



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DEPUTY

HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to a new term. It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back to school and see the building full of energy, smiles and enthusiasm once again.

I have been incredibly impressed with how engaged and animated the children have been this week. They have returned with positive attitudes, ready to learn and have shown excellent focus and curiosity in their lessons. It has been a highlight of my week walking into the classrooms and witnessing the buzz and genuine love of learning.

As a school, we have begun the term by learning about the Power of Yet. This important message reminds us all that learning is a journey and that challenges help us grow. By using a growth mindset, we encourage the children at our school to persevere, reflect and believe in their ability to improve - even when something feels difficult at first.

We are also pleased to share that the school has launched a new instagram account, @stmarys_welhamgreen. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate school life, share key moments and give you a glimpse into our learning and events. We would love for you to also share your child's achievements outside of school too, so we can celebrate their successes and passions. These can be sent into the admin email address. Please take a moment to follow us and join us as we share our school's journey.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited to work in partnership with parents and carers to achieve the vision and goals we have set as a school. By working together, we can ensure that every child is supported to flourish and achieve their potential. Thank you all for your support.

Kayleigh Egerton

Deputy Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Perseverance

So let us not become tired of
doing good; for if we do not
give up, the time will come
when we will reap the harvest.

Galatians 6:9



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

260

233

98

115



Well done Badgers!

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STARS OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

Reception - Martin

Year 1 - Bevin

Year 2 - Harriet

Year 3 - Jasmine

Year 4 - Jessica

Year 5 - Freddie

Year 6 - Charlene

Congratulations to all these children.

Hawking

95.1%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
16th-20th February	Half Term
Friday 27th March	Term ends—School closes 1:45pm
Monday 13th April	Term starts—8:40am

CLASS PE DAYS

Donaldson - Year 1	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Elizabeth - Year 2	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Curie - Year 3	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Hawking - Year 4	Mondays (swimming & Wednesdays)
Mandela - Year 5	Wednesdays & Fridays
Attenborough - Year 6	Wednesdays & Fridays



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Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total £346.32

District total _____



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

“

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.

”



The C.S. Lewis Award for

Perseverance



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9)

Prayer of the Week

If our school were in heaven, we would sweep the path clean.

If our school were in heaven, we would cultivate its garden.

If our school were in heaven, we would keep our things neat.

If our school were in heaven, we would display our work for the angels to see.

If our school were in heaven, we would treat everyone as a child of God.

So here on earth we will do these things and so make our school more like heaven. Amen

Reception - Watson

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all!

This week in Reception, the children have been busy exploring and having lots of fun across the curriculum. In phonics, we have been recapping our Level 3 sounds, helping the children to recognise them confidently and beginning to use them in their reading and writing. In maths, we have been focusing on the numbers one to six, with a particular emphasis on subitising. The children have been practising recognising quantities without using their fingers, developing their number sense. During drawing club, we watched a video called Wacky Races, which inspired the children to use their imaginations to design their own cars and petrol stations. In understanding the world, we explored ice and experimented with different tools to try and break it, encouraging curiosity and problem-solving. In RE, we talked about people who are special to us and discussed why they are important in our lives. It's been an excellent first week back, keep up the fabulous work Watson class!



Year 1 - Donaldson

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. They have all been so eager to learn and working hard in all their lessons. In English, we have started a new text called, 'Beegu'. We had a visit from a mysterious spaceship and searched for clues as to who could have visited us. The children have enjoyed learning about Beegu and will be writing a character description of her today, using noun phrases. In Maths, we have started exploring place value within 20 and have really focused on building numbers between 10 and 20. We have used Base Ten to help us understand that teen numbers such as 13, are made from one ten and three ones. In Science we had lots of fun drawing around our bodies and labeling all the parts. Well done on an excellent week of learning Donaldson Class!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

We are thrilled to report that the children in Elizabeth Class have settled back wonderfully after the Christmas break! Their enthusiasm and focus have been incredible, making for a smooth transition into the new term.

This week, we wrapped up our shapes topic, diving deep into the concepts of faces and vertices (easier remembered as “corners.”) The students engaged in various activities that helped reinforce their understanding of both 2D and 3D shapes, showcasing their growing confidence in this area. We began our new topic on Money.

In English, we explored the water cycle and discussed practical ways to protect our planet. Topics like recycling, planting trees, and conserving energy by turning off lights were highlighted. The children began drafting letters as a final piece for our current book, expressing their commitment to environmental protection and preservation.

We also introduced our exciting new history topic, “How Did We Learn to Fly?” The students were captivated by the story of the Wright brothers and their pioneering work in aviation. This topic promises to spark curiosity and inspire further exploration in the coming weeks.



Year 3 - Curie

We’ve had a brilliant first week back in Year 3! The children have started exploring two exciting new books — “Escaping Pompeii” and “Arthur and the Golden Rope.” They have been captivated by the stories and are already asking thoughtful questions about the characters, settings, and events.

In history, we have begun our new topic on Ancient Rome. The children had great fun stepping into the role of archaeologists, examining artefacts, making observations, and thinking carefully about what these objects can tell us about life in the past. It’s been a fantastic start to the term, and we’re really looking forward to seeing where our learning takes us next!



Year 4 - Hawking

Year 4 have had a busy and positive first week back after their time off for Christmas. In English, we have begun exploring our new class text, *Frindleswylde*, focusing on developing descriptive writing through the use of expanded noun phrases. In maths, the children continued developing their multiplication and division skills, with a particular focus on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. In science, we started our new topic on states of matter, learning about solids, liquids and gases. History lessons introduced our Anglo-Saxon topic, where pupils discovered who the Angles, Jutes and Saxons were and where they came from. All in all, a great start back for Hawking class!



