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Value

Our value for this half term is: **Truth**

"Be truthful, gentle and fearless." - Mahatma Gandhi

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." - 1 John 3: 18

New Staff

A warm welcome to Miss Sanyal and Mrs Webb who will be joining our teaching staff in September. We hope you will both be very happy here.

D Day concert at Church



On Thursday the 6th June our Choir went to the church for a D Day concert. We performed two songs called When You Believe and Kusimama. The other school, Oaklands, sang three songs which were very army-like!

We met up every Friday to practise the songs especially When You Believe because it was a new song: the hardest part was learning the Hebrew! It took a lot of hard work and determination. Mrs Curtis taught us the pronunciation.

We would like to thank our friends and family in the audience and our teachers for supporting us, especially Mrs Dunstan and Mrs Harrison for playing the piano and conducting us.

- Poppy and Omari, CD4

INSET days next academic year

A polite reminder that due to the way the term dates fall next year there will not be a long INSET weekend in June. The 2024/25 term dates are available on the school website. Please take careful note of these when booking holidays as we do not approve term time absence for holiday in any circumstances.

Upcoming events

PTFA Summer BBQ

Join the PTFA on **Saturday 6th July** for the annual summer BBQ.

Open Evening

Join us for the opportunity to look through your child's wonderful work and meet their new teacher(s) on **Wednesday 10th July, 6pm-7pm**.

Olympics Games school lunch

Please order via SchoolGrid if your child would like to join us for a special Olympics theme lunch on **Tuesday 16th July**.

Year 6 show

Year 6 will be holding two performances of their end of year show on **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July at 6pm**. A Parentmail will come out shortly with a ticket request form.

Leavers' service at Church

Year 6 parents are welcome to join us at St Mary's Church on **Thursday 18th July** for our leavers' service. The service will start at **9.30am**.

Last day of term

We have an early finish on the last day of term, **Friday 19th July**.
Rec & KS1 1.15pm, KS2 1.20pm.





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Sports Day 2024

Well done to all the children for taking part in sports day. You were all fantastic, showing great sportsmanship, doing your best and working as part of a team. Thank you to all the families who joined us on the day to cheer on our children. Your presence and support truly added to the wonderful atmosphere of the event, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Congratulations to KS1 Romans and KS2 Vikings and well done to all children for trying so hard in all the activities.

KS1 Results	
Romans	1123
Saxons	1120
Vikings	1034
Normans	979

KS2 Results	
Vikings	1131
Romans	1078
Normans	1059
Saxons	1027

Year 6 PGL

Year 6 had an exciting time at PGL Liddington this month. They were given some extraordinary opportunities to engage in activities that they may not usually have access to. The activities were: survivor, zip wire, orienteering, raft-building, sensory trail, climbing, problem solving and trapeze.

"Survivor was fun, we had to make shelters out of a tarpaulin, two pieces of rope and some pegs. We also learnt how to make a fire using flint and steel lighting a cotton wool bud. The zip wire was a blast. We were put in a harness and had to jump or step off from about 30 feet in the air. It felt like we were flying. We did orienteering which was map reading. We had to find the number we were given before stamping the card we had. We also did raft building which was fun. You had to build a raft by getting two barrels and tying them together to make a floatable raft so you wouldn't sink. You then did the same on another two barrels and put them together using wooden poles. Some people went into the water at the end of the raft building. The sensory trail was lots of fun. We had these blacked out goggles which we put on and then we had to scramble through an obstacle course. It was amazing fun. Climbing was great. There were two different sides to climb up and one was easier than the other. Some people got close to or got to the top. Problem solving involved a lot of teamwork. We had to flip a tarp from one side to the other without anyone getting off (there were about 12 people on it and we were all squished together on it). Trapeze was so much fun. We had to leap from about 15 foot in the air to grab a metal bar. All in all, we had a great time."

- Yarden, Ella & Willow





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KS2 Careers Fair



On 7th June, we held our first Careers Fair, and it was a resounding success! Our pupils were thrilled to learn about diverse careers in policing, product development, software engineering, aerospace engineering, banking, and scientific research. The event was highly engaging, providing valuable insights into various professions.

One of the highlights, was learning about police search dogs. The children were lucky enough to see a demonstration from police dog Mickie finding a small phone hidden by an officer in the playground.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who made this event possible. Your involvement and dedication helped inspire our children, making them believe that they can achieve anything. We look forward to more events that ignite curiosity and ambition in our pupils!

