



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE DEPUTY

### HEADTEACHER

What a fun-packed week we've had at school! There has been so much to celebrate, and it's been wonderful to see our pupils getting involved, supporting one another, and shining in so many different ways.

A huge congratulations to our Year 4 speed stacking team, who represented the school brilliantly this week. We are incredibly proud to announce that they returned with an amazing set of results, bringing home gold, silver, and bronze medals. What an achievement! Well done to everyone involved for their focus, teamwork, and determination.

We were delighted to welcome Jo Moxham from Stanborough, who came in to teach Years 5 and 6 indoor athletics. The children had a fantastic time developing their skills, learning new techniques, and challenging themselves in a range of activities. Thank you, Jo, for such an inspiring and energetic session!

One of the highlights of my week was watching our pupils enjoy the new Friday lunchtime Boombox sessions. Seeing the school dance, laugh, and express themselves to music was a joy and a wonderful way to end the week on a high note.

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news about Lola Harrington, who received fantastic news this week when she found out she has been selected to join the Development Programme at The London Children's Ballet. Her lessons start tomorrow, and we would like to wish her the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and look forward to seeing where this exciting opportunity takes her.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're already looking forward to another exciting week ahead!

**Kayleigh Egerton**

**Deputy Headteacher**

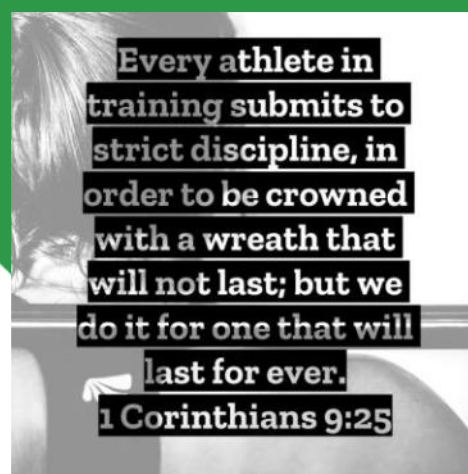
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30th January 2026



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

## Perseverance



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**263**

**147**

**174**

**158**



**Well done Badgers!**

**817**

**746**

**500**

**581**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

## ATTENDANCE STARS

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

**Reception - Bonnie W**

**Year 1 - Merabel**

**Year 2 - Rosie**

**Year 3 - Peony**

**Year 4 - Skyla**

**Year 5 - Aram**

**Year 6 - Jessica**

**Donaldson**

**97.1%**



**Curie**

**96.9%**



**Mandela**

**96.7%**



**Attenborough**

**95.2%**



**Congratulations to all these children.**

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 4th February	Reception & Year 1 Cathedral Trip
Friday 6th February	PTA cake sale—After school
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

8:40am

## CLASS PE DAYS

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

The PTA are holding a cake and drink sale after school Friday 6th February!

Cash and card accepted.



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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

Help me shape my dreams: bless my planning and my preparing.

Help me shape my here and now: bless my thinking and my doing.

Help me shape my memories: bless my remembering and my forgetting.

Amen

## Reception - Watson

We have had a lovely and very busy week in Reception, full of learning, creativity and imagination. In Maths, the children have been learning about one more and one less. We used tens frames and cubes to help us represent numbers and explore how they change. The children did a fantastic job using practical resources to support their understanding. In drawing club, we have been reading the story 'Penguin'. We spent time talking about the characters and sharing our ideas about why we think Penguin did not want to talk to Ben. The children also enjoyed drawing a lion and a penguin, imagining the moment when the penguin bit the lion on the nose! In RE, we have been learning about why some Christians get baptised. We watched a video of a baby being baptised by a priest and talked about what happens during the ceremony. The children then took part in role play, acting out a baptism and using the new vocabulary they had learnt. In arts and design, the children have been very creative. They used paint to make buildings for our superhero HQ home corner and designed their own superhero masks. The children loved wearing their masks and pretending to be superheroes as part of their imaginative play.

Keep up the amazing work Watson class!



## Year 1 - Donaldson

We have had a wonderful week of learning in Year 1. In English, we started planning our Beegu story and have written the introduction. Next week, we will be writing the middle and end. In Maths, we have begun exploring addition up to 20 and will continue next week, using different strategies such as counting on, using tens frames and a number line. In Science, we enjoyed exploring our sense of smell and smelt a variety of different household items to guess what they were!

Well done Donaldson Class!



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth class the children have shown remarkable dedication as they crafted their final pieces for English. Their focus on slowing down, checking spellings carefully, and thoughtfully editing their plans has really paid off. Each child has produced a piece of writing that reflects both hard work and growing confidence. The final outcomes are beautifully written, full of creativity, and a real celebration of their progress. It's been a joy to see their pride in their work and the care they've taken at every step. Excellent efforts this week Elizabeth Class!

