



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DEPUTY

HEADTEACHER

We are delighted to share some wonderful highlights from across the school this week and to say a huge thank you for your continued support.

We are incredibly proud to report that our attendance continues to improve, with four days above the national average. This is a fantastic achievement and truly reflects the strong partnership between home and school. To celebrate this, we have introduced new 100% attendance badges, which children can earn each term. These were proudly handed out in our celebration assembly today, and it was wonderful to see the children recognised for their commitment. Thank you for helping us ensure children are in school every day, ready to learn.

Reception and Year 1 had a wonderful time on their recent visit to St Albans Cathedral. The children loved dressing up and exploring the building, and they were especially creative when designing and making their own stained glass windows. It was a fun-filled day packed with learning and excitement!

Our school football team had a great match against St Philip Howard, representing the school superbly. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and truly lived out our termly value of perseverance. Well done to all involved – we are very proud of you.

Year 6 have been working extremely hard on their practice SATs this week. They have shown great determination and resilience, and it has been lovely to see them celebrating each other's successes and supporting one another. Well done, Year 6 – keep up the fantastic effort!

We are looking forward to World Mental Health Week, with lots of fun and meaningful activities planned. A big thank you to Miss Webb for organising a range of opportunities to help children learn about wellbeing, kindness, and looking after their mental health.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kayleigh Egerton

Deputy Headteacher

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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:

185

186

188

150



Well done Rabbits!

1002

932

688

731

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Emily

Year 1 - Reggie

Year 2 - Dominion

Year 3 - Ewa

Year 4 - Jess

Year 5 - Isabella

Year 6 - Olivia-May

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie

99.4%



Hawking

96.4%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 13th February	Crazy hair day—£1 to take part
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,

we all promise that we will persevere when we do our learning.

Thank you for helping me to persevere every day that I've lived.

Amen

Reception - Watson

We have had a very busy and exciting time in Reception this week, with lots of wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum. In maths, the children have been learning how to double numbers up to five. We used cubes to help us count carefully and see how doubling works in a practical, hands on way. We have also been exploring odd and even numbers, sorting and discussing numbers and beginning to recognise patterns. In drawing club, we have been reading the story 'Hansel and Gretel'. They designed and drew their own witches, as well as the famous witch's house made entirely of sweets. The creativity and imagination on display was fantastic! During arts and design, the children made their own superhero capes for our superhero HQ home corner. They carefully chose colours and designs and were very proud to wear their creations while playing and acting out superhero adventures. We also had a very special trip to St Albans Cathedral on Wednesday, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They learned about the history of the cathedral and had the opportunity to dress up as a Roman, a bishop, and an emperor. The children were fascinated by what they discovered and asked lots of thoughtful questions. Following our visit, the children created their own stained glass windows inspired by the beautiful windows in the cathedral. They also took part in crayon rubbings of the floor tiles, creating lovely repeating patterns and exploring texture and shape. Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and hard work this week!



Year 1 - Donaldson

We have had a wonderful week of learning in Donaldson Class. The highlight of our week, was of course, our trip to St. Alban's Cathedral on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time and participated in a range of activities, including reenacting the story of St. Alban and designing and creating their own stain-glass windows. We are so proud of how beautifully the children behaved and engaged in all the learning. In English, we have finished our stories based around our aliens. The children have written some beautiful narratives, using their phonics and we are very proud of them. Keep up the fantastic efforts, Year 1!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

In English, we have started our new book *The Minpins* by Roald Dahl. The children have been completely captivated by the Minpin monster — it's such an exciting story! They have worked exceptionally hard retelling parts of the story in their own words, using the past tense. The children have also practised writing different types of sentences, writing instructions using "bossy" (imperative) verbs, and identifying opposite words.

In Maths, the children have been counting in twos, multiplying by two, and sharing numbers into two equal groups. Next week, we will be learning about odd and even numbers and discovering why odd numbers cannot be divided equally into two groups.

In RE, the children learned all about why the Qur'an is special to Muslims and how it is important to keep it safe and tidy.

Well done, Elizabeth Class



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been developing our maths skills by converting lengths. The children have been practising changing millimetres into centimetres and centimetres into metres, showing great focus and growing confidence.

