



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

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13th March 2026

FROM THE ACTING

HEADTEACHER

We have had a fantastic week in school celebrating Science Week with the theme Curiosity. Throughout the week, pupils across all classes explored a range of exciting experiments and investigations that encouraged them to ask questions, think like scientists, and discover how science helps us understand the world around us.

Each class took part in different hands-on experiments, from testing reactions and exploring materials to observing how things change and work. The enthusiasm and curiosity shown by the children was wonderful to see, and it was clear that many budding scientists were hard at work!

A special thank you goes to Mrs Wilson, Mr Adekola, and Alex Russell, who kindly took the time to visit our school and deliver engaging presentations about their roles in the STEM world. The pupils really enjoyed hearing about the different careers and it was inspiring for them to see how curiosity and learning can lead to exciting opportunities in the future.

This week also marked the exciting opening of our new continuous provision garden and learning room, proudly named after local racing legend Lewis Hamilton. The children have already been making the most of this wonderful new space. They have been busy creating mud pies and "chicken" in the mud kitchen, building dens, and expressing their creativity through painting and outdoor play. It has been fantastic to see the children exploring, collaborating, and learning through hands-on experiences in this new environment.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising and hosting the Mother's Day sale. The children loved having the opportunity to choose a special gift for someone at home.

A reminder, the Year 6 Easter Sale will take place next Wednesday. The children have worked incredibly hard to make all of the items that will be sold, and the money raised will go towards their Year 6 Leavers Festival. Please do come along and support them if you can!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a memorable and inspiring week of learning. We all look forward to next week.

Kayleigh Egerton

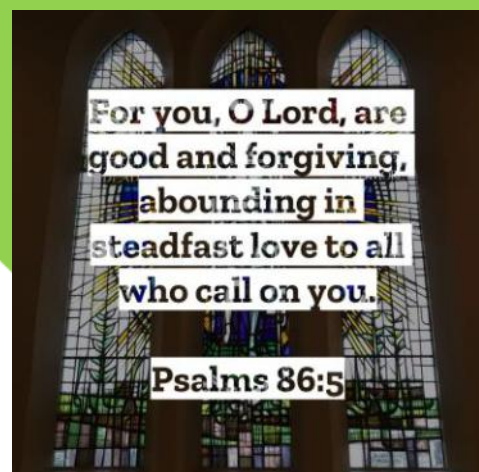
Acting Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

268

176

223

231



Well done Rabbits!

1574

1359

1305

1278

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Harley

Year 1 - Teddie

Year 2 - Verity

Year 3 - Wade

Year 4 - George

Year 5 - Bella

Year 6 - Kiniru

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking

95.7%



Curie

95%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Wednesday 18th March	Year 6 Easter Sale—after 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

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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,

I'm sorry when I make mistakes.

For those times I'm rude to my friends and family, when I don't do what my teacher says and for the times I don't tell the truth.

Thank you for forgiving me,

Amen

Reception - Watson

This week in Reception we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning! In maths, the children have been learning about doubling numbers up to five. They have been using cubes to help them see what doubling looks like and have worked really hard to recognise numbers, that have been doubled. In Drawing Club, we have been reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have really enjoyed bringing the story to life by drawing and creating their own giant, castle, and magic bean. They have also made fantastic progress with their writing by adding a short phrase to describe what they have drawn. In arts and design, the class has been creative by making Easter and Mother's Day cards. The children also designed their own Easter eggs using a range of different materials. There were lots of colourful and imaginative creations! During PE, we have been developing our ball skills. The children practised rolling, throwing, and catching a small ball. They worked brilliantly with their partners and showed great teamwork while encouraging one another. Finally, a big thank you to Mr Lewis and Mr Wilson for putting up our new ninja climb in the garden. The children have absolutely loved using the new climbing equipment and have been very excited to explore it during outdoor play. Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!



Year 1 - Donaldson

The children have worked incredibly hard during our Assessment Week, and we have been so impressed by the wonderful learning they have demonstrated in reading, spelling, and Maths.

To celebrate British Science Week, we had a fantastic visit from Mr Adewole Adekola, who came to talk to us about hygiene and germs. It was such an interesting lesson, and we are so grateful for the wonderful learning opportunity. We also had great fun carrying out a Science investigation to see which shaped cardboard could hold the greatest number of books. In PE we have been focussing on fitness and team building. The children had great fun using blindfolds and taking it in turns to guide a friend around an obstacle course. They showed excellent communication skills and worked so well as a team.

Keep up the excellent efforts Year 1, we are so proud of you!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class has shown incredible perseverance and resilience this week, tackling end-of-term assessments like pros! I'm super proud of each and every one of them. We had a fantastic visitor, Mr Adekola, who helped us kick off Science Week. He emphasised the importance of handwashing and we even got hands-on with some germ-spreading experiments! Back in class, we put our detective hats on and investigated which items are waterproof.



Well done once again Elizabeth class for a super week of learning.

Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have been celebrating British Science Week with some fun and exciting experiments. The children investigated how paper helicopters work and tested different designs to see how they could change the way they fall. We experimented by making the helicopters bigger and observing whether this helped them stay in the air for longer. The class loved making predictions, testing their ideas, and discussing the results like real scientists! In maths, we have come to the end of our unit on fractions. The children have worked very hard to understand how fractions work and should feel proud of the progress they have made. Next week, we are looking forward to starting our new maths topic on mass and capacity. In DT, the children have been developing their food preparation skills by exploring how to safely cut and peel different fruits. They practised using the correct techniques and talked about how these skills will help them when preparing healthy foods.