- Mrs David - PSHE Lead

District Athletics 2024

Gosling athletics event is the premier athletic meeting for the Welwyn area. The children have prepared in PE lessons for the different track and field events. The sprints, relays and 600m races were fought with determination and focus. The long jump, triple jump, javelin and ball throw needed great technique and strength. With children from across years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attending the atmosphere was electric.

We came back with a haul of medals: 8 golds, 3 silver and 4 bronze from the track events, 4 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze from the field events. More importantly we had numerous examples of sportsmanship, support and friendship. The cheering and encouragement resounded around the track.



Overall, we came second. We definitely came first in terms of teamwork, perseverance and parental support. Well done to all.

- Mrs Southall





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Year 1 Seaside Day

On Wednesday 12th June, Year 1 were lucky enough to have their very own 'Seaside Day' in the hall. In the morning our visitor, Craig, taught us some things about what it was like to go to the seaside in the Victorian era. We told him some of the things we have been learning in our History lessons too. Craig showed us a range of activities that we could choose to do in the morning, these



included art and craft activities to make Victorian seaside things, like designing our own train ticket, making a puppet, making a flag for sandcastles, painting and writing on a postcard and lots of other things! In the afternoon the hall turned into a seaside town called 'St Mary's-on-sea'. We had to use our tickets to enter the hall and inside were lots of stalls like a fish and chip stall, a cafe, a games stall, hook-a-duck, a puppet show and lots more. Half of us had to be the workers and the others holiday makers and then we swapped. It really did feel like a bustling seaside town! To finish the day, we watched a real 'Punch and Judy' show which we found very funny! It was a brilliant day and will help us with our learning all about the Victorian Seaside.

Reception Ark Farm Visit

On Wednesday 19th June, Reception had a visit from 'Ark Farm' to support their learning on farm animals. We saw sheep, goats, ducks, chickens, a rabbit, a donkey and a dog. During our visit, we learnt about mothers and their young and how farm animals are part of the food chain. All children had the chance to stroke the animals and were so excited to do so!



KS2 French Day

Madame Farrington recently organised our annual French Day for Key Stage 2 children. The children were requested to wear red, blue, and white clothes to immerse themselves in the French culture. The day commenced with a delightful French breakfast, which included croissants, jam, bread, and orange juice, providing a taste of the French culinary experience. The children conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout the day and participated in various activities all while practising their French speaking skills.





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Year 3 Maths Challenge

On Monday 10th June, four Year 3 children took part in a maths challenge after school. There were four rounds. One round of estimation, two rounds of general maths questions and a final round of geometry. In each round there were five questions, except geometry which only had one question. You could earn 50 points in each round, 200 in total. We earnt 139 points in total. We had to work well as a team as we only had 2 minutes to answer the questions in three of the rounds, the other round we had as much time as we liked. Some questions were hard, and some were really easy. We really enjoyed the experience and would like to thank Mrs Jameson for the opportunity to do it.

- Finley & Amelie

Responsible parking

We have had reports of dangerous driving around the Ottway Walk car park at drop off and pick up times. Please could we ask parents not to stop near to the school gates to drop children off as this creates an obstacle for other drivers and pedestrians. Please pull into the car park instead. Please also bear in mind that the zebra crossing near to the field gates is faded and is not always easily visible to drivers who are unfamiliar with the car park. The council plan to repaint the zebra crossing as soon as building work further up the road is completed, but until then, please keep a close eye on younger children. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

French Club

We are saddened to share that after 18 years, Amanda will be giving up teaching in the classroom at Welwyn St Mary's. We will miss her passion and enthusiasm of the French language and French culture and the fantastic lessons she offers our children.

Given the opportunities created by Wi-Fi, she will be offering online individual/small group tuition to KS1 - KS4 students, subject to interest and availability. Please contact her directly on 07971 447262 if you wish to sign up.

We are currently in the process of looking for a new French Club provider to deliver lunchtime/afterschool sessions in school. If you know any reputable French tutors, please let the school office know.

Olympics Games themed school lunch

On Tuesday 16th July, HCL will be holding a special Olympic themed lunch in school! If your child would like to join in and have an 'Olympic pizza ring' for lunch, please order via School Grid.



