



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term Issue 12
5th December 2025

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I often comment on what a busy week it has been, but I can go further today and comment on what a busy day it has been at St Mary's!

We started this morning with the PTA Christmas sale, where pupils could buy gifts for members of their family and friends ahead of the festive season. As always, I am grateful to those parents who give their time so willingly to make these events happen. Not only is it running the stall, but also setting it up in advance, as well as buying the gifts ahead of time.

This afternoon we held an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the PTA to formally elect a committee and adopt a constitution for our PTA. I am very grateful to all of those parents who, over the past few years, have given so generously of their time to help organise PTA events and raise money to support the school, but going forward we have now elected a committee with Hana Voyce as Chair, Clara Wilson as Secretary and Linsey Steell as Treasurer. These three will coordinate the PTA activities, but they will continue to need volunteers to help with the events themselves!

This afternoon we have our first Santa Dash which will see all the children in their Christmas headwear running around the playground. Then immediately after school, we have our termly Arts Afternoon, where children have the opportunity to volunteer to demonstrate a particular talent that they may have and perform it. One of the things that I love about the Arts Afternoon is that the only qualification for taking part is that the pupils want to do it.

This weekend is the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church and amongst the trees that are on display in the church are seven from St Mary's. Each of the classes has decorated one of the trees in the theme of a Christmas carol or song. If you get a chance, do take time to visit the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church over the weekend. As we move closer to Christmas, we have all the Christmas events to look forward to and they start next week with the Key Stage 2 Carol Service on Tuesday and the Key Stage 1 Nativity Production on Wednesday and Thursday and then the PTA Christmas Fayre next Friday after school. We also have our termly Rock Steady concert on Friday morning of next week, which is always a highlight.

As we continue our journey towards Christmas and focus on our half termly value of Love, I leave you this week with the following anonymous quote:

"At Christmas, all roads lead home, and the heart is always welcomed with open arms and love."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

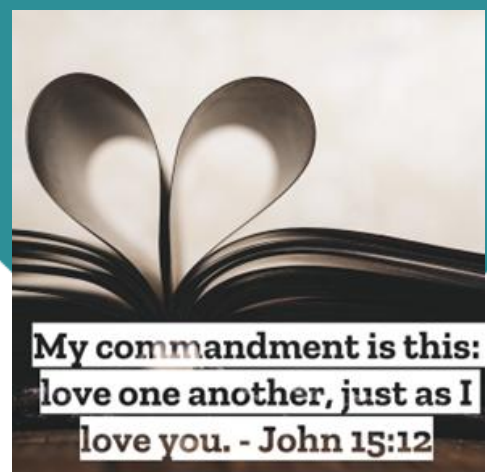
Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Love



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

Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

261

275

202

302



Well done Squirrels!

1846

1670

1538

1675

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - BoyBoy

Year 1 - Chardonnay

Year 2 - Polly

Year 3 - Christopher

Year 4 - Matilda

Year 5 - Freddie

Year 6 - Charlene

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth 97.9%

Mandela 95%

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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 count the days to Christmas, and I watch the evening sky. I want to see the angels as to Bethlehem they fly. I'm watching for the wise men and the royal shining star. Please may I travel with them? Is the stable very far? I count the days to Christmas as we shop and bake and clean. The lights and tinsel sparkle, and yet deep inside I dream, that as we tell the story of Lord Jesus and his birth, the things of every day will fade as heaven comes to earth. Amen.

Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, the children have been busy exploring shapes in our environment, spotting circles, triangles, squares and rectangles all around us. In English, we have started our new story 'The Little Red Hen' and the children have enjoyed using their phonics skills to write the words hen and red. In arts and design, the activities have been full of festive fun, as we created Christmas cards and calendars. We also had a very exciting visitor, our class elf has made an appearance and has been getting up to all sorts of mischief! In RE, we have been learning about the Nativity story and the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. The children enjoyed discussing the different characters in the story and why Christmas is such an important celebration for Christians. We talked about how the Nativity reminds Christians of love, kindness and the importance of giving. Keep up the brilliant work Watson class!



Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson Class, we have been working very hard in Assessment Week, focussing on our spelling, reading comprehension and Maths. The children have been very motivated and have shown what excellent progress they have made this term. In Design and Technology, we have started to make our windmills from paper cups. We are thinking about how we can make the structure stable, and have used blutack to weigh down the base. We are looking forward to bringing home the finished structures next week. Well done Year 1, on an fantastic week of learning.



