



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn Term Issue 5
6th October 2023

It has been a busy week at St Mary's, the highlight of which has been our trip to St Mary's Church on Tuesday morning for our annual Harvest Festival led by Rev Ruth. It is our first visit to the church for the new academic year and it was lovely to see all the classes do their presentations during the service. There was also some fantastic singing for the hymns and songs, which saw the traditional mixed with the modern. I would also like to thank all those parents and carers that attended the service and to all the families who were able to contribute food which was then donated to the Hatfield Food Bank. The Year 6s had also provided some prayers and illustrations for the railings outside the church. On Wednesday we then had the school photographs: always a significant moment in the academic year as each pupil is recorded as they make their progress through the school.

Next week is going to be another busy week and on Tuesday and Wednesday we have our Autumn term parents' consultations. On Tuesday they will be in person in the hall and on Wednesday they will be held remotely. They are an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and, as I have always said, we get the best outcomes for the pupils when teachers and parents are working together as partners. If you haven't yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher, please do so.

On Friday of next week, we are going to have another of our Arts afternoons at 3.30pm in the hall. This is an opportunity for pupils who wish to demonstrate a particular skill or talent to perform to other children and parents.

Our after school clubs have continued to be popular this week, but we are, for safety purposes, making one alteration to the pick-up arrangements and that is that pupils should be collected from the gate by the Reception classroom, rather than from the main car park. This is simply to avoid any potential accidents with cars leaving or accessing the site at the same time.

Behaviour and attendance this week have improved slightly on last week, but there are still too many absentees: the more days that are missed, the more negative impact there is on learning. Traffic on Dellsome Lane, both first thing in the morning and in the afternoon, remains a considerable concern. Please walk your children to school if you can or, if you do need to drive, please park further down the road and then walk up to the school.

This Harvest Festival season inevitably makes us think about food that is harvested and the crops that farmers grow, but we should also take time to think about our own personal 'harvest' and the way in which we can make a difference each day in everything that we do and say. As the writer Robert Louis Stevenson said:

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Our value this half term is:

Respect

Every house, of course, is built by someone — and God is the one who has built all things.



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

138



118



177



149



Well done Rabbits!

Running Totals:

740

684

683

650

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table .

Reception - Callie

Year 1 - Leo

Year 2 - Matilda

Year 3 - Maisie

Year 4 - Talisha

Year 5 - John

Year 6 - Ayaan

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Isla

Year 1 - Ali

Year 2 - Lyla

Year 3 - Thenula

Year 4 - Dennis

Year 5 - Hallie

Year 6 - James

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie	94.3%	😊
Hawking	93.7%	😊
Luther King	92.6%	😊
Attenborough	91.2%	😊

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 10th October	Parents' Evening (In person) 3:30pm—5:30pm
Wednesday 11th October	Parents' Evening (Remote) 4:30pm—7pm
Thursday 12th October	Year 7 Tea Party for 2023 leavers—3:30pm
Friday 13th October	Arts Afternoon 3:30pm
Friday 20th October	Occasional Day—School Closed
23rd October—27th October	Half Term
Monday 6th November	Year 6 Health Questionnaire
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Day Commemoration
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 6 NCMP height and weight
Wednesday 22nd November	Reception screening children born up to end of February
27th November—1st December	Year 5 & 6 Residential to Charterhouse
Wednesday 6th December	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 13th December	Pantomime Whole School Trip
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 4pm St Mary's Church
Thursday 14th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm
Friday 15th December	PTA Christmas Sale
Monday 18th December	Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term Church Service 10am
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Thursday 4th January 2024	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 5th January	Inset Day—School Closed
Monday 8th January	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am
19th February—23rd February	Half Term
Thursday 2nd May	Reception screening children born after 1st March

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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 Elizabeth Fry Award for

Respect



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Respect everyone, love your fellow-believers, honour God, and respect the authorities. (1 Peter 2:17)

Prayer of the Week

Help us to work as a team. May we respect one another for our different talents.

Help us to work as a team. May we enable one another to do the best we can.

Help us to work as a team. May we care for one another in good times and in bad times.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

This week Elizabeth Class attended their first church service with school. The children were amazing performing the song Tattybogle about a not so scary scarecrow. They even made



their own scarecrow! They found branches to make his body and arms before stuffing him with sticks, straw and newspaper. Elizabeth Class were very inventive with what was used for the scarecrow adding a button for the nose and using a sick bowl for his hat. Thank you so much for all the donated food items too!



