



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE ACTING HEADTEACHER

Summer Term Issue 1  
17th April 2026

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break and that the children are returning to school refreshed and ready for an exciting summer term ahead.

We have had a fantastic start to the term, with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils taking part in the Knex STEM Challenge. The children showed incredible creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they designed and built their projects. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and innovation on display—well done to everyone involved!

Eight of our pupils also had the opportunity to attend a sporting event at the Gosling Sports Stadium. They represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. We are very proud of their efforts.

A special congratulations goes to Jayden for winning the coveted Pineapple award—what a fantastic achievement!

Our football team competed in a tournament at Ridgeway Academy. The team played with great spirit and resilience, supporting one another throughout. Well done to all the players for their hard work and commitment.

Today also marked the launch of our new celebration worship. The children will now have two opportunities each week to be recognised for the values they demonstrate and the hard work they put into their learning. Well done to all the children who were selected this week—we are very proud of you.

Finally, thank you to everyone for the kind birthday wishes—it was greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!

**Kayleigh Egerton**  
Acting Headteacher



Our value this half term is:

# Creativity



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**148**

**188**

**237**

**298**



**Well done Squirrels!**

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

- Reception - Harley
- Year 1 - Godwin
- Year 2 - Casey
- Year 3 - Max
- Year 4 - Davidzo
- Year 5 - Diana
- Year 6 - Timur

Weekly Nominations for Creativity this week were:-

- Reception - Adele
- Year 1 - Ronnie
- Year 2 - Rosie
- Year 3 - Marc
- Year 4 - Scarlett
- Year 5 - Aram
- Year 6 - David

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Donaldson**

**97%**



**Curie**

**96.9%**



# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
11th May—15th May	SATs Week
Friday 15th May	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 18th May	Class Photos
25th—29th May	Half Term
Friday 19th June	PTA Father's Day Sale in School
Thursday 23rd July	Term ends—School closes 1:45pm
Tuesday 1st September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Thursday 3rd September	Term Starts—8:40am
Tuesday 20th October	Flu Vaccinations
26th—30th October	Half Term

## CLASS PE DAYS

<b>Donaldson - Year 1</b>	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
<b>Elizabeth - Year 2</b>	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
<b>Curie - Year 3</b>	Mondays (swimming & Fridays)
<b>Hawking - Year 4</b>	Mondays & Thursdays
<b>Mandela - Year 5</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays
<b>Attenborough - Year 6</b>	Mondays & Thursdays

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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 Katherine Johnson Award for

**Creativity**



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for human beings. (Colossians 3:23)

## Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

The more I explore your world, the more I marvel at your creation.

It is a triumph of science and engineering... and more than that, it contains great mysteries that I am yet to understand.

Amen

## Reception - Watson

Welcome back to school after the Easter break! We hope you all had a lovely and restful time off.

This week has been very busy and exciting in Watson Class! In Maths, we have been exploring numbers up to 20. The children have been working hard on recognising number numerals and matching them to the correct number of objects. In drawing club, we have been reading 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. The children have done a fantastic job creating their own drawings inspired by the story and writing short sentences to match. The children also enjoyed a sensory activity in the tuff tray, where they explored a mixture of soapy foam, paint, and porridge oats to create their very own magical potions. There was lots of excitement and imaginative play! In PE, we have been learning about different games where the children pretended to be cars. They followed different instructions such as "green" for go, "red" for stop, "speed bumps" for jumping, and "reverse" for walking backwards. It was a great way to develop listening skills and coordination.

In arts and design, the children completed their final self-portraits. It has been amazing to compare their work from the autumn term to now and see how much progress they have made. Keep up the fantastic work, Watson Class!

Just a little reminder to please continue to read to your child at least three times a week and to record this in their reading diaries.



## Year 1 - Donaldson

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter holidays. They have returned, so motivated to learn and are making wonderful progress, especially in their writing. In English, we are reading the book, 'The See Saw' about a little girl who loses her bear at the beach. The children wrote some amazing postcards to the little girl, using verbs that end in the suffix 'ing', to describe the things the bear likes to do with her. In Maths, we are focussing on capacity and volume and in Science we planted beans and are experimenting to see how much water affects a plants growth. Please look out for the Phonics QR slips that are being sent home today. You can scan these with a phone or tablet and work with the children to practise their reading before the Phonics Screen Assessment in June. Thank-you for your support!



## Year 2 - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class has had a very positive first week back following the Easter break.

In Maths, the children have begun exploring fractions, with a focus on understanding halves and quarters.

In Science, we have started an investigation involving seed growth. One seed was placed in a cupboard, one will not be watered, and one was placed in a fridge to observe the effects of different conditions.

In English, we have introduced our new text 'Toys in Space' A box of toys appeared in the classroom, prompting thoughtful discussion about where they might have come from. The children then wrote diary entries from the perspective of a toy looking up at the sky, applying a range of prepositions. Well done Elizabeth Class.



## Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have started exploring two exciting new books: “How to Live Forever” by Colin Thompson in English and “Creeping Beauty” by Joseph Coelho in guided reading. The children have already made some excellent predictions and, in English, have been using persuasive language to express their ideas and opinions.

In maths, we have begun revisiting fractions, building on our previous learning and strengthening our understanding of how fractions work.

In science, we have begun an observational experiment to investigate how different conditions affect plant growth. The children are testing what happens when plants are overwatered, underwatered, or kept in darkness. We’re looking forward to observing the changes over time and discussing our findings like real scientists!



## Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4, we have had a fantastic start to our new learning. In whole class reading, we began our exciting new text Rumble Star, and in English we were introduced to The Baker by the Sea, which has already inspired some lovely ideas. In maths, we started our new unit on decimals, with the children showing great focus and enthusiasm.

In PE, the class impressed us with their effort and determination during sprinting in athletics, and they also enjoyed beginning their tennis sessions. It has been a great week all round!



## Year 5 - Mandela

We have made a fantastic start to the Summer Term with an exciting and engaging week of learning. To kick things off, we took part in the K'NEX Construction Challenge, where we spent the entire afternoon designing and building replica space rockets. The challenge required our rockets to include detachable parts, and the children demonstrated excellent creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills throughout. In English, we completed our additional chapters for Beowulf, and the children produced some impressive and imaginative writing. We have also begun exploring our new class text by asking thoughtful questions and making predictions. To immerse ourselves further into the character's experiences, we even attempted tightrope walking and juggling, giving us a fun and memorable glimpse into their world. In Maths, we have been focusing on angles as part of our shape unit. The children have developed their understanding of different types of angles and finished the week by accurately drawing their own angles. Our PE lessons have started with great energy, as we began tennis sessions with Coach Jason alongside our athletics unit. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and determination from everyone. In Computing, we have started learning about spreadsheets. Although our first lesson was a little challenging, the children showed resilience and a positive attitude as they began to develop these new skills.



## Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6, we returned after the Easter holidays and jumped straight into an exciting start. On our first day, we took part in a K'NEX challenge with Andre, which was really fun and gave us the chance to build, problem-solve, and learn new skills. After that, we've been focusing on lots of SATs practice throughout the week. Even though it's been challenging at times, it's helped us feel more prepared and confident as we get closer to the tests.





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

2.30-4pm

4<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026

March 29<sup>th</sup> 2026

April 26<sup>th</sup> 2026

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

June 28<sup>th</sup> 2026

September 27<sup>th</sup> 2026

October 25<sup>th</sup> 2026