



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE ACTING

HEADTEACHER

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20th March 2026

What a fun-packed and exciting week we've had at school! It's been wonderful to see so many children getting involved in a wide range of activities, showing enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity throughout.

A huge well done to our fantastic Netball Team, who represented the school brilliantly at the District Tournament. The team played extremely well, finishing 5th out of 13 teams overall and achieving an impressive 3rd place in their heats. We are very proud of their determination and sportsmanship—what an achievement!

This week also marked our participation in Big Walk and Wheel Week, where children were encouraged to think about our planet and adopt healthier habits by walking, cycling, or scooting to school. It has been inspiring to see so many pupils making positive choices for both their wellbeing and the environment.

Our Year 6 Enterprise Sale was a huge success! The children worked incredibly hard to create and sell a variety of items, raising an amazing £350+. Their teamwork, creativity, and effort really paid off. We are all now looking forward to the much-anticipated Year 6 Festival!

To round off the week, we celebrated Red Nose Day, spreading smiles and laughter while supporting a great cause. The week ended on a high note with the fantastic Rock Steady Concert, where our young musicians showcased their talents and entertained us all.

Thank you to everyone—staff, pupils, and families—for making this such a memorable week. We can't wait to see what next week brings!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kayleigh Egerton

Acting Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness

**Be kind to one another
and tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God has forgiven you.**

Ephesians 4:32

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

385

260

194

342



Well done Badgers!

1959

1619

1499

1620

STARS OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

Reception - Piper

Year 1 - Giovanna

Year 2 - Lisamarie

Year 3 - Robert

Year 4 - Oscar

Year 5 - James

Year 6 - David

Congratulations to all these children.

Donaldson

96.4%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 27th March	Easter Service—10am St Mary's Church
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 sending Jesus to die on the cross so that we can have our sins forgiven.

Thank You for forgiving my sins.

Please help me to forgive others as You forgive us.

Amen.

Reception - Watson

We've had another fantastic week in Reception, filled with curiosity and creativity. In maths, the children have been exploring 3D shapes. We've been learning to identify the differences between 2D and 3D shapes, as well as noticing some of their similarities. The children enjoyed discussing features such as flat faces and curved surfaces. In Drawing Club, we have been reading the lovely story 'How to Catch a Star'. This inspired lots of imaginative thinking! The children have been creating their own star drawings and adding magical elements to their work. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they brought their ideas to life. In PE, the children practised their throwing skills using bean bags and hoops. They began by aiming for nearby targets and then challenged themselves by moving the hoops further away. It was great to see their determination and growing confidence as they developed their coordination and accuracy. In understanding the world, the children were introduced to Bee Bots. They explored how to program them by pressing buttons to create a sequence of movements. The children really enjoyed experimenting and problem solving as they worked out how to get the Bee Bots to move in the direction they wanted. Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!



Year 1 - Donaldson

It has been lovely to enjoy some sunshine this week, and we have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning as a result! In English, we started a new text called 'Stanley's Stick' about a boy who imagines all the things his favourite stick could be. We enjoyed going on our own 'stick hunt' to find our own stick, and the children talked to the class about what theirs could be and wrote sentences about it.

In Maths, we began a new unit on length and height. We compared the heights of our friends and will be using cubes to measure classroom objects today. Year 1 are very lucky to be able to access the new Hamilton Garden for some exploring time in the afternoons. We had a wonderful time playing in the sand and water on Wednesday and lots of us enjoyed creating stories and pictures with our friends on the easel. It was magical to see the children fully immersed in some wonderful sensory and child-led learning. Well done Donaldson Class for a super week!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

We've had another fantastic week in Elizabeth class! In English, we've been editing the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and creating our own amazing rhyming words. In maths, we've explored mass, comparing weights using 'heavier' and 'lighter', and looked at volume and capacity. Our science focus was growth – we investigated if everyone in Elizabeth class is the same height, then headed to Donaldson class to compare heights with Year 1 pupils. In geography, we explored our local area, spotting the school on Google Earth and even trying to find our own homes! Well done, everyone, for another great week of learning!



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have started our new maths unit on mass and capacity. The children have been exploring equivalent weights and investigating what happens when one side of a scale loses or gains weight.

In geography, we made the most of the lovely weather by going on an expedition around the playground! The children worked together to map out our school grounds, developing their observational and mapping skills in a fun, hands-on way.

