



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term Issue 11  
28th November 2025

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another very full week at St Mary's, although the winter bugs have had a considerable impact on the attendance of both staff and pupils this week: no class was able to exceed 92%!

We had the netball team representing us at a tournament at Stanborough School on Monday afternoon, where the team played very well and won five out of their six games. Well done to all those who played and thank you to Mrs Brooks and Mr Kilpatrick who took them. On Wednesday there were football matches at Oak View Primary School where we lost both matches. However, I would like to thank Mrs Egerton and Mrs Brooks for taking the children.

This morning we had a visit from our local Member of Parliament for Welwyn and Hatfield, Andrew Lewin. He arrived and had a tour of the school and then met with the pupils in Key Stage 2 and was questioned by members of Year 4 who had put their questions together in advance. Andrew was very impressed by their questions and we were certainly very proud of them.

There is a great deal to look forward over the next week. Next Friday we have our PTA Christmas Sale in the morning, the Santa Dash at the end of the school day and then the termly Arts Afternoon at 3.30pm.

We also have our PTA Extraordinary General Meeting at 2pm next Friday afternoon. The PTA are a very important part of our community and they help raise funds for us. Please do turn up to support that meeting as we elect our new committee.

On Monday morning, we have the School/ Family Worker partnership providing a 'drop in' for parents between 9am and 11.30am. They are happy to chat through any issues that parents wish to discuss.

This Sunday is Advent Sunday, which is, in the Church's calendar, the beginning of the period of preparation that builds up to Christmas. As we think about how we will mark this season of Advent, I leave you, this week, with a quote from Mother Teresa:

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Love

See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children - and so, in fact, we are. This is why the world does not know us: it has not known God.

1 John 3:1

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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 - Emily**

**Year 1 - Sonny**

**Year 2 - Isla**

**Year 3 - Naveen**

**Year 4 - Leandro**

**Year 5 - Aram**

**Year 6 - Kate Rose**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**There is a winter virus in the school, therefore there are no classes over 92% this week.**

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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

<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

Dear God, who made volcanoes, Love me when I'm angry. Dear God, who made glaciers, Love me when I'm cruel. Dear God, who made marshlands, Love me when I'm gloomy. Dear God, who made mudflats, Love me when I'm sulking. Amen

## Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, the children have been busy learning their number skills by exploring “one more” and “one less” using tens frames and showing great confidence in their counting. In phonics, they have learnt new sounds including SH, TH, NG, as well as practising some more tricky words. In English, we have begun our exciting new story, ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’, which has inspired lots of creative thinking as the children act out the journey and imagine their own adventures. In PE, the children have been practising travelling in different directions, moving confidently and expressively to music. In arts and design, the children have been busy making beautiful decorations for our Christmas tree. They chose either a Christmas pudding or a star and then coloured them or added sequins to make them sparkle. Another great week Watson class, keep it up!

Also, well done to Watson class for winning attendance Ted last week. The children loved their extra ten minutes of play time.



## Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson Class, we have been continuing to learn about 2D shapes and their properties. In English, we have started to plan our own version of our text, 'Billy and the Beast' and have chosen our main character and sidekick to write about next week. In Geography, we located features of our school on an aerial map and then went to explore them outside. We then drew symbols to represent the features we had found. We are continuing to practise the Nativity with Year 2 and the children are working extra hard to remember all the songs and lines. We can't wait to show you!



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

This week, Elizabeth Class have worked incredibly hard as we moved into the final stages of planning our end-of-unit writing pieces. Using everything we've learned this half term—such as expanded noun phrases, varied sentence types, and effective description—the children have been crafting their own retellings inspired by *The Journey Home*. One exciting twist they introduced was changing the main character from a polar bear to a gorilla, which led to lots of creative ideas and thoughtful adaptations.

In Maths, we have continued consolidating our addition and subtraction skills. The class explored different strategies and compared methods to find approaches that were quicker, more efficient, and easier to use independently. Their confidence is growing, and it's been wonderful to see them explaining their thinking so clearly.

Alongside all of this, Elizabeth Class have been working extremely hard rehearsing and preparing for our Nativity. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication are shining through, and we cannot wait to share the performance with you soon.

