



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

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16th January 2026

FROM THE DEPUTY

HEADTEACHER

This week has been an exciting one across the school as pupils completed their applications to join our new pupil leadership groups: the Change Leaders Club, the Eco Club, and the Good News Club.

As part of the process, children presented their applications to their classes, speaking confidently about why they would like to be involved and the ideas they hope to bring to their chosen club. It was wonderful to see so many pupils demonstrating enthusiasm, courage, and pride as they shared their thoughts with their peers.

We are very much looking forward to working with the new clubs and supporting the children as they help to introduce fresh and exciting concepts across the school. These groups will play an important role in shaping our school community, and we are confident they will make a positive impact.

I would also like to thank you for the support shown for the new enrichment opportunities being offered across the school. We are really looking forward to starting these next week and seeing the children benefit from the wide range of experiences available to them.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to see our football team return to competition as the spring sporting calendar begins. We wish all of our pupils the very best as they represent the school and look forward to an action-packed term of sport.

Finally, we are delighted to have launched our new school Instagram page. If you are not already following us, please take a moment to find us at @stmarys_welhamgreen, where we will be sharing highlights and celebrations from across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kayleigh Egerton

Deputy Headteacher



Our value this half term is:

Perseverance

But those who trust in the LORD
for help will find their strength
renewed. They will rise on wings
like eagles; they will run and not
get weary; they will walk and
not grow weak.

Isaiah 40:31

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

95

131

130

172



Well done Squirrels!

260

233

98

115

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Miracle

Year 1 - Giovanna

Year 2 - Meghan

Year 3 - Marc

Year 4 - George

Year 5 - Lara

Year 6 - Izzy

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth

95%



Mandela

92.2%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
16th-20th February	Half Term
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—Dress as your favourite character
Thursday 5th March	Book Swap in School
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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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 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

God our father,

help us in our promise to keep persevering during hard times and to never give up, even when its Maths and it seems just too hard!

Amen.

Reception - Watson

This week in Reception, we have been very busy with our learning! In Maths, the children explored finding one less than a number using tens frames and practised subitising numbers up to five using picture cards. During drawing club, we enjoyed reading 'Room on the Broom' and the children used their imaginations to design and draw their own brooms with superpowers to help them fly faster through the sky. In PE, we began our gymnastics unit, learning a variety of shape moves including star, tuck, pike, straight and straddle. Also, in understanding of the world, we investigated minibeasts, focusing on how many legs and wings each animal had. The children explored the tuff tray, developing their fine motor skills by using tweezers to pick up minibeasts and then counting how many they collected. In expressive arts and design, we started our self-portraits by carefully looking in the mirror and drawing what we could see. Keep up the amazing work Watson class!



Year 1 - Donaldson

In Donaldson Class this week, we have been enjoying our story, 'Beegu' in English. The children wrote instructions of how to look after her and came up with some brilliant ideas. In Maths, we are continuing to develop our understanding of numbers between 10 and 20. The children have worked really hard to show their understanding by using a variety of equipment such as Base Ten and Bead Strings. In Art, we are continuing to learn about the Artist Andy Goldsworthy and have been painting our sketches using natural colours such as browns and greys. Well done on a super week of learning Year 1!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

This week has been another amazing one in Elizabeth Class! The children have truly excelled in every lesson, showcasing not only their academic skills but also an exceptional attitude toward learning. Their enthusiasm and willingness to engage in new challenges have made our classroom a vibrant and fun place.

In English, our focus has been on expanding our understanding of language. We dove into conjunctions and homophones, exploring how these elements enhance our writing. The children engaged in various activities that helped reinforce these concepts, such as interactive games and group discussions.

One of the week's highlights was writing letters to William, the main character from the beloved story "The Bear Under the Stairs." The children took great care in crafting their letters, expressing their thoughts and feelings about William's adventures. It was heartwarming to see them pour their creativity into this task, and many students even illustrated their letters with colourful drawings!

In Maths, the students have been equally industrious. We concentrated on comparing amounts of money, which involved hands-on activities where they handled real coins. This practical approach not only made the lesson engaging but also helped solidify their understanding of currency.

Additionally, we tackled the concept of "making a pound" and solving various cost problems. The children worked in pairs to devise strategies for purchasing items within a budget, which encouraged teamwork and critical thinking. Their enthusiasm for tackling these challenges has been commendable, and it's clear they are developing a strong foundation in financial literacy.



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been developing our maths skills by learning about grid multiplication. The children worked hard to break numbers into parts and apply this new method with growing confidence.

In Science, we carried out an exciting investigation using vinegar and rocks to observe how acids can affect different materials. The children loved making predictions and watching the reactions closely, thinking carefully about what this might tell us about rocks in the natural world.

In English, we have been focusing on using vivid and descriptive language to make our writing more engaging. The children experimented with powerful adjectives and imaginative phrases, producing some wonderfully detailed work.



Year 4 - Hawking

Year 4 have had a busy and productive week! In English, the children have been developing their descriptive writing skills, using figurative language such as similes and metaphors to bring their writing to life. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, using a range of methods to build confidence and accuracy. Our History lessons have explored Anglo-Saxon homes, with pupils learning about how they were built and what daily life may have been like. In PE, the children enjoyed their first swimming session, showing great enthusiasm, and we have continued to develop our cricket skills through throwing, catching and batting activities.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week has gone by really quickly as we have engaged in some enjoyable learning activities. Our English work on *The Tempest* entailed writing a missing act involving Miranda and Prospero, after she had met Ferdinand. We used features of playscripts such as brackets and stage directions, and we even got to act out our scenes. It took a while for us to get out of the habit of using inverted commas around direct speech. In PSHE, children, who wished to be appointed to various roles, had the opportunity to prepare and present speeches to their peers, who then voted for the class reps. The following children were appointed :

Change Leaders: Aram and Raphael, Eco-Heroes: Maisie and Isabella and Good News Club: Lara and Diana.

We have also begun working on an assembly presentation for our Mini Police Unit as our work with Hertfordshire Constabulary draws to an end. Division has been the highlight of our Maths week as we found it much easier to understand than Multiplication.



Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6 has been busy and fun-filled! In Science, we explored animal adaptations, learning how polar bears, camels, axolotls and tigers are specially suited to their environments. We also enjoyed an exciting cricket session with Chance to Shine Cricket and coach Matt, where we played matches in three teams – there was lots of fun, and Mrs Stoughton and Mrs Brooks showed some very competitive spirit! In PSHE, the children worked hard on preparing and delivering speeches before voting for our new pupil groups: Michelle and David were chosen as Change Leaders (School Council), Tallulah and Lenny joined The Good News Club, and Jojo, Izzy and Violet became our new Eco-Heroes. A great week of learning and teamwork all round!

Reminder: Spelling Shed is set each Friday and Mathletics is set throughout the week (some of Year 6 choose to spend time at school completing their homework, so don't panic if it doesn't show at home!) Paper Maths homework will also be making its way home from next Friday.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @stmarys_welhamgreen and Facebook!



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Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals in Hertfordshire

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not

limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
 - Anxiety
 - School

No
Diagnosis
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Parent, Carer
or
Professional?



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Term Time Opening Hours

9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday


7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By Appt)

9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



We Can't:

- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors

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COURSE COVERS:

- 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:

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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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