



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DEPUTY

HEADTEACHER

It has been an exciting week back as we begin Spring 2!

The children have returned full of enthusiasm and positivity, and it has been wonderful to see such fantastic learning taking place across the school.

A huge thank you to Miss Cotterell and Miss Webb for taking our Young Voices choir to the O2 to participate in the incredible Young Voices concert at The O2. The choir had a fantastic time and represented our school brilliantly.

It was truly a memorable experience for everyone involved, and we are so proud of their commitment and enthusiasm.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also enjoyed an inspiring visit linked to Harry Potter, where they took part in a film script writing workshop. The children had great fun exploring the world of script writing and showed creativity, maturity and excellent behaviour throughout. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

During the holidays, renovations to our school library began, and we are so excited about the transformation taking place. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Cotterell and

Mrs Stoughton for giving their time to decorate and refresh the space. We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Cassie Docherty (Lyla and Tate's mum) for donating the amazing animals that are now proudly on display in the library — they have already created lots of excitement and interest among the children!

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another busy and successful half term ahead.

Kayleigh Egerton

Deputy Headteacher

Spring Term Issue 7
27th February 2026



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness

And forgive us our
sins, as we forgive
those who sin
against us.

Matthew 6:12

Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

110

74

154

97



Well done Rabbits!

1233

1082

969

946

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 H

Year 1 - Blossom

Year 2 - Chalya

Year 3 - George

Year 4 - Louise

Year 5 - Thenula

Year 6 - Violet

Congratulations to all these children.

Elizabeth

100%



Curie

96%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—Dress as your favourite character
Thursday 5th March	Book Swap in School
Friday 13th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale in School
Friday 20th March	PTA Clothes Throw Collection
Friday 27th March	Term ends—School closes 1:45pm
Monday 13th April	Term starts—8:40am
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
25th—29th May	Half Term
Friday 19th June	PTA Father's Day Sale in School
Thursday 23rd July	Term ends—School closes 1:45pm

CLASS PE DAYS

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

Forgiveness



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.
(Ephesians 4:32)

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

thank you for everything you have done for me.

Thank you for our lives, our friends and our school.

Sorry for when we mess up and that you forgive me when I make mistakes.

Amen

Reception - Watson

This week in Reception, in Maths we have been focusing on the numbers nine and ten. The children have been developing their ability to recognise, count, and represent these numbers accurately. They have explored picture cards showing different representations of nine and ten, supporting their understanding that numbers can be shown in a variety of ways. The children have worked carefully to match quantities to numerals and to count with increasing accuracy. In drawing club, the children watched a clip from 'Poddington Peas'. They then designed their own vegetable characters. The children used their imaginations thoughtfully, considering where their vegetable might live and creating detailed settings to support their ideas. In understanding the world, the children made their own jam sandwiches. They practised spreading and cutting safely, while learning about hygiene and basic food preparation skills. This activity supported the development of independence, coordination and an understanding of everyday life skills. In PSHE, we discussed the importance of exercise and how it helps to keep our bodies healthy. The children shared examples of physical activities they participate in at home, including swimming, running and football. Keep up the great work Watson class!



Year 1 - Donaldson

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after half term and enjoy some sunshine with them this week! In English, we are continuing to read the 'The Odd Egg' and have been predicting what the baby birds will look like when they hatch out of their eggs. We are looking forward to decorating our own eggs next week too. In Maths, we have moved onto learning about numbers between 20 and 50. We have spent lots of time using the resources and making 2-digit numbers in a variety of ways, and understanding how many tens and ones they represent. In DT, we have started an exciting new unit where we will be making puppets. Today, we are learning about different ways to join fabric. Well done Donaldson Class on a super week of learning.



Year 2 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class has had a fantastic week back after half term! They've been bursting to share their holiday adventures with each other. We've packed in plenty of exciting learning, too! In maths, we've been mastering multiplication and division using the number 5 - top work, everyone! English has been a delight, with our new book 'The Owl and the Pussycat' inspiring some wonderful ideas. The class has come up with some amazing items to take on the boat, described with brilliant adjectives: 'a long, red umbrella', 'a fluffy, pink coat' - love it! P.E. has been all about fitness and teamwork. The class showed incredible spirit competing against the clock, organising themselves after picking a playing card. They were so into the game, they didn't want to stop! Huge well done to Elizabeth class for demonstrating amazing teamwork skills.



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have started an exciting new book called "Black Dog." The children have been using brilliant descriptive language to describe the strange and mysterious main character in the story. Their vocabulary choices have been imaginative and powerful, helping to build suspense and atmosphere in their writing.