In PSHE, we focused on the topic of bullying, discussing what bullying looks like, how it makes people feel, and how to recognise the difference between unkind behaviour and persistent, targeted actions. The children approached each scenario thoughtfully and showed great empathy.

Well done, Elizabeth Class, for another fantastic week of learning and kindness!



## Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have continued building our confidence with the 3 and 4 times tables, working hard on quick recall and using patterns to help us. We're now getting ready to move on to the 8 times tables next week!

In English, we have begun our new book, "The Tin Forest." The children have enjoyed exploring the setting and imagining what it might feel like to live on a dump site, just like the lonely man in the story. Their ideas have been thoughtful, creative, and full of empathy.

In Science, the children have been investigating a range of different magnets. They carried out tests to see whether certain magnets are stronger than others, making careful predictions and comparing results, fantastic scientific enquiry!

In geography, we explored the big question: "Why would anyone want to live near a volcano?" The children considered reasons such as fertile soil, tourism, and natural resources, and debated the risks and benefits with great enthusiasm.



## Year 4 - Hawking

In Year 4's English lessons this week, the children started reading *The Iron Man* and wrote their own predictions about what might happen next. They also created news bulletins, reporting on the arrival of the mysterious pieces of metal in our classroom. In maths, the focus was on area, as the children calculated the area of and drew different shapes. In RE, they explored the story of Pentecost and depicted the events through illustrations. In music, Year 4 continued to develop their skills on the glockenspiel, practising new notes and rhythms with growing confidence. It has been a busy and creative week for everyone!



## Year 5 - Mandela

This week in Year 5 English, we have learnt about Greek gods and goddesses, through research, which will be used to write a non-chronological report before creating a demi-god for them next week. In Maths, we have learnt about converting equivalent fraction, mixed numbers and improper fractions. Our R.E learning on Muslim life continued with us focusing on the pillar of Hajj. We learnt about the significance of the Holy City and what pilgrims do during Hajj. In Geography we continued learning about rainforests focusing on countries, cardinal points and the equator.

In PE we learnt to play rugby. at first we simply passed the ball then progressed to learning about and how to score. Swimming was our last session, and it was a fun one where we got to play with floaties and swam without our goggles. We had lots of fun splashing!

*By Diana and Rishika*



## Year 6 - Attenborough

We've had a wonderful first week together in Attenborough Class! The children have impressed us with their fantastic effort and positive attitudes throughout assessment week, showing resilience and real pride in their work. A real highlight was our special archery session led by our Stanborough School Games Organiser, which the children absolutely loved and approached with great enthusiasm. I have also thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of them and seeing their personalities shine. We've begun preparing for our Christmas concert, and the children were very excited to choose a carol from The Grinch. They have already been adding their own creative touches— including instruments— to help bring the performance to life. It's been a brilliant start to our time together, and I'm looking forward to all the wonderful learning and events ahead.



Mrs Brooks took our Netball team to a tournament at Stanborough School on Monday, they won a fantastic 5 out of 6 matches. Well done!

WE ARE THRILLED TO  
INVITE YOU TO...

# ST MARY'S PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FUN AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

3:30-5:00PM

FREE ENTRY!

Please note that all stalls and activities will run using tokens, which can be purchased at the entrance on arrival.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!**

- Santa's Grotto
- Arts and crafts
- Refreshments
- Stalls - lucky dip, bottle tombola, guess the weight of the Christmas cake and many more!

# St. Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival

## 5th - 7th December

Over 30 Christmas Trees will be decorating the church the weekend of 5-7 December, including one entered by your child's school class.

Come and see the beautiful tree decorations they have been making, and vote for your favourite tree.

The Festival will be open 10am-4pm on Saturday 6th December and 12noon-4pm on Sunday 7th December to view the trees, with refreshments, produce stall, crafts and a grand raffle available. Entrance just £2, under 16's free.

There is also a "Christmas Cracker" Preview Evening at 7:30pm on Friday 5th December. Preview Evening Tickets £12 (£5 for under 16's) available from Ticketsource: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms> (Also on the door, but pre-booking preferred for catering please.) It'll be a fun evening with Christmas carols and songs, a sing-along, and a quiz, followed by a glass of mulled wine, a mince pie and chance to view the trees.



## Reception 2026 Open Event

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10am-11.30am

To book please call 01707276725 or email  
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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 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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