In DT, we have been preparing for next week's cooking by sampling a range of seasonal vegetables. The children were adventurous in trying new foods and discussing their likes and dislikes, ready to design and make a delicious savoury tart.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4 has been full of enthusiasm, curiosity, and some truly brilliant learning across the curriculum. In maths, the children have been working hard on improper and mixed number fractions, and they have approached this challenging topic with great determination and confidence—showing a fantastic ability to convert between the two and explain their reasoning clearly. In English, we are finishing our unit by exploring women's participation during World War II; the class have enjoyed researching, preparing ideas, and starting to write a non-chronological report, showing a growing understanding of both the historical context and how to organise information effectively. With our geography work, pupils have also been researching and calculating the distances that food travels to reach us, using atlases to locate countries and measure journeys, which has sparked lots of thoughtful discussion about global connections. To top it all off, the children have been getting creative by designing their own red noses for Comic Relief, producing imaginative and colourful ideas while thinking about the importance of helping others. It has been a busy and rewarding week, and the children should be very proud of their efforts.



Year 5 - Mandela

This week has been full of exciting learning across the curriculum, with children showing great enthusiasm and curiosity in all subjects.

In Science, we continued observing our mint cuttings that we placed in water. The children carefully collected data and noticed changes over time—some cuttings have begun to grow new roots, while others have developed new leaves. It has been wonderful to see their growing understanding of plant development. We also researched the life cycles of different mammals, and the children are looking forward to presenting their findings to the class next week.

In Geography, we continued our Oceans topic by exploring the types of pollutants commonly found in coastal regions. As we do not live near the coast, we took our learning outdoors and carried out a risk assessment of the swamp area in the woods. This will support us in preparing for a data collection activity next week.

In English, we resumed our work on Beowulf. The children focused on using adverbials, creating figurative noun phrases, and applying superlatives to enhance their descriptive writing. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they experiment with rich and powerful language.

In Maths, we successfully completed our unit on area and perimeter. The children demonstrated strong problem-solving skills and resilience throughout the unit—well done to all!

Finally, it was a pleasure to meet with many of you during Parents' Evening this week. Thank you for your continued support—it was lovely to share the children's progress and celebrate their achievements together.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6 has been full of brilliant learning and lively debate. In English, the class has been crafting discussion texts all about Romeo and Juliet, exploring the big question of who is truly to blame for the tragic ending—some pupils are convinced Friar Laurence is responsible, while others argue that Romeo and Juliet made their own unfortunate choices.

In Maths, we've been investigating angles in triangles and polygons, discovering interesting facts such as the angles in a triangle always adding up to 180 degrees.

Our highlight of the week has undoubtedly been the Year 6 Easter Sale. The children did an incredible job creating and selling a fantastic range of treats, including cake pops, Easter baskets, donuts, rocky roads, chocolate bark, sweet cones, Easter pencils and pads, and rice crispy cakes. Their hard work paid off—they raised over £350 for the school, which is an amazing achievement!



Please clear all payments on your child's Arbor account by the end of term. This includes dinner money and trips.



Sports at ST Mary's

It has been another fantastic week of sport, with our pupils demonstrating determination, teamwork and resilience throughout.

On Tuesday, our netball team took part in an exciting tournament, competing against six other schools. We are incredibly proud to share that the team finished 3rd in their group and 5th overall—an immense achievement! This success is even more impressive as our team, made up of pupils from Years 4 to 6, competed against teams consisting entirely of Year 6 pupils. Their effort, teamwork and positive attitude were outstanding.

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 girls' football team played a home match against Howdell. The game ended in a 2–2 draw, with the girls showing fantastic perseverance to come back from 2–1 down. Their determination and teamwork were a credit to the school. It was also wonderful to see so many supporters cheering them on—thank you for your continued encouragement!

Finally, we would like to make an appeal to families. If you have any unwanted or outgrown football boots, astro trainers or shin pads, we would greatly appreciate any donations. These items will help us provide more opportunities for children to take part in sport and ensure everyone can get involved.

Well done to all of our athletes—we are very proud of you!





YOU ARE INVITED TO
JOIN OUR SCHOOL

Easter Service

St Mary's Church, North Mymms Park,
AL9 7TN

Friday 27th March
10am - 11:30am



Book Swap Easter Special

North Mymms Memorial Hall

Saturday 21st March 2026

10am-1pm

Tombola

Refreshments

Arts & Crafts



Organised by North Mymms Book Swap



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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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 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