In Maths, we have begun exploring our new multiplication and division topic. The children have learnt that the x symbol can be understood as "lots of" or "groups of," which has helped them build a strong foundation for the concept. They have been matching multiplication sentences to addition sentences to deepen their understanding and make clear connections between the two. We have also been creating equal groups and writing number sentences to represent them. The children have shown great enthusiasm and growing confidence as they grow to understand this new learning.



## Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have started exploring two wonderful new books. In English, we have been reading "The Last Garden." The children have written some beautiful setting descriptions and have even enjoyed planting their own seeds as we begin creating a Year 3 garden. It has been lovely to see their writing come to life through this hands-on experience.

In whole-class reading, we have begun reading the classic novel "Charlotte's Web." The children are already enjoying the characters and themes, and we're looking forward to the thoughtful discussions ahead.

In maths, we have started our new topic on length and perimeter. The children have been exploring how metres, centimetres, and millimetres are used to measure different objects, developing their understanding of which units are most suitable in different situations.



## Year 4 - Hawking

This week, Year 4 have been very busy and enthusiastic in their learning. In English, the children finished and published their sequel to Frindleswyld. They enjoyed editing their work and were really proud to share their final pieces, which showed lots of creativity and imagination.

In Maths, the class completed our multiplication and division unit. The children practised using different methods and tackled a range of problems, building their confidence as the week went on.

During our science lesson, the children carried out an investigation measuring temperature over time. They carefully recorded their results and talked about the changes they noticed. In art, Year 4 continued learning about Viking artwork, exploring patterns and designs and creating their own Viking-inspired work.

The children also continued to enjoy their swimming and cricket lessons in PE, working on their skills, teamwork, and confidence. All in all, another lovely week!



## Year 5 - Mandela

Mandela Class have had a busy and exciting week! We enjoyed an extra PE session focused on indoor athletics, where pupils worked hard to develop their speed, stamina and technique. We were also proud to lead a mini police assembly for Key Stage 2, sharing our learning from our recent session with Hertfordshire Constabulary and helping others understand the important role of the police in our community.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions, using our problem-solving skills to multiply and divide in order to find fractions of amounts. In English, we successfully completed our unit by writing and performing our own Tempest-inspired plays, showcasing creativity, teamwork and Shakespearean flair.



## Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6 has been full of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Science, we explored the evolution of the woolly mammoth, learning how it adapted to survive in a cold climate. In English, we continued reading *The Last Wild* and began planning our own dystopian stories—some pupils have imagined worlds destroyed by a great flood or raging inferno, while others have created chilling ideas about mutant viruses spreading across the planet! In Maths, we tackled percentages of amounts; although this was quite challenging, Year 6 showed great focus and resilience and worked through the problems really well. As the oldest pupils in school, we are also reminding Year 6 of the importance of being positive role models at all times, focusing on their own learning, and striving to succeed in everything they do.



### Sporting News

We were delighted to take part in our first sporting outing of the Spring-Term on Thursday, when a team of eight enthusiastic Year 4 pupils represented the school at a Speed Bounce Competition. The children were a real credit to the school, showing excellent teamwork, focus and sportsmanship throughout the event.

Their hard work paid off with some fantastic results:

Gold medal in the Boys' 3-3-3 event – Mohammed

Silver medal in the Girls' 3-3-3 event – Jessica

Bronze medal in the Boys' 3-6-3 event- Oscar

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part and how confidently they represented our school. Well-done children, and thank you to the adults who supported with transport.

We are now looking forward to another exciting week of sport, with Year 3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket and a Year 5/6 football match coming up next week. Good luck to all those involved!

If any parent is interested in supporting our sporting activities in anyway: be it transport, chaperone or coaching, please feel free to contact me.

*Ms Williams*





Lola H in Year 4 had an audition at The London children's Ballet in October, there were hundreds of children auditioning and Lola got through to the development programme! Her first lesson is tomorrow in Battersea, London and she will also be doing a performance at the Royal Academy of Dance In London. Well done Lola!

### Crafty Kids Art Club

Our clubs have been very popular with some over-subscribed! Here are the children attending Crafty Kids Club with Mrs Shearer.



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- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
  - Anxiety
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or  
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Term Time Opening Hours

9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday


7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By Appt)

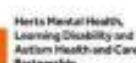
9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



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

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## Who's in Charge?

### A FREE\* 8 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS LIVING WITH A STRONG-WILLED CHILD

**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>



\*Please note that this course is only available for free to our partner schools, details of which can be found here: <https://www.welwynhatschoolspartnership.com/our-schools/>



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**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 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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