied and brought the animals to life! Overall, it's been a week full of discovery and creativity!



Parking and behaviour at 'drop off' and 'pick up'

Please be reminded that when you are dropping the children off at the beginning of the day and picking them up at the end of the day, to be considerate of others. Please do not park on double yellow lines or in front of the drives of our neighbours and also, particularly when it is busy, that everyone behaves respectfully towards each other.

Thank you.

Great Athletes



Reception 2026 Open Event

Thursday 4th December 10am-11.30am

To book please call 01707276725 or email
admin@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk



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**SCHOOL FAMILY WORKER
DROP-IN SESSION**
at St Mary's Primary School, Welham Green
from 9-11:30am

Mon 1st December 2025

- Come & chat to your School Family Worker

* 15 minute slots available

No problem is too big or too small:

- Parenting strategies
- School attendance
- Financial concerns
- Additional needs
- Anything else



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Dates for your diary

November 2025

Saturday 1st Book Swap

Tuesday 11th Warm Space

Tuesday 25th Warm Space

Tuesday 4th Friendship Group

Saturday 15th Book Swap

December 2025

Tuesday 2nd Friendship Group

Tuesday 9th Warm Space

Saturday 6th Book Swap Xmas Special

Saturday 20th Book Swap

January 2026

Saturday 3rd Book Swap

Tuesday 13th Warm Space

Tuesday 27th Warm Space

Tuesday 6th Friendship Group

Saturday 17th Book Swap

February 2026

Tuesday 3rd Friendship Group

Tuesday 10th Warm Space

Tuesday 24th Warm Space

Saturday 7th Book Swap

Saturday 21st 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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