Flourish for the Future

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NEWSLETTER

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

From the Head of School

It has been another busy and exciting week at school!

A huge well done to our football team, who competed in their very first football tournament at De Havilland School. Spirits were high despite the pouring rain, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part!

Our whole-school attendance is currently at 93.7%, which is a huge improvement on last year and shows that we are heading in the right direction. Thank you for your continued support in getting children into school every day. Let's keep it up!

We have also introduced our new After School Club, and we are really excited about this new opportunity for our children. Please remember to sign up via Arbor if you would like your child to attend.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited for our Year 3 Fun Run and Year 5 Saxon Day. There is lots to look forward to, and we can't wait to see the children getting involved and making more wonderful memories.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Egerton

Our Value this half term is...

Hope

Stars of the Week

	9.10.2026	16.10.2026
Australia	Dhrisha & Tianna	Rosie & Aarvik
Europe 1	Tilly & Emily	Giovanna & Ohene
Europe 2	Henry & Merabel	Harley & Sonny
Antarctica	Ellie &	Polly & Harriet
The Americas	Marc & Jasmine	Leo & Peony
Africa	Tobias & Pietro	Mahrukh & Matilda
Asia	Daisy & Bella	

100%

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



Coming Up...

Tuesday 20th October	Year 5 Life of a Saxon
Tuesday 20th October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	Non Uniform Day & PTA Disco After School
26th - 30th October	Half Term
Friday 13th November	Children in Need

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

We have a had such a lovely couple of weeks in Reception. The children have had lots of fun and are settling in well to all the routines. In Phonics, we have learnt 18 sounds, and we are so proud of how well the children are doing. Thank you for all your support in reading with them and practicing their sounds at home. In English, we read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and the children created their own bear character. We the finished the week with our very own bear hunt in our outside area! The children loved putting their wellies on and walking through all the textures before finding the bear in the cave. This week we loved listening to the story of the Little Red Hen and will be making our own bread just like the hen today.

This week in Europe Class, we have been reading The Journey Home in English and writing sentences about the different animals in the story. In Art, the children sketched a teddy bear and explored how to add different textures, such as spiky, bumpy and scruffy. In Maths, we focused on doubling numbers and finding one more, using practical activities to develop our understanding of number.
Well done, Europe Class, for another lovely week of learning and exploring together! Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 3! In Maths, we have been practising adding and subtracting hundreds, tens and ones, building on our place value knowledge in preparation for moving on to column addition and subtraction next week.
In English, we have been busy planning our own stories inspired by The First Drawing. The children have been using their imaginations to create their own Stone Age adventures and are looking forward to bringing their ideas to life when they begin writing next week.
In Science, we have been exploring the different diets of animals, learning about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We have also discussed why food is essential for survival and how it helps living things grow and stay healthy.
In Art, the children have created some beautiful mixed-media artwork using a variety of materials, including crayons, pencils, tissue paper and card. They have really enjoyed experimenting with different textures and techniques to produce some wonderfully creative pieces!

Year 4 have had a fascinating and rather disgusting week of learning! In Science, we investigated POO to discover whether an animal was a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. Mrs Stoughton and Mrs Brooks created different samples containing clues such as grass, hair, fish scales and twigs, and we carefully examined the contents to work out what the animal might have eaten. In History, we travelled back in time to learn about some of the diseases that children had to face during Tudor and Victorian times, including plague, smallpox, flu and cholera. We were amazed (and a little horrified!) to find out how these illnesses spread and how difficult life could be without the medicines and treatments we have today. It has certainly been a week full of curiosity, investigation and some very revolting discoveries

This week in Africa Class, we have continued developing our addition and subtraction skills in Maths by learning how to read, interpret and solve multi-step problems. We have also explored how to use the inverse operation to check our calculations and rounding to estimate answers and check whether our solutions are reasonable. In English, inspired by Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, we have designed our own imaginative camps and written setting descriptions, focusing particularly on using prepositional phrases to add detail to our writing. We have also enjoyed creating our own characters in the style of Rick Riordan, thinking carefully about how to bring them to life through description. In History, we completed our Viking unit by developing our understanding of the reasons why the Vikings left their homelands and settled in other countries. In RE, we explored how the design and features of churches and cathedrals reflect Christian beliefs about God. One of the highlights of our week was our Harvest Festival, which we thoroughly enjoyed being part of!

Our five words/phrases for this week are: settle, multi-step operation, prepositional phrase, inverse operation and personification.

Please encourage your child to explain what these words and phrases mean and how they have used them in their learning this week.

This week, Year 6 have been working hard on practising SATs papers to assess their progress, identify any gaps in their learning and help us focus on the areas where further support and practice may be needed. In Science, we have been exploring electrical circuits and investigating different types of batteries, developing our understanding of how electricity works. In Art, we have been studying Boy in the Tower, using the story as inspiration for our creative work and exploring its themes and imagery. Well done, Year 6, for your continued hard work and enthusiasm for learning!





A huge thank you to Helen Lee, Mr and Mrs Shepherd, and everyone who has contributed their time, effort and support towards creating our sensory garden. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity, kindness and dedication in helping us develop such a wonderful space for our children to explore, relax and enjoy. Your support will make a real difference to our school community, providing a special environment where our children can learn, engage their senses and connect with nature. Thank you all for helping to make this project possible!



🏃‍♀️🏃‍♂️ Well done to Scarlett and Leandro in Year 5! 🎉
We are incredibly proud of them for representing our school in the finals of the Stanborough Running Event.
What a fantastic achievement! 🌟
Congratulations to you both! 👏