



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DEPUTY

HEADTEACHER

Spring Term Issue 6
13th February 2026

This week was a fantastic way to end the half term at St Mary's. The children worked incredibly hard to complete their units of work, especially in English and Maths, and they were proud to share their achievements with their teachers and classmates. There was a real buzz of excitement around the school as classes took part in fun, creative activities for Mental Health week and we had our weekly Friday dancing on the playground.

We were also incredibly proud of our badminton team, who represented the school brilliantly at a local tournament and achieved an impressive 4th place out of 11 schools – an amazing accomplishment that showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. In addition, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an athletics competition; we are eagerly awaiting the final results, but we are already so proud of the way the children behaved, supported one another and represented the school with such maturity and enthusiasm.

We are also pleased to see that attendance has improved this half term, reflecting the positive attitude of our pupils and families, and we are determined to build on this success and improve even further next half term.

On Friday, we came together for a special celebration assembly where certificates were awarded for effort, kindness and progress, and everyone cheered each other on. It was a joyful, positive end to the half term, leaving both staff and pupils feeling proud and ready for a well-earned break.

Kayleigh Egerton

Deputy Headteacher



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:

121

76

127

118



Well done Rabbits!

1123

1008

815

849

STARS OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

Reception - Tate

Year 1 - Ronnie

Year 2 - Taylor

Year 3 - Christopher

Year 4 - Lola-May

Year 5 - Raphael

Year 6 - Jack

Congratulations to all these children.

Elizabeth

97.1%



Hawking

95%



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.

”



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

Dear God,

help me to welcome challenges and to persevere in them.

When it seems easier to slack off than work hard, help me to remember that you have given me a spirit of self-discipline.

Amen

Reception - Watson

This week in Reception, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning. In Maths, we have been exploring length and height. The children enjoyed drawing around their partners to compare who was taller and using mathematical language such as taller and shorter. We also investigated different lengths of ribbon, sorting and comparing them to develop our understanding of long and short. In Drawing Club, we have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children loved bringing the story to life by drawing what they think Goldilocks looks like, thinking carefully about her features and clothing. They also created detailed maps to help the three bears find where Goldilocks had run off to, showing great imagination and storytelling skills. In arts and design, the children made beautiful Valentine's cards for their loved ones. In understanding the world, we focused on online safety, discussing why it is important to always ask for permission before using a technology device and how to stay safe online.

Another fantastic week of learning Watson class, have a lovely half term!



Year 1 - Donaldson

This week in Year 1, we have started our new text, 'The Odd Egg', in English. We started by looking at a variety of interesting eggs and used adjectives to describe them. We then thought about how birds look after their eggs and we wrote 'bossy sentences' using verbs to instruct the duck character on how she should care for hers. In Maths, we have continued to subtract and have used part-whole models to help us create fact families, such as: $17 + 3 = 20$, $3 + 17 = 20$, $20 - 17 = 3$ and $20 - 3 = 17$.

In History, we looked at history of teddy bears and the similarities and differences between those from the 1900's to today. Well done on a wonderful week of learning, Donaldson Class. We hope you have a fantastic and well deserved half-term break.



Year 2 - Elizabeth

In English, we have been re-writing our own versions of the book *The Minpins* by Roald Dahl, and the children have really enjoyed coming up with their own ideas and being creative. In Maths, we have been developing our skills by learning to multiply and divide by 10. In History, we have been fascinated by our topic on the history of flight, and we acted out how we would have felt being the first people to land on the moon.



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been finishing our beautiful class story “The Last Garden.” The children have used their imaginations wonderfully to create original stories about overcoming adversity through the power of nature. Their writing has shown creativity, empathy, and some fantastic descriptive language.

In maths, we have come to the end of our unit on length and perimeter. The children have worked hard throughout this topic and should feel very proud of the progress they have made in measuring and calculating accurately.

This week, Curie Class also took part in some exciting online live learning all about how to use AI safely and responsibly. The children had a brilliant time designing their own chatbot logos and thinking carefully about how to fill them with accurate and appropriate information. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful discussions about technology and safety.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4, we finished our class story *The Selfish Giant*, completed our Maths unit on length and perimeter, and wrapped up our Science topic on states of matter. The children have worked hard and shown great understanding across all areas.

We were also really impressed with the effort and creativity shown for Crazy Hair Day — thank you for your support! We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week in Year 5, we have had a busy week. In Maths, we have been learning about decimals and place value up to thousandths. In Art, we made pots using either pinch or coil technique. Some of us took part in sporting activities alongside Year 6s. We showed great spirit and determination to the point that when one of our relay members fell down (an author of this edition), she got up, continued and the team won their race. In English, we are nearing the end of our unit of work on Children of the Benin Kingdom. We have used adverbial phrases to link and organise sections of it; asked questions that puzzle us and have started grouping them to use as sections for our Non-Chronological Reports. Today is a sad day for us as we are losing Lara, we wish her all the best in her new school, and we will miss her deeply. It was lovely to see everyone's crazy hair.

By Lily and Lara



Crazy Hair Day 2026!



PE at St Mary's

Athletics

On Wednesday, we took a fantastic team of 20 children to compete in the Sports Hall Athletics event at Stanborough School. The children were a true credit to the school, demonstrating excellent participation, teamwork and exemplary behaviour throughout the event. The atmosphere in the sports hall was electric, with schools cheering one another on and celebrating every success.

After a series of track and field events, we proudly secured 6th place overall – a brilliant achievement in a highly competitive field.

The team have already expressed a strong interest in continuing to develop their athletics skills, and we will be exploring the possibility of starting an athletics club in the near future. Watch this space!

Badminton

On Thursday, a team of 7 Year 5 and 6 boys and girls took part in a competitive Badminton Tournament. Once again, their behaviour was exemplary and their determination to achieve was truly inspiring. Between rounds, the team could be found practising in the hallway, refining their serves and encouraging one another to persevere. Their teamwork and resilience were wonderful to see.

A special mention must go to Kiniru, who immediately stepped into the role of team coach. Not only did he guide and motivate his teammates, but he had also prepared packs of bite-sized information to help the team quickly grasp the basics of badminton. His leadership, preparation and commitment were outstanding.

Considering this was their first experience of competitive badminton, finishing 4th out of 11 schools was an exceptional achievement. The top four boys' scores were incredibly close, making for a very exciting finish!

We are immensely proud of all the children who represented the school this week. Their sportsmanship, enthusiasm and commitment embody our school values perfectly.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents and carers who transported the children to and from the events. Your continued support makes these opportunities possible, and we are incredibly grateful.





Join us for Wild Worship at St Mary's North Mymms AL9 7TN

2.30-4pm

4th Sunday of each month.

Crafts



Firepit



Food

Nature



Bible
stories



Friendship

Take the time to unplug from your devices, come and worship the creator God with us outdoors, in our churchyard. Wild Worship is suitable for all ages, including families.



Join us at 2.30pm on:

February 22nd 2026

March 29th 2026

April 26th 2026

May 24th 2026

June 28th 2026

September 27th 2026

October 25th 2026

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5.00-6.00pm 7-12yrs old

2.00-3.30pm 7-12yrs old

6.00-7.00pm 13-18yrs 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

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A show fee is payable by all successful applicants

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or
Professional?



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9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday


7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By Appt)

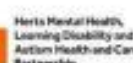
9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



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- CONSEQUENCES
- ANGER
- ASSERTIVENESS
- SELF-CARE
- COOPERATIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

DATES:

Mondays from 23rd Feb (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 25th Feb (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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