Year 2 - Elizabeth

This week has been assessment week in Year 2, and we are incredibly proud of the children. They all worked exceptionally hard, showing fantastic resilience and perseverance in every task. Their positive attitude and determination have truly shone through.

We have continued to perfect our nativity performance, and the children are becoming more confident and excited each day. Their singing, acting, and enthusiasm are really coming together beautifully. We can't wait to share it with you soon!

We finished decorating our Christmas tree for the church, the children worked together to make it look bright and cheerful, adding their own creative touches to make it special.

In RE, we explored the story of Jesus and the 10 lepers. The children thought carefully about how Jesus might have felt when only one person returned to say thank you while the other nine did not. We had thoughtful discussions about gratitude, kindness, and remembering to appreciate the good things others do for us.



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3 has been assessment week, and we are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked. They have shown fantastic focus, resilience, and determination — the staff have been truly blown away by their effort and positive attitudes!

Alongside their assessments, the children have been getting into the festive spirit by creating beautiful Christmas tree decorations inspired by The Twelve Days of Christmas. Their creativity has really shone through, and the classroom is looking wonderfully Christmassy. We have also been practising our song for the Christmas Carol Concert, and it's sounding more magical each day.

In French, Year 3 have been learning how to name a variety of common animals and are becoming much more confident with their pronunciation. In geography, we have continued our work on volcanoes by weighing up the pros and cons of living near a volcano, thinking about both the dangers and the surprising benefits.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week, Year 4 have been working brilliantly. A huge thank you to Mr Kilpatrick, who has been a great help covering the class while I was unwell. The children have shown fantastic focus and resilience during their assessments, and we are very proud of their efforts. They have also been practising their Christmas carol for next week's concert, which is sounding lovely. In PE, the class has been developing their passing skills in tag rugby, showing good teamwork and improvement. In RE, we have been learning about the Holy Spirit and exploring its role in the lives of Christians. We're looking forward to another exciting week, next week.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week has been assessment week across the school and as a result, our normal English and Maths lessons were replaced with them. In RE, we continued learning about Hajj and thought of where we would go on a spiritual journey, who and what we would take with us. In Geography we learnt about latitude and longitude as we explored the world. Our Computing lesson this week was rather challenging as we had to link databases to find information. Most of us were not successful in achieving this task and we will try it again next week. In whole class reading, we got to create our own VIPERS comprehension, based on the chapter we read, for a friend to answer. Our Mini-Police session focused on drugs and we learnt that coffee is a drug that keep you awake. We continued learning about tag rugby in PE.



By Whole Class

Year 6 - Attenborough

This week we have been busy with lots of exciting learning! In English, we explored the use of parenthesis, fronted adverbials, and the key features of an instruction text, and we even began writing our own versions of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. In maths, we practised dividing fractions and applied our skills in different problem-solving activities. We also enjoyed getting festive by decorating our class tree for the Christmas Tree Festival, choosing the colourful and joyful theme Feliz Navidad.



PTA

Thank you to all those that took part in the Christmas Sale today, we raised a fantastic £440!

Raffle tickets need to be returned ASAP, no later than Thursday 11th December.

Thank you.





SEND Specialist Advice and Support Autism and ADHD Family Surgery

Date: Monday 15th December 2025

Time: 9.30am-12.00 (by appointment)

Venue: Online

A Microsoft teams link will be sent to your email address on confirmation of your appointment after booking closes.

A short online consultation with a SEND Implementation support officer and SEND Parent Worker to provide advice and signposting regarding concerns at school and/or at home.

This is available to:

- Parents/carers of primary and secondary school age children to discuss concerns or questions about their child's SEND needs. This can include those with a diagnosis of autism/ADHD or on the pathway.
- Living in the Welwyn/ WGC/ Hatfield area

Please use this link to book a 10 minute appointment.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QD5CWCL>

Bookings remain open until 9am Wednesday 10th
December.



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WE ARE THRILLED TO
INVITE YOU TO...

ST MARY'S PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FUN AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 12TH 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 North Mymms Christmas Tree Festival 5th - 7th December



Friday 5th December at 7.30pm

A Christmas Cracker

A fun evening of your favourite Christmas Carols and songs and more, followed by a glass of mulled wine, a mince pie and a chance to view the Christmas Trees.

Tickets £12 (£5 for under 16s) available from Ticketsource or on the door. www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms

or scan QR code



Festival Days

Saturday 6th December 10am - 4pm

Sunday 7th December 12pm - 4pm

Come and vote for your favourite tree

There will be refreshments, crafts and produce stalls

Entry £2, under 16s free

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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