



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a brilliant week it has been, with so much going on, as we prepare for Christmas!

Our Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday was the best attended that it has ever been and there was real enthusiasm from the children as they sang their class songs during the service. I would like to thank Rev Ruth for leading our worship and the class teachers for preparing the children. It was lovely that we still had the Christmas trees that we had decorated for the

Christmas Tree Festival last weekend on display in the church during the service. Congratulations go to Miss Cotterell and Year 3 for their tree on the theme of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' which won a highly commended award during the Christmas Tree Festival.

On Wednesday afternoon and yesterday morning, we enjoyed our Key Stage 1 Nativity production, where the children really brought a joy to their retelling of the Christmas story. There is something so special about young children sharing the Christmas story with us that brings a special meaning to this time of year. Thank you to Ms Carter, Miss South, Mrs Shearer and Miss Ellis for all the hard work that they put in with the children to prepare for the production.

Not to be left out, there has also been something for the adults this week with the PTA wreath making on Wednesday evening, when just over 20 parents and friends gathered in the hall to make Christmas wreaths and the results were very successful. My thanks to those who organised the evening and I think that it will definitely become an annual event.

Our football team were also out yesterday representing the school and, although they didn't win, they played a good game.

This morning we have had our termly Rock Steady concerts, with two performances: one for the parents and one for the school. It is great to see how much the children taking part have achieved over the course of the term and the enthusiasm that they showed during the course of their performances was a delight to see.

Later this afternoon we have our PTA Christmas Fayre and I would like to thank all those parents who have worked so hard in preparation for the event: it promises to be a really good afternoon.

Next week we have our Reception Nativity on Monday, the whole school visit to the pantomime on Tuesday, Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch on Wednesday and then the end of term Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Thursday: so there is much for us to look forward over the coming week too.

I would like to extend a particular 'thank you' to all the parents, carers and families who have supported the events at school this week: not only is it great to see you joining us for these events, it means so much to your children as well.

As we approach Christmas and think of others, I will leave you this week with a quote from Helen Keller:

*"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."*

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:

**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 - Ella**

**Year 1 - Elijah**

**Year 2 - All of Elizabeth class**

**Year 3 - Ramatoulie**

**Year 4 - Carter**

**Year 5 - Harry**

**Year 6 - Sonny**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Curie**

**96.3%**



**Mandela**

**95.3%**



**Hawking**

**93.6%**



**Donaldson**

**92.1%**



# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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 Day 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

The stars that shine at Christmas, shine on throughout the year;

Jesus, born so long ago,  
still gathers with us here.

We listen to his stories,  
we learn to say his prayer,  
we follow in His footsteps  
and learn to love and share.

Amen

## WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day

A reminder that we have our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day next Wednesday. Pupils should wear their school uniform as usual and can wear a festive jumper over the top of their uniform.



### Reception - Watson

This week in Watson class, in Maths, we have been recapping one more and one less and the children have been creating their own repeated patterns using different shapes. In English, we enjoyed reading 'Mr Benn The Wedding', which inspired the children to draw wonderful pictures of a wedding and the special people they would invite. In phonics, the children's letter formation has come along beautifully and they are beginning to write three letter words independently. In arts and design we have been full of Christmas creativity, as we made a gingerbread man, a festive bauble and even a melted snowman. In our outdoor area, the children have loved trying out our new obstacle course and have been practising their brilliant balancing skills. We have also been practising our Nativity play and cannot wait to perform it for our parents and guardians on Monday. Keep up the fantastic work Watson class!



### Year 1 - Donaldson

It has been a very exciting week in Donaldson Class! The children had so much fun sharing the Nativity with our families and we hope you enjoyed it. We are incredibly proud of how hard all the children worked to learn their lines and all the songs. They were all superstars! In English this week, we wrote a short story based on our text. The children did so well to write sentences using their phonics and remembering capital letters and full stops. In Design Technology, we completed our windmills and are excited to test them out! Well done 1 on a fantastic week.



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

What a wonderful and memorable week it has been! The children performed their Nativity production with such resilience, confidence, and joy. It was a delight to see them shine on stage, remembering their lines, singing beautifully, and supporting one another throughout the performance. We are incredibly proud of each and every child for their hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you so much for coming along to watch—your support means the world to them, and they have been full of excitement all week.

In English, we have begun exploring our new book, *We Are the Water Protectors*. The children have been thinking carefully about the importance of water in our lives. They wrote thoughtful sentences about how we use water every day and even created their own poems in the shape of a water drop. To deepen their understanding of the story, they also developed character profiles, showing great insight and creativity.

In Maths, we have continued our work on shapes. The children have been consolidating their knowledge of shape names and discussing the features of both 2D and 3D shapes. They have shown excellent recall and are becoming more confident in identifying shapes in the classroom and beyond.



## Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been wrapping up our first unit of multiplication and division. The children are now feeling much more confident with their 2, 4, and 8 times tables, and it has been wonderful to see their fluency and enthusiasm grow.

We were also thrilled with the fantastic turnout at the Christmas Concert! Year 3 did an amazing job performing “Silent Night” using sign language — they sang beautifully, signed confidently, and made everyone very proud.



To top off an exciting week, Year 3 are celebrating a special achievement: they are the proud winners of the 'Visitor Favourite Tree' in last week's Christmas tree competition! Their creative design truly impressed everyone who came to see it.



## Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4, we have been learning more about Internet safety in Computing, thinking about how to make sensible choices online. In English, the children have been using figurative language to describe Iron Man, creating imaginative similes and metaphors. In Maths, we have begun our new multiplication and division unit, building on our times-tables skills. In PE, the class has also been practising their hockey skills, focusing on confident passing and careful dribbling.



## Year 6 - Attenborough

We've had a very exciting week in class, filled with creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on learning!

**Design & Technology – Building Our Own Playground!**

In DT, we have started an amazing new project: designing and building our own playgrounds.

The children began by exploring different types of playground equipment and discussing what makes a design safe and enjoyable. They then sketched their ideas, planned the materials they'll need, and have now started constructing small model playgrounds.

It has been wonderful to see teamwork, imagination, and engineering skills all coming together!

**Maths – Fractions and Division**

In Maths, we've been focusing on fractions and division.

Children have been learning how to divide shapes and numbers into equal parts, compare fractions, and solve division problems using different strategies. We also used fun, practical activities to help everyone visualise how fractions work. The class has shown brilliant determination and progress!

**Science – Our New Topic: Variation**

This week, we launched our new Science unit on Variation.

We discussed what variation means and explored how all living things, including humans, can be similar but also different in many ways. The class enjoyed observing real examples and thinking about why variation exists in nature. We're excited to continue investigating this topic through experiments and observations.

We are very proud of the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown in every subject. Well done, everyone!

Have a wonderful week!



## Wreath Making

Everyone enjoyed the wreath making event this week which was organised by the PTA. We raised £350 which will go towards our next purchase for the school! Thank you.



## St Mary's Church Events

Crib Service: Sunday 20th 3pm

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6791/service-and-events/events/1262064/>

Christingle Service: Sunday 14th 3pm

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6791/service-and-events/events/1262060/>

Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots Toddler group: Wednesday mornings from 10am to 11.30am term-time only. This week we have a surprise visit from Father Christmas too!

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6791/service-and-events/events/779189/>

# Rock Steady Concert





## 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 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!

## 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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