A reminder that meals can be ordered up until 8.55am on the day that your child wishes to have lunch. After this time, you will need to contact the school office before 10am. We recommend booking for the whole week/half term so that you do not forget to place your orders in the morning rush. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel orders so that charges are not made.





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HSA
HERTS SPORTS ACADEMY

Summer 2024 HOLIDAY CAMP

Multi Sports Camp

St Michael's Primary School
Woolmer Green SG3 6JP

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
12th, 13th, 14th, & 15th August 2024

BOOK NOW

<https://herts-sports-academy.classforkids.io/venue/1/st-michael-s-primary-school>

£25 per day £72 for 4 days 5-11 year olds 9am to 3pm	£19.50 per day £57 for 4 days 4 yr olds only 9am to 1pm
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Discounted rate for 2 or 3 days "HEV456"
Please read notes when booking
Any queries - contact admin@hertsportsacademy.co.uk

MAD SCIENCE

MAD SCIENCE SUMMER OF FUN

29TH JULY - 30TH AUGUST

LINE UP

EPIC EARTH OCEAN COMOTION GEOLOGY ROCKS WACKY WATER • DINOS	RADICAL REACTIONS COOL CHEMISTRY • CELLS AND DNA CRIME SCENE • HARNESSING HEAT	FUNKY FORCES AMAZING AIR • FUNFAIR PHYSICS FANTASTIC FLYERS SUPER POWER SOURCES
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SCHOOL'S OUT - MAD SCIENCE IS IN!

CAMP LOCATIONS

ST ALBANS	HARPENDEN	WATFORD
HITCHIN	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	BARNET

INFO
TIMES: 9:30AM TIL 4PM
AGES: 4 TO 11 YEAR OLDS
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EARLY BIRD
£195 WEEK • £45 DAY
FROM 1ST JULY
£215 WEEK • £49 DAY

BOOK: [HERTSBEDS.MADSCIENCE.ORG](https://www.hertsbeds.madscience.org)

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they have a mental or physical illness?	they struggle with alcohol?	they have a mental or physical disability?	they struggle with drugs?
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- Empowering
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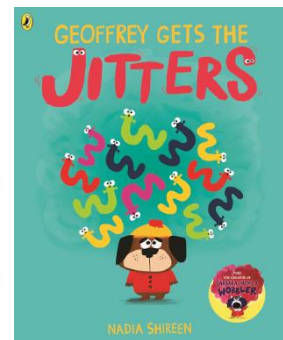
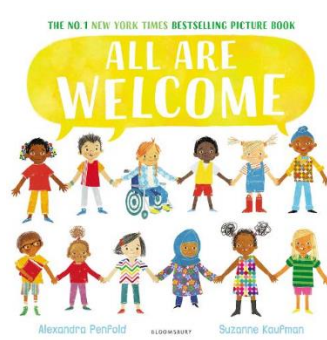
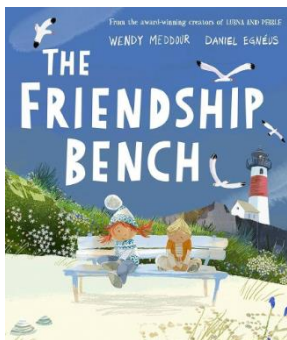


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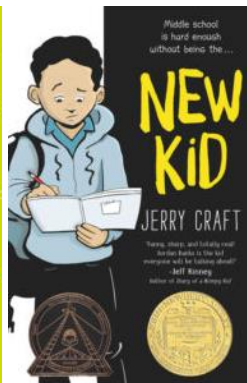
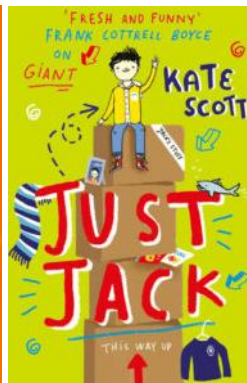
Book recommendations

This month's book recommendations:

In July, we celebrate all of the wonderful things the children have achieved throughout the year but we also look forward to the changes that September will bring. Moving up to a new class, year group or school can be both an exciting and worrying time for many of our children. With our transition day fast approaching we've selected some picture books to share with your child to help prepare them for a class or school transition. We hope you enjoy our recommendations.



For our Year 6 readers ...





