



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a really memorable final week of term!

Our Reception class performed their Nativity on Monday and I always think that seeing our youngest children performing the Christmas story is a particular joy as we approach Christmas and we were all able to see how much they were enjoying performing for us.

On Tuesday, the whole school went to Hertford to see the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' and the children came back having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Yesterday we had our Christmas Jumper Day, which saw a wonderful range of Christmas attire, and we enjoyed our Christmas Lunch. There were class Christmas parties in the afternoon. Also yesterday afternoon, we had our termly Merit Assembly. Two pupils from each class received a Merit Award and one child from each class received a Citizenship Award. These awards are a chance to recognise the contribution that different children have made in our school community and it was wonderful that so many parents, carers and wider family members of the award winners were able to join us for the Assembly.

Today we had our End of Term Carol Service in St Mary's Church. I would like to thank Rev Ruth for leading our worship and it was so lovely to see the classes performing a Christmas song or a carol during the service, Year 6 children read poems and readings and one pupil performed a piano solo. It is terrific to see so many of our children taking part as we reflect on the birth of a baby in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago. In all the celebrations, we must remember that behind all the presents, the tinsel, the Christmas trees and the food, there is an important message of hope, joy, love and peace in Jesus Christ. As it says in John's gospel that was read to us in church this morning:

*"the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

However you are spending this Christmas, I hope that you are able to enjoy time with family, friends and loved ones and I leave you with the words of the Irish blessing that I use at the end of every term:

*"May God hold you safely in the palm of his hands, until we meet again."*

Have a Happy and holy Christmas.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

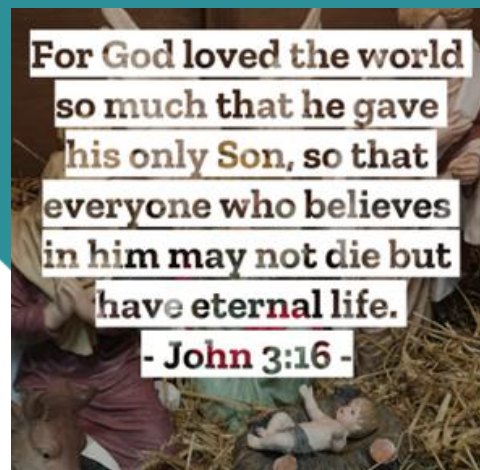
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*Flourish for the future*

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:

**167**

**159**

**115**

**123**



**Well done Badgers!**

**2013**

**1829**

**1653**

**1798**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were presented with Merit and Citizenship awards this week.

- Tallulah
- Harry
- Aram
- Jun
- Prosperity
- Peter
- Wade
- Oakley
- Leandro
- Harrison
- Isabella
- Jasmine
- Oscar
- Teddie
- Sonny
- Harley
- Chardonnay
- Obene
- Piper
- Ghalya

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie	99.2%	😊
Watson	95.8%	😊
Hawking	95.5%	😊
Mandela	93.4%	😊
Donaldson	92.9%	😊

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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

### St Mary's Church Events

Crib Service: Sunday 20th 3pm

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

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/>

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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

God, our loving Father,

help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. For Jesus' sake, Amen!

## Reception - Watson

This week our classroom has been filled with excitement as the children took part in a variety of Christmas-themed activities. From festive crafts, to seasonal learning, the children have had great fun getting into the Christmas spirit. One of the highlights was our visit to the pantomime, watching Beauty and the Beast. The children thoroughly enjoyed the colourful costumes, music, and there was plenty of laughter, making it a memorable experience for everyone. The children also loved their Christmas lunch, which was enjoyed with friends and teachers in a joyful and festive atmosphere. This was followed by lots of Christmas games, bringing smiles, laughter, and plenty of fun to round off the celebrations. We were also incredibly proud of all the children during their Nativity play. They performed beautifully, showing great confidence, enthusiasm, and teamwork. The singing, acting, and storytelling were a joy to watch and really helped to share the true meaning of Christmas.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year!



## Year 1 - Donaldson

We have had a wonderful week in Donaldson Class and are full of festive cheer ready for the holidays! On Monday, we finished learning about our new sound 'a-e' and were reading and writing words containing this split digraph. We also made Christmas cards and completed our windmills in DT. On Tuesday, we had a wonderful trip to the pantomime and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch yesterday and had a fun party in our classrooms with lots of games and prizes. It has been a wonderful Autumn term and the children can be very proud of how hard they have worked. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January!



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

What an amazing week it has been in Elizabeth Class! The children have been full of excitement in the lead up to Christmas. On Tuesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed watching Beauty and the Beast at the pantomime. It was a magical experience and a real highlight of the week. Back in the classroom, the children worked incredibly hard to create some beautiful Christmas tree decorations, which they are very proud to be bringing home.

In English, we continued our work on We Are the Water Protectors. The children have been learning about the dangers of water pollution and practised writing sentences using conjunctions. They produced some thoughtful examples such as, "People cannot drink the water because the oil leaked," and "People will not be able to swim and have fun if the water is polluted." In Maths, we continued our unit on shapes. The children have been identifying and counting the sides, faces and vertices of 2D shapes, as well as the faces of 3D shapes, showing great focus and understanding.

Well done to Elizabeth Class for such a fantastic week of learning and creativity, we hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a well deserved rest.



## Year 3 - Curie

The last week of 2025 has been a truly joyful celebration of Christmas in Year 3. On Monday, we made delicious shortbread biscuits, putting our doubling, weighing, and measuring skills to excellent use. In the afternoon, the children carefully wrote up their recipes and took them home.

On Tuesday, we had a fantastic (and very loud!) trip to the pantomime. The children threw themselves into the experience, joining in with great enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see how much fun everyone had.

On Wednesday, we finished the week with our celebration assembly. A huge well done to Peter, Jasmine, and Wade for receiving our Merit and Citizenship Awards. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes this term.

We would like to wish all our Year 3 families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for more exciting learning!



## **Year 4 - Hawking**

Year 4 have had a fantastic end to the Autumn term. In Geography, the children created detailed maps of our school field, carefully using symbols, labels and keys to show their understanding of mapping skills. We also thoroughly enjoyed a trip to see the Beauty and the Beast pantomime, which was a wonderful experience and a real treat for everyone. To finish the term, the children performed their brilliant "12 Days of Christmas" song in church, singing with confidence and enthusiasm and making us all very proud. The Hawking staff team would like to wish all our families a happy and restful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing the children again in the New Year.



## **PTA**

The PTA would like to say a special thanks to Mr Lewis for all his help and support in running our events this term and especially for being a first class Santa! He is an invaluable part of our team and we really appreciate all his help.

The Christmas fun afternoon raised £692. We've had really positive feedback and the children enjoyed themselves which is lovely.

Thank you for supporting us this term. On top of the Christmas Fun Afternoon so far this term we've had Christmas Wreath Making, Elfridges, clothes collection, easy fundraising and Christmas card art. All of which have meant we have raised an amazing £1816.

If you want to get involved with the PTA's future events please contact the school.

Have a lovely Christmas!



## Pantomime & Christmas Lunch



## 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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