Year 1 - Curie

Curie class have had a very busy week. We are so proud of how the whole class sat beautifully in church, performed their song and shared their learning in church. Their smiles for the photographer, on Wednesday, show how happy they are all feeling in school!



We have started a new story about 'Stanley's stick' and the children went out in the school grounds on Monday to find their own special stick. We have been thinking about the different adventures that our sticks can be going on and next week we will be writing stories about our sticks! In History, we have looked at toys from the Victorian era and the children had great fun playing with replica toys from this historical period.

The children have really enjoyed having Miss Stevens, a student teacher from the University of Hertfordshire, join us for the past 2 weeks and we are already excited for her return in February when she joins us for 3 months in her final teacher training placement. Thank you Miss Stevens, don't miss us too much!! Have a great weekend everyone.



Year 2 - Hawking

This week in Hawking class we had the pleasure of attending the Harvest service at St Mary's Church where some of us got to perform our acrostic poems. The children loved singing the hymns and songs we have been practicing. In English we have been learning about ordering events and coordinating conjunctions. On Wednesday we had our school photos so keep an eye out for your child's letter with matching QR code. In Maths we have been focusing on "think 10" for addition and subtraction. Please can you remind children to bring in their reading folders every day. Have a fantastic weekend!



Year 3 - Mandela

Year 3 were fantastic during our Harvest service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday. They really did themselves and the school proud.

We had a great PE lesson with Mr S from Onslow. He has been teaching us how to play Netball.

We have also been learning about Windmills



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been another busy and productive week in Year 4. In Maths, we have been looking at practising how to work out sums mentally, using different methods to solve questions. In English, we have been planning our own narratives, based on our story 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. Together we also wrote a harvest poem together as a class, all the children worked very hard, and I am very proud of them all. In PE, we have been working on netball and defending the ball. In French, we have been learning how to say what fruits we like and dislike. In Science, the children investigated which materials absorb sound most effectively. We experimented with different materials and found that using sponges worked the best. It was great to see the children so engaged with their investigation.



Year 5 - Luther King

This week we have enjoyed going to St Mary's Church for our Harvest service. Everyone in Year 5 had written harvest prayers and some pupils got a chance to read them out in church.

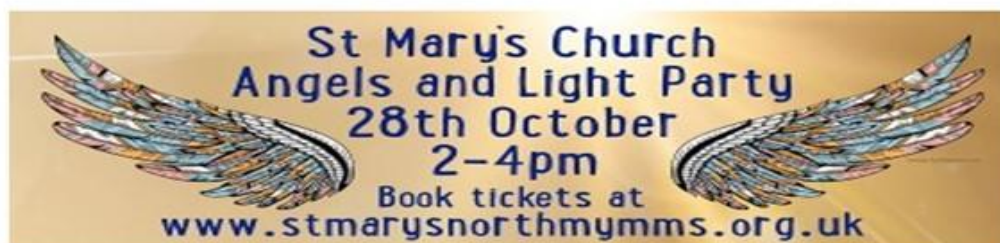
We have continued to look at decimal numbers this week by both ordering them from smallest to largest and rounding them to the nearest whole number.

In English we have been planning to write our own stories as a sequel to our class text 'Wolves in the Walls'. It has been great to hear the imaginative suggestions and thoughts that have gone into the planning process. We look forward to reading the stories once they are finished.



Year 6 - Goodall

It's National Smile Day today and in Year 6 we've been doing lots of that this week as we've worked hard enjoying our learning. Highlights have included: heading to church with lots of supplies for the Hatfield food bank; sorting living things and thinking about kingdoms and classes; exploring mental strategies in Maths (especially in Nim's game); and improving our writing by varying our sentence lengths. Homework has been set for the weekend asking children to create an idea for the Christmas Tree Festival coming up later this year.



We will be making wooden angel lights, biscuit decorating, window decorations, and much more plus refreshments outside by the fire (or indoors if it is raining) Tickets are available via [ticketsource](https://www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk) on our website;

But for now add the date to your diaries
Adult tickets £2 and children's tickets £4
<https://www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk>

or phone the office and leave a message on; 01727 825578
or email the church on; northmymmschurch@btinternet.com

St Mary's Church railings, displaying our children's Harvest Poems.