Year 4 - Hawking

Year 4 have had a very busy and exciting few weeks! During Science Week, the children carried out a fun investigation linked to dissolving sugar. They explored how different factors, such as stirring and temperature can affect how quickly sugar dissolves in water. The pupils made careful predictions, observed what happened during their experiments and recorded their results like real scientists. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and teamwork as they discussed their findings. Alongside this, the children completed their assessment papers and we are extremely proud of the effort and determination they showed throughout the week. They approached each test with a positive attitude and worked very hard to do their best. In Geography, we have been focusing on the journey of a cocoa bean, learning about where cocoa is grown and the steps involved in turning cocoa beans into chocolate. The children enjoyed discovering how cocoa travels from farms in tropical regions to factories and eventually to the shops where we buy chocolate. It has been a fantastic opportunity to link our learning about the wider world with something the children know and love! They now know how to look out for a fair-trade chocolate bar!



Year 5 - Mandela

This week has been assessment week, so our usual morning lessons were paused while the children completed their assessments. I am extremely proud of the focus, resilience and determination they demonstrated throughout the week. The class approached each assessment with maturity and a positive attitude, which was wonderful to see.

Towards the end of the week, we began our new Maths topic: Perimeter and Area. The children have already started exploring how to measure the distance around shapes and will progress to calculating the space inside them. We are looking forward to developing this further over the coming week as the class applies their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

It has also been British Science Week, and we enjoyed several exciting science-related activities. We were visited by a scientist from Affinity Water, who spoke to the class about her work and shared practical strategies for becoming “Water Heroes.” The children learned about the importance of conserving water and how small changes in our daily routines can make a big difference to the environment.

In addition, the class carried out a balloon rocket investigation. Our challenge was to discover how to make our rockets (straws) travel further along a line. The biggest challenges turned out to be blowing a balloon and attaching the straws securely to the balloons! Much of our session involved problem-solving and refining our designs before testing our rockets. In the end, several groups were able to complete the investigation.

We also watched the Science Week Live launch, which helped us refresh our knowledge of the planets in our solar system. The children enjoyed revisiting this learning and were eager to share facts they already knew.

It has been a different but very engaging week, and the children have approached every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity.



Year 6 - Attenborough

This week, Year 6 have been very busy and engaged in their learning.

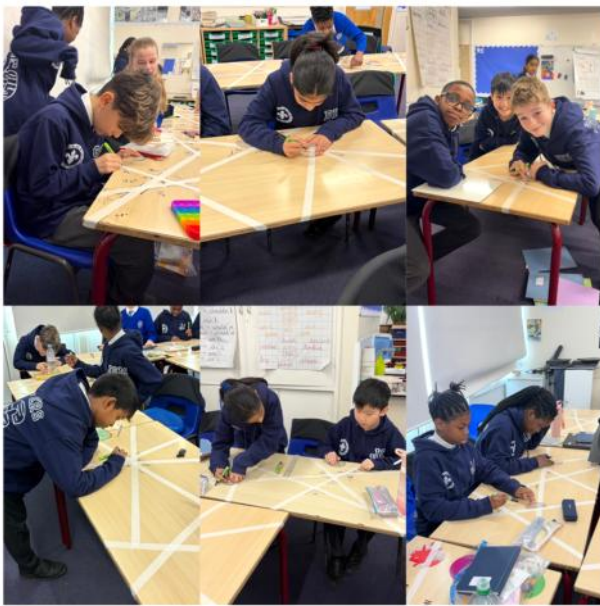
In maths, we have been measuring angles using protractors. The children especially loved Tuesday's lesson when they came into class to find the tables covered in masking tape! They had great fun measuring all the different angles they could see and writing their measurements directly onto the tables. What made it even more fun was how the class were in competition with each other to try and be the most accurate measurer!

In English, we finished reading Romeo and Juliet and the class were completely absorbed in the tragic story. Today, we celebrated by watching the cinematic version, Romeo + Juliet, complete with popcorn. Next week, the children will be taking part in a debate to decide who was truly to blame for the couple's deaths — Friar Laurence, Nurse, Romeo, Juliet, Lord Capulet, Lady Capulet, Lord Montague or Lady Montague.

We are also busy preparing for our Easter Sale next Wednesday 18th March, where the children will be selling cakes, biscuits and other items such as keychains, notepads and

Easter baskets.

We are so proud of our fantastic Year 6s!



PTA

We made a fantastic £400 from the Mother's Day Sale. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.

Don't forget the clothes throw is on Friday 20th March! Please see poster on page 10!

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!

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Supporting Boys & Men

Networking Event

ALL Professionals Welcome

An event which is designed to help professionals assist young boys & men with building healthy relationships, discussing domestic abuse, masculinity and much more.



The event will look at services that support boys and men in Hertfordshire (focusing on St Albans and Dacorum) but not limited to this space. This is the first of hopefully many in the future the team will be organising.

DATE: Thursday, 26 March,
10:00am

VENUE:
Grovehill Adventure
Playground, Hemel Hempstead
Redbourn Road
Hemel Hempstead
HP2 7BA

Scan the QR
code or [book here](#)



Further information or any questions please contact either:
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**SCHOOL FAMILY WORKER
DROP-IN SESSION
at St Mary's Primary School, Welham Green
from 8:40-11am**

Mon 16th March 2026

- Come & chat to your School Family Worker

No problem is too big or too small:

- Parenting strategies
- School attendance
- Financial concerns
- Additional needs
- Anything else



No need to book - please speak to the school office if further details required



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



EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Monday 6th April

St Mary's Church North Mymms

Come and join us for this **FREE** event to search for knitted Easter Eggs in our churchyard, find six and claim a chocolate egg, and enjoy activities in the church.

Refreshments available for purchase and free juice for children.

Timed tickets are available from Ticketsource at

2pm, 2.30pm and 3pm

Booking essential.



Use QR code or visit

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms