

Value

Our value for this half term is Friendship

"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember: you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh - A. A. Milne

Mrs Colpitts

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Colpitts. She has worked at Welwyn St Mary's for 9 years successfully supporting individual children and small groups of learners. Latterly this extended to most valuable speech and Lego therapy. She was also instrumental in setting up our Quiet Room which has become a real asset. We thank her for all of this, plus the valuable role she played as support staff governor, and wish her every success in her new career.

Year 4 Mathematics Challenge

On Tuesday 25th April the year 4 maths challenge teams went to Aldwickbury School. Team 1 was Luke and Thomas. Team 2 was Emma and Elizabeth.

We got off to a brilliant start in a game called Dicey, Dicey. Next, we played a game called What's Next? where we had to find the next number in the sequence.

After that, we had to make 24 with 4 different numbers. We could use +, -, x or divide. It was difficult but we did it.

There were 3 different challenges waiting for us. One was called Vegetable Alphabet, the next was tanagrams and last was Sudoku. There was also a multiple choice question challenge. We came 4th overall, out of 29 schools.

We would like to thank the parents for taking us and Mrs Redgers for cheering us on. Emma and Elizabeth.

Year 4 Tennis Competition



8 children from Welwyn St Mary's attended a tennis tournament at Monks Walk. It was a lovely sunny afternoon with lots of competitive sportsmanship. The children completed a number of matches against the other 5 schools, the scores being added together for a grand total. Our school came second and as a result we are through to the next round at Sir Fred's. Thank you to all the children for their fantastic determination and support of each other.

Good luck in the next round!

Mrs Southall

Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Triumph

Many congratulations to Riley, Sean, Poppy, Hermione, Hannah, Ruby, Ria and Georgia for becoming gold medallists in the Welwyn and Hatfield KS1 gymnastics competition. They had practised for hours and performed brilliantly on the day. Thank you to Mrs Kilford and Mrs Crofts for their expert coaching.

April attendance winners

Congratulations to AK2 who were winners of the attendance cup for April. Top 5 classes shown below:

AK2	99.3%
MR	98.5%
RR and P6	98.3%
GB3	97.2%
A2	97.0%

School Fund

A very big thank you to School Fund for buying new iPads for school and for paying for the bulk of the repairs to the KS1 outdoor equipment. Both are so much appreciated and will benefit large numbers of children. We are very fortunate.

Before and after school

For important health and safety reasons please note:

- no ball games
- no using any school climbing equipment
- use designated path around the carpark
- no dogs or puppies on site

Dangerous Parking



We have again seen cars parked dangerously in Ottway Walk carpark. Please do not park on the yellow hatched area or on the white zig-zag lines either side of the zebra crossing as this restricts the view and impacts on the safety of all pedestrians. Thank you.

Zumba® Fitness evening classes

Classes take place every Thursday evening from 7 - 8 pm in the school hall and cost £5 per class. Your first class is free of charge.

For more information contact Liz Holmes on 07775525044 or visit Liz840.zumba.com

Music Lessons

A reminder that we require half a term's notice if your child wishes to stop their music lessons. This means that, to finish at the end of July, you will need to notify the school office by 26th May.

Petition for a Splash Park in Welwyn Garden City

A campaign, "Give WGC/Hatfield a Splash Park/Pool", is planning to present a petition to the Council in June to demonstrate the demand for such a provision in the local area. If you would like to sign this petition, it will be available in the school office until 26th May.

Pupil Premium

For every child registered for Pupil Premium, the school receive additional funding which is spent on raising the attainment of those pupils. If you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, your child could access a range of additional benefits, including extra help in class, additional resources, free school trips and visits and one free club per term.

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals and are not currently registered, please complete the simple online application form which can be found at: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals Once you have registered your child, please speak to the School Office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.

Term Dates: 2016-17	
	Summer Term 2017
8 th -12 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS week
10 th May	Quicksticks competition
11 th May	Year 4 tennis competition
17 th May	TAP event
17 th May	Year 6 Globe Theatre
24 th May	Year 5 Handball festival
25 th May	Quicksticks final Welwyn Garden City Choral Festival - Campus West
29 th May - 2 nd Jun	Half Term Holiday
7 th -9 th June	Year 6 PGL residential trip
8 th June	Year 4 trigolf tournament
9 th Jun	Year 1 Cake Sale
12 th - 16 th Jun	Top up swimming week
12 th - 16 th Jun	PTFA Fathers' Day Gift Shop
14 th Jun	Gosling athletics
15 th Jun	Music Evening
15 th Jun	Cricket tournament

16 th Jun	Reception Standalone Farm
16 th Jun	PTFA Fun Run
17 th Jun	10.30 am Choir sing in church for Welwyn Festival
21 st Jun	Swimming gala
23 rd Jun	French Day
28 th Jun	Year 2 Kew Gardens Trip
30 th Jun	INSET day - school closed
3 rd July	INSET day - school closed
5 th July	6.30 pm Choir concert in church
6 th July	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
7 th July	Year 4 Commonwealth Games event
8 th July	PTFA end of year family barbecue
10 th July	Leavers' Disco
12 th July	7-aside netball tournament
13 th July	Budge Up day
14 th July	Reserve Sports Day
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Production
20 th July	9.30 am Leavers' Eucharist in church Year 6 Leavers Production
21 st July	Term ends 1.30 pm
24 th July	Occasional day - school closed
	Term Dates: 2017-18
	Autumn Term 2017
30 th Aug	INSET Day - school closed
31 st Aug	INSET Day - school closed
1 st Sept	INSET Day - school closed
4 th Sept	Autumn Term commences
23 rd - 27 th Oct	Half Term Holiday
17 th Nov	INSET Day - school closed
19 th Dec	Term ends 1.30 pm
	Spring Term 2018
3 rd Jan	Spring Term commences
12 th - 16 th Feb	Half Term Holiday
29 th Mar	Term ends 1.30 pm

	Summer Term 2018
16 th Apr	Summer Term commences
7 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
25 th June	INSET Day - school closed
12 th July	Secondary transfer day
20 th July	Term ends 1.30 pm
23 rd July	INSET Day - school closed
24 th - 27 th July	Occasional days - school closed