In maths, we have begun our new topic on fractions. The children are learning to recognise and explain basic fractions using key vocabulary such as numerator and denominator. It has been fantastic to see them confidently using these mathematical terms in their explanations.

In science, we have started exploring light and shadow. We have had thoughtful discussions about what makes a light source and have grouped different examples into natural and artificial (synthetic) light sources. The children have been full of curiosity and excellent scientific ideas!



Year 4 - Hawking

Year 4 have had a busy and engaging week across the curriculum. In English, we began our new class text, *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes, and the children have enjoyed exploring the historical setting, making predictions and discussing the characters' feelings. In Maths, we started our unit on fractions, focusing on recognising and representing fractions of shapes and quantities, with pupils showing growing confidence. In Science, we launched our topic on sound, learning how vibrations create sound and carrying out simple investigations to see how sound travels. In Music, we began listening to and appraising *Lean on Me* by Bill Withers, discussing its message of friendship and identifying key musical features. It has been a positive week of enthusiastic learning in Year 4.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week, we have made a fantastic start to Spring 2! In English, the children have written their non-chronological reports about the Kingdom of Benin, drawing on their historical knowledge to present clear, well-structured information. In Maths, we have continued to deepen our understanding of decimals and percentages, with a particular focus on rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and the nearest tenth. In RE, we launched our new topic, Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?, encouraging thoughtful discussion and reflection. Geography lessons saw us exploring the importance of the world's oceans — we labelled the five oceans and examined key global trade routes. In D&T, we have started an exciting new unit on Mechanical Systems, and the children are already looking forward to designing and creating their own mechanisms. We are especially excited about our Harry Potter trip today — a magical experience for all! Finally, please note that from next week our PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays



Year 6 - Attenborough

We arrived on Tuesday to what looked like a crime scene in our classroom — two chalk body outlines surrounded by mysterious clues: a bottle of poison, a dagger, a sparkling diamond ring, and the rival family crests of the Montague family and the Capulet family. The mystery could only mean one thing... we have begun our exciting new English unit on Romeo and Juliet!

On Friday, we stepped into the magic of the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London — The Making of Harry Potter, where we took part in a scriptwriting workshop and loved exploring the incredible costumes, props, and famous sets from the Harry Potter films.



To top off an already brilliant week, we were thrilled to receive our Leavers' Hoodies! You'll spot us proudly wearing our navy blue hoodies around school — but don't worry, we're not leaving just yet!



PTA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2026



ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTA

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM



World Book Day Bingo

We will be hosting a World Book Day bingo during March to get your children reading! More information will follow shortly!



Annual Sales

We will be hosting our annual Mother's Day (Fri 13th March) and Father's Day (Fri 19th June) sales to celebrate those special people in your children's lives. Gifts range from 50p - £5, so don't forget to send them in with some money!



Clothing Collection

After the success of the clothing collection last year we have organised another one for Friday 20th March. If you are having a spring clear out, be sure to bag up any clothes in good condition and drop them down to us!

BACK THIS YEAR!



After the success of last year's Colour Run, it will be back next term!

Parents will be invited to come along and cheer on their children, as they get covered in rainbow colours running in this sponsored event.

There will be refreshments available to purchase at the event.

We will confirm the date for this as soon as it's been agreed with the school!

EASTER FUN!



The PTA are pleased to fund the annual Easter egg hunt at school again this year!

Each class will go on an Easter hunt, with every child receiving a small Easter egg for their efforts. The winner of the hunt in each class will receive a bigger Easter egg as their prize.

School will choose the exact date of the hunt based on weather closer to the time.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2 - 27 Mar

World Book Day Bingo

13 March

Mother's Day Sale

20 March

Clothes Collection

19 June

Father's Day Sale

TBC

Colour Run

DON'T FORGET...

To sign up to Easy Fundraising!



To raise some more cash for the school, while you shop, simply scan the QR code and sign up today! Every time you shop at certain retailers, the school gets a small percentage of the money!

So far, we've raised over £186!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.

1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

20 MARCH

FRIDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm



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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TIM RICE

MUSIC BY

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

WYLLYOTTS THEATRE, WYLLYOTTS PL,

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POTTERS BAR, EN6 2HZ

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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

NOTHING TO PREPARE

JUST ARRIVE, BOOK IN AND AUDITION

A show fee is payable by all successful applicants

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
Required

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a
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)

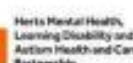
9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



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

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>



*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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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:

<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:

<https://www.welwynhatschoolspartnership.com/our-schools/>