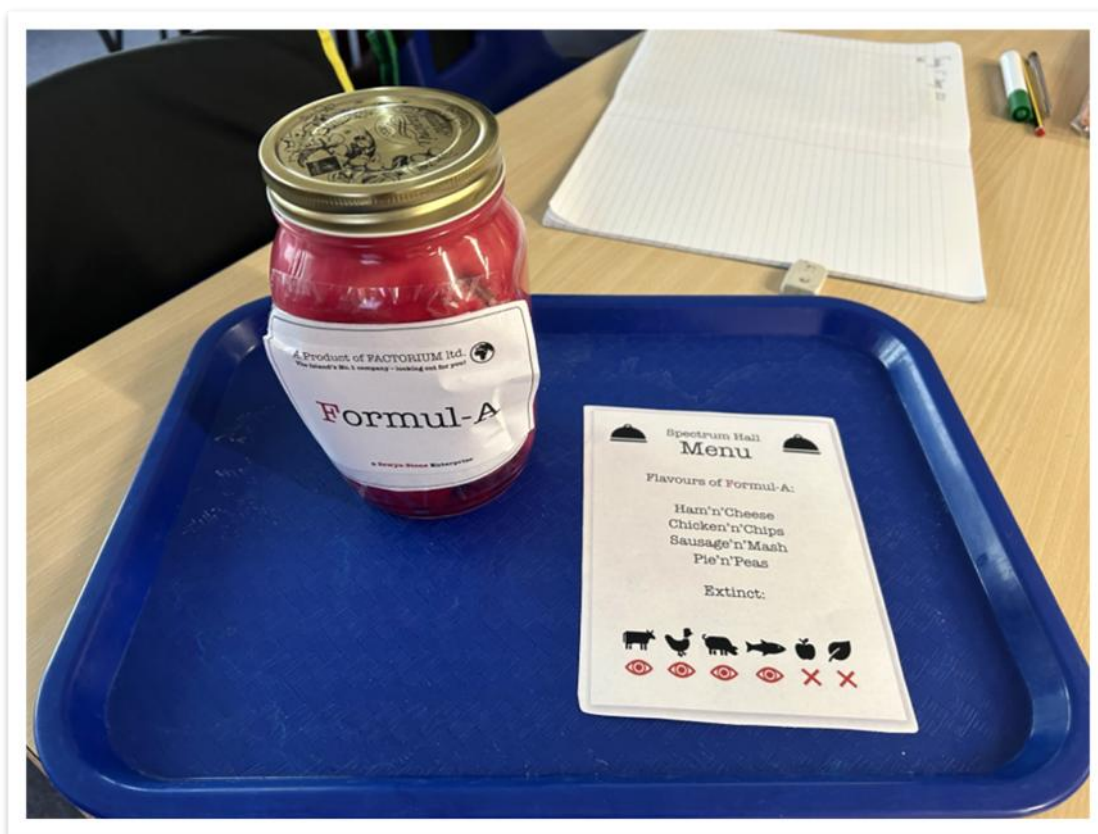
Year 5 - Mandela

Our Spring 1 Term started with us going on an imaginary journey where we were caught in a tempest. We watched a video of a storm at sea to inspire our writing of a letter for a message in a bottle. This was the introduction to our English text, *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. We have also explored the relationships between characters and written a diary entry as one of the travellers now stranded on the island. We are surprised that we are able to understand this text as there is a lot of Old English in it. In Maths we have started a new unit on Multiplication and Division, and we have worked on using formal method to multiply two 2-digit numbers. It is tough but we will keep trying. We had our first Cricket session with Coach Matt and we started Sports Captain Training. In Science, we did an investigation with solids and liquids to explore mixtures. In Computing we looked at formatting Google Docs this involved changing text colour, size and style as well as using underline, italics and bold features. Our History unit this half-term is the Tudors. We began by exploring and interpreting images of King Henry VIII to decide what type of a ruler was portrayed.



Year 6 - Attenborough

We have had a fantastic week in Year 6 and it has been great to welcome Mrs Stoughton back! We kicked off a brand-new English unit based on *The Last Wild*, arriving in the classroom to discover a mysterious jar full of pink slop – food from the future! The children learned it comes in flavours such as Ham 'n' Cheese, Chicken 'n' Chips and Pie 'n' Peas, which certainly sparked their imaginations. In Maths, we had a recap week focusing on fractions, including adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing; ask your child if they can teach you the KFC method for dividing fractions and see if you can solve $2/5 \div 3$ together. In Science, we explored evolution and inheritance, learning how we inherit different characteristics from our family members. We discussed how similar Kofi and Ohene are, and how Henry has his mum's eyes but is very similar to his dad in other ways. At home, you could talk about what traits you have inherited in your family and even look at old photos to spot any similarities. We are happy to be back in Year 6 and are ready and raring to get learning.





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- ENTITLEMENT VERSUS RESPONSIBILITY
- CONSEQUENCES
- ANGER
- ASSERTIVENESS
- SELF-CARE
- COOPERATIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

DATES:

Mondays from 26th Jan
(no session in half-term)

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

LOCATION: Onslow St. Audrey's School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/q1ci0btEX5>



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DATES:

Wednesdays from 28th Jan - 25th March
(no session in half-term)

TIME: 9:30-11:30am

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

LOCATION: Peartree Primary School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UzmG701hmR>

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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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