Flourish for the Future

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NEWSLETTER

This Week's Highlights at St Mary's, Welham Green

From the Head of School

A very warm welcome to the new-look school newsletter, which will now be shared with families every two weeks. We hope you enjoy keeping up to date with the latest news, events and achievements from across our school community.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the Autumn Term and the start of what promises to be an exciting new school year. The children have settled back into school well and it has been lovely to see them enjoying time with their new teachers, reconnecting with friends and embracing their new learning.

As we begin the year, attendance remains a key priority for us. Regular attendance is essential in helping children make the most of their learning, build strong relationships and develop positive routines. The current national average for school attendance is 95%, and we will continue to work closely with families to support excellent attendance across our school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead for all our children.

Best wishes,
Mrs Egerton

Our Value this half term is...

Hope

Stars of the Week

	7.9.2026	14.9.2026
Australia	Ohene	Piper & Martin
Europe	Ronnie	Ned & Blossom
Antarctica	Casey	Evie & Callie
The Americas	Peter	Joannah & Wade
Africa	Lola	Harrison & Ella
Asia	Diana	Lily & Maisie

100%

The winners of Attendance Ted are **The Americas!**

Coming Up...

Friday 25th September 9- 10am	McMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 30th September	Year 4 Trip to Roald Dahl Museum
Wednesday 30th September	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 30th September	Year 5 Fun Run - Stanborough School
Thursday 1st October	Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

It has been a wonderful first two weeks of the term. Reception have settled well during their first full week, and Year 1 are adjusting well to the new learning. This week, we have been reading, 'Where the Wild Things Are' and creating monsters from different materials. Our Year 1 children have been writing a sentence using a capital letter and full stop to describe a wild thing and the forest where they live. In Science, we are learning about the seasons and created posters to represent each season and the weather in each one. In RE, we have been reading the Creation story and understanding what Christian's believe about God and who made the world. Well done Australia Class on a great start to the year!

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 2! The children have worked hard across all subjects, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and determination. In maths, we have been learning about tens and ones, counting in 10s and recognising number patterns. In English, we have developed our reading comprehension skills, finding facts in texts and learning to use question marks and full stops correctly. In science, we explored the differences between things that are alive, dead and were once alive, while in history we travelled back in time to compare schools in the past with schools today. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning this week. Have a lovely weekend, and see you next week!

This week in Year 3, we have been learning about place value, focusing on hundreds, tens and ones. We have used base-ten equipment and counters to represent numbers up to 1,000 and have been developing our understanding of the value of each digit in a number.
In English, we have been working towards writing our own stories. We have been learning how to use speech marks to punctuate direct speech and have practised adding dialogue to our writing to help bring our characters to life.
In Science, we have been learning about the human skeleton and have been naming and identifying some of the main bones in our bodies. We have enjoyed discovering just how many bones make up the human skeleton!

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 4!
In Maths, we have been focusing on partitioning numbers up to 10,000. We have been using Base 10 equipment and place value counters to help us understand the value of each digit and how numbers can be broken down in different ways. Our hands-on learning has really helped these concepts to stick!
In English, we have continued our exciting journey with Shackleton's Journey. This week, we have been learning about verbs and adverbs and exploring how we can use them effectively to make our writing more interesting and descriptive.
In Science, we have been finding out all about teeth! We learned that we have four different types of teeth: incisors, canines, premolars and molars. Ask your child if they can tell you what the job of each type of tooth is!
Well done, Year 4, for another fantastic week of learning! 🌟

We have had a lovely start back in Africa Class. The children are settling well into their new routines and have shown great enthusiasm for their learning.
English
We are enjoying Hidden Figures and have explored three of the four main characters. The children have written diary entries, letters and job advertisements, while beginning to understand the meaning of segregation.
Maths
We are focusing on Place Value, reading and writing numbers up to one million. We will continue to practise writing numbers in words. We are also reinforcing our understanding of Roman numerals by using them when writing the date.
Science
Our Space topic has begun! We explored the Solar System and created scaled drawings to understand the vast distances between the planets and the Sun.
Foundation Learning
We have started learning about the Vikings, investigating our key question: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?
PE and Swimming
The children have enjoyed starting swimming and developing their confidence in the water. We have also been developing our hockey skills, focusing on control, movement and teamwork.
A Great Start!
It has been a busy and positive week, and we are delighted with how well the children are settling in.
Have a lovely weekend!

What a fantastic week in Year 6! The children have been working incredibly hard and have packed lots of exciting learning into their week. In maths, they have absolutely smashed rounding numbers to the nearest 100,000, showing great confidence and accuracy. In English, they have researched endangered animals and used their findings to plan and write persuasive speeches, thinking carefully about how to use facts and persuasive language to engage their audience. We also enjoyed a fantastic Sports Leadership session, where the children developed their teamwork, communication and leadership skills. In music, the children have begun exploring the world of DJing, experimenting with different sounds and learning how they can be combined to create music. What a brilliant start to the year!