



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DEPUTY

HEADTEACHER

This week has been an exciting and inspiring one at school as we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. The whole school took part in a range of activities centred around the wonderful book *The Grand Hotel of Feelings*. Each class explored the story in their own way, choosing a different emotion from the book to focus their learning on.

The children produced some truly fantastic work. From thoughtful pieces of writing to colourful and creative artwork, every class showed great imagination while exploring emotions and how we experience them. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm the pupils put into their work, and many of these pieces will soon be displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy.

World Book Day also brought plenty of excitement with both children and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see so many creative costumes bringing beloved stories to life throughout the day. A big thank you to all families for helping make World Book Day such a memorable and joyful event. We look forward to sharing the children's fantastic work with you around the school soon.

On Tuesday 24th March, our School Effectiveness Officer, Kate Beaumont, visited the school. In her report she recognised the positive developments taking place across the school. She noted that communal areas across the school have improved and now better reflect leaders' intentions to create a calm, purposeful environment that promotes pride and supports positive behaviour.

She also recognised that pupils are engaging positively during breaktimes and have a secure understanding of routines. This shows that expectations are increasingly embedded and that pupils respond well to the clear structure.

During visits to classrooms, she highlighted that pupils' engagement in learning and the quality of explicit teaching observed indicate that expectations for behaviour and learning are becoming more secure across the school.

We are very proud of the positive feedback and of the continued effort from both pupils and staff to make our school a calm, purposeful and supportive place for learning.

Thank you as always, for your support.

Kayleigh Egerton

Deputy Headteacher

Spring Term Issue 8
6th March 2026



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness

**If we confess our sins, he
who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins.**

1 John 1:9

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



01707 276725



admin@stmarys565.herts.sch.uk



www.stmarys565.herts.sch.uk



Dellsome Lane, Welham Green, AL9 7NE

HOUSEPOINTS



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

73

101

113

101



Well done Rabbits!

1306

1183

1082

1047

STARS OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

Elizabeth

98.5%



Reception - Ohene

Year 1 - Annalise

Year 2 - Evie

Year 3 - Naveen

Year 4 - Elianna

Year 5 - Harry

Year 6 - Tallulah

Congratulations to all these children.

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 13th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale in School
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief—Wear a red nose or something red to school
Friday 20th March	Rocksteady Concert—9:30am
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

“

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 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,

For all the silly things I have done wrong I am sorry.

For the serious things I have done wrong I am sorry.

For the things I didn't even know were wrong I am sorry.

For all the things I need to put right. Make me strong.

Amen.

Reception - Watson

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Reception! In Maths, we have been learning about one more and one less of a number using a tens frame to help us. The children have also been practising subitising numbers to six, recognising how many there are without counting on their fingers. In Drawing Club, we have been reading *Aliens in Underpants Save the World*. The children have absolutely loved this story! They have been exploring the book by creating their own rockets, spaceships and aliens using recycled modelling materials. We have seen some wonderfully imaginative creations well done, everyone! In understanding the world, we have been learning about nature and discussing what makes plants grow. The children planted their own sunflower seeds and made beautiful sunflower pots to take home. We would love to see how they grow please take photos of your child's sunflower pot once it has bloomed and share them with us. Our garden centre role play area has been very popular! The children have enjoyed writing lists of what they need to grow a plant and taking on different roles as gardeners and shopkeepers. A big thank you for all the amazing effort with World Book Day costumes on Thursday the children looked absolutely brilliant! It was wonderful to celebrate our love of reading together. Another great week Watson class, keep up the amazing work!



Year 1 - Donaldson

We have had such a fun week of learning in Year 1! Our highlight has to be World Book Day, where the children had lots of fun dressing up as their favourite characters and celebrating reading. On Thursday, we read the book, *'The Grand Hovel of Feelings'* across the school and Donaldson Class focussed on the feeling of 'peace'. We thought about what peace means to us and there were some wonderful ideas shared. The children then wrote about it and completed artwork related to our feeling. In Science on Monday, we went for a beautiful spring walk around the school. We noticed the changes that have occurred since winter and made spring bracelets with all the natural treasure we found. Well done Year 1 for all your hard work.



Year 2 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class have had an amazing week! In Maths, we've been looking at measuring, we have measured items in the classroom and even estimating the length of the school hall – metre rulers in hand! In English, we've been having a blast with 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat', coming up with fantastic questions for the pair. Geography's been a treat, exploring our 'wonderful world' and discovering stunning physical and human features. And in DT, we've designed our own Ferris wheels and are super excited to start building them today.