In English, we have been learning how to use direct speech correctly, including placing inverted commas around spoken words. The children have enjoyed turning dialogue into their writing and are becoming much more accurate with punctuation.

In music, we have been exploring sounds using glockenspiels and learning the song "Three Little Birds." The children enjoyed playing along to the melody and rhythm, and it was lovely to see their confidence grow as they performed together.



Year 4 - Hawking

We've had another busy and positive week in Year 4. In English, the children have been writing their own letters, working hard to organise their ideas clearly, use the correct layout, and choose appropriate language for the reader. In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate the length and perimeter of rectilinear shapes, practising accurate measuring and adding sides together to find the perimeter. We have also continued learning our "Stop Bullying" song in music, which the children are really enjoying and which has prompted some thoughtful discussions about kindness, respect, and looking out for one another. We are also very proud of the children who represented the school in a cricket match this week, showing excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination. Thank you for your continued support, and we are very proud of the effort Year 4 are putting into their learning each day.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week in Maths, the children completed their unit on fractions and have begun working on decimals and percentages. We used a range of concrete apparatus to help deepen understanding and support pupils in making clear links.

In English, we started a new narrative unit based on Children of the Benin Kingdom. The children are completely gripped by the story and have particularly enjoyed predicting what might happen next as the plot unfolds. Due to the size and richness of our writing text, reading has been merged with English this week to allow for deeper exploration of the narrative.

In Art, pupils explored three different types of pots, learning about their form and purpose. They are very much looking forward to creating their own pots next week.

A focused and engaging week of learning all round!



Year 6 - Attenborough

Well done, Year 6, for your fantastic perseverance during test week! This week you completed a full set of assessments, including reading, grammar and three maths papers, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you for giving 100% effort—even when it felt challenging. It was especially wonderful to see you celebrating and cheering on your friends when results were shared, showing true friendship, encouragement and joy. A huge well done as well to the St Mary's football team, who played brilliantly this week. Even though the win didn't go their way, their teamwork, positive attitude and love of the game really shone through when they couldn't wait to share how well they had played.

Next week, we will continue to write our own dystopian story and I can't wait to read your adventures!



This week has been a busy and successful one for school sport, with pupils across the school proudly representing us at a range of events.

On Wednesday, a Year 3/4 team of nine pupils took part in a Quick Cricket tournament. The children showed great perseverance and teamwork throughout the competition and performed strongly against tough opposition, finishing 4th in their heat. They should be very proud of their effort and positive sporting attitude.

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 football team took part in a competitive fixture, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience and determination throughout the match. The children worked hard for one another and represented the school with pride. Although they lost 4-1, they can take pride that the score margin was narrow as they played against the best team in the league.

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported these events by transporting children to and from fixtures. A special mention goes to our parent coach- Mr Scully, as well as Mr Lewis, who co-managed the football team and provided valuable guidance and encouragement.



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FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

WYLLYOTTS THEATRE, WYLLYOTTS PL,

POTTERS BAR, EN6 2HZ

5.00-6.00pm 7-12yrs old

6.00-7.00pm 13-18yrs old

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

WYLLYOTTS THEATRE, WYLLYOTTS PL,

POTTERS BAR, EN6 2HZ

2.00-3.30pm 7-12yrs old

3.30-5.00pm 13-18yrs old

You only need to attend one audition

All auditionees must be 8 years old by the time of the show

TO BE PERFORMED AT WYLLYOTTS THEATRE 11TH - 13TH JUNE 2026

NOTHING TO PREPARE

JUST ARRIVE, BOOK IN AND AUDITION

A show fee is payable by all successful applicants

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

No
Diagnosis
Required

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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)

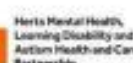
9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



We Can't:

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

Here to support, reach out for a listening ear 





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

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

DATES:

Mondays from 23rd Feb (no session in half-term)

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

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:

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PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

DATES:

Wednesdays from 25th Feb (no session in half-term)

TIME: 9:30-11:30am

LOCATION: Peartree Primary School

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

<https://forms.office.com/e/UzmG701hmr>

*Please note that this course is only available for free to our partner schools, details of which can be found here:

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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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