Well done Elizabeth Class another fantastic week!



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been learning about how light reflects. The children carried out experiments with different materials to discover which surfaces are the most reflective. They made predictions, tested their ideas, and discussed why some materials reflect light better than others showing excellent scientific thinking!

In Maths, we have been exploring equivalent fractions. The children have been learning how different fractions can represent the same value and have been using diagrams and practical examples to help them understand this important concept.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! As part of the day, we explored the story "The Grand Hotel of Feelings," focusing on the emotion of pride. The children produced some lovely pieces of work reflecting on what makes them feel proud, and it was wonderful to hear them share their achievements and special moments with the class.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4 has been full of creativity and excitement. In French, the children continued developing their language skills and enjoyed practising new words and phrases. In PE, we explored dance, working on rhythm, movement and expressing ideas through choreography. In English, the class worked hard on writing detailed setting descriptions, using powerful vocabulary to bring their scenes to life. We also celebrated World Book Day, where the children arrived in amazing costumes that showed their love of reading. Inspired by The Grand Hotel of Feelings, the children created a beautiful piece of artwork and writing, exploring the emotion gratitude and expressing it through both words and illustrations. It was a wonderful celebration of stories, creativity and imagination.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week has been a super exciting week in Mandela Class, filled with creativity, curiosity and impressive determination. The highlight of our week was undoubtedly Thursday – World Book Day. The classroom was transformed into a parade of wonderful characters as the children arrived dressed as heroes, villains and much-loved figures from their favourite stories. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm for reading brought to life, and the effort put into costumes was truly fantastic. In English, as part of our World Book Day learning, we drew inspiration from *The Grand Hotel of Feelings* and explored the emotion of confidence. The children produced detailed descriptive writing, personifying confidence as a colour and describing it through the five senses. They thoughtfully considered how confidence appears to others and included a word of caution about the dangers of over-confidence. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their work and look forward to sharing it with the rest of the school once it is beautifully displayed. Also on Thursday, during our Science lesson, we dissected flowers to explore the reproductive organs of plants. With great care and curiosity, the children identified the different parts and discussed their functions. We also planted mint cuttings in water, which we will observe closely over the coming weeks to monitor their growth and root development. In Maths, we have now reached the end of our decimals and percentages unit. All adults have been extremely impressed with the children's work ethic throughout this topic. They have been consistently eager to learn, quick to grasp new concepts and increasingly independent in their reasoning. At times, we joked that we felt like spare parts as they confidently tackled challenges with growing assurance! Design & Technology continued this week, with the children beginning to design their final product after carefully analysing and evaluating existing examples. It has been wonderful to see their creativity combined with thoughtful design choices. In Geography, our learning focused on coral reefs, with particular attention given to the Great Barrier Reef. The children located it on a world map and created informative research posters packed with fascinating facts. Their ability to synthesise information and present it clearly was impressive. Well done, Team Mandela, for such a fantastic week of learning. Your enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork continue to shine!



Year 6 - Attenborough

What a busy week it has been in Year 6! In Maths, we have started exploring different types of angles, including acute, obtuse, right, reflex and straight angles. Next, we will be learning how to use a protractor to accurately measure and draw angles ourselves.

In English, we have continued our unit on Romeo and Juliet, focusing on how powerful body language can be when expressing emotions. We played a fun game called “I’m Fine”, where children chose an emotion and said the words “I’m fine” while using their body language to show how they really felt—while the rest of the class tried to guess the emotion.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in style! We saw witches, wizards, spies...and even a very peculiar-looking GIANT axolotl! Everyone had a fantastic time. As a school, we focused on the book *The Grand Hotel of Feelings*. In Year 6, we explored the emotion of anxiety, thinking about how it can make us feel and how it might affect our actions.

With only seven school weeks until our SATs, the class is continuing to work hard and show how capable they are. We know they are amazing and there is no need to worry—we will keep building our confidence and doing our very best!



World Book Day



St. Mary's is a nut free school.

Thank you for keeping our students and staff safe.

NO NUTS!





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

hello@thelittlerecyclers.co.uk • 0330 043 0550 • thelittlerecyclers.co.uk



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

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?



01727 833963 

 supporthub@add-vance.org

Term Time Opening Hours

9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday


7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By Appt)

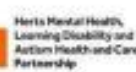
9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



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/>



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:

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/>