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Football fixture Vs Sherrardswood - 13th May

Team names: Freddie J, Burt, Fin M, Finley W, Lucas, Jacob, Kyle, Arlo, George



On Monday 14th May, several Year 4's went to a football game against Sherrardswood. The team all played really well together and at the end of the first quarter the score was 4-0 to us. 2 goals came from Arlo, 1 from Lucas and 1 from Freddie. By half time we were winning 6 - 0. After another goal from Arlo, the final score was 7 - 0 to Welwyn St Mary's when Lucas scored another meaning Arlo and Lucas both scored a hattrick. We all really enjoyed our first match for the school. We would like to say Thank you to Mr Gordon for taking us.

- Burt

Year 5 Netball Vs Sherrardswood - 3rd June

Team names: Nicole, Sophie, Connie, Charlotte, Emilia, Nyla, Caitlin, Camilla, Mia, Maisie, Ava

On Monday 3rd June, some of the Year 5 girls went to a netball tournament at Sherrardswood.

Sherrardswood had two teams so we played one team, then swapped. There were four quarters and two games. Each quarter was 10 minutes so the whole game was 40minutes. For the first game we played Team A. We played really well and didn't let anything stop us. The score was 3-1 to them. The next game was against Team B. Our subs swapped on and we played very well. The final score was 2-1 to them. We then played Team A again and the score was 3-2 to us. Then we play Team B again and that was our final match. We drew 2-2. We would like to thank Mrs Southall and Ms Hewitt for taking us.

Year 4 Netball Vs Sherrardswood - 3rd June

Team names: Grace, Alba, Daisy, Annabel, Mia, Harriet, Nancy, Evie, Poppy

Star Player: Annabel

On Monday 3rd June, some people from the Year 4 netball team got chosen to play a match against Sherrardswood. It was a tough match but we were able to support every member of the team. Alba and Grace were our main shooters and scored most of the goals. Evie, Popp M, Nancy and Harriet were mainly in defence. Annabel, Daisy and Mia played in central position. We played really well as a team. There was lots of communication so we knew who to throw the ball to. We also passed the ball quickly which caught out the opposition. The final score was 10-1 to us. We would like to thank Catherine (Evie's mum), Claire (Harriet's mum), Rosie (Poppy's mum) and Mrs Southall.





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June birthdays

Happy Birthday to all who celebrated in June:

Oscar, Poppy, Lewis, Michelle, Sasha, Beau, Chloe, Henry, Layton, Ophelia, Millie, Ralphie, Oliver, Thomas, Amelia, Olivia, Finley, Max, Olivia, Lucas, Milly, Leo, George, Nathan, Darcey, Alec, Filip, Mrs Singer, Mrs Prudence, Miss Mills and Mrs Ragless

Foodbanks help

We have links with local foodbanks so, if you are struggling financially at the moment, please contact the school office in confidence and we can refer you.

Term Time Absence and Penalty Notices

A reminder that Hertfordshire County Council issues Penalty Notices which meet the Hertfordshire Code of Conduct regardless of the overall level of the pupil's attendance. Please be advised that the Governing Body has agreed that Welwyn St Mary's will be following this guidance.

This means that unauthorised absence exceeding 15 sessions (each day is two sessions) over 2 consecutive terms risks a fine of up to £120 per parent for each individual child. The Local Education Authority may issue you with a Penalty Notice under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, for failure to secure your child's regular attendance at school. One session is equal to a morning or an afternoon.

So that parents are aware of the risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice, Welwyn St Mary's will issue warning letters to all parents who request term time holiday, regardless of the length of holiday.

Please note that:

- Even brief term time holidays can affect children in school adversely for some weeks, both before and after the actual vacation.
- Very few children can afford to miss aspects of the school curriculum.
- Staff are unable to provide activities for your child to complete during unauthorised absences from school.
- It is also highly unlikely that your child will be able to 'catch up' on the work undertaken by classmates whilst your child is on holiday.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you for supporting us in maintaining our high attendance record.





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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2024	
Thu 4th July 2024	Music Evening - CANCELLED
Sat 6th July 2024	PTFA Summer BBQ
Wed 10th July 2024	WSM's Talent Show
Wed 10th July 2024	Open Evening - 6pm-7pm
Thurs 11th July 2024	Budge up day
Wed 17th July 2024	Year 6 Show - 6pm
Thu 18th July 2024	Leavers' service
Thu 18th July 2024	Year 6 Show - 6pm
Fri 19th July 2024	Terms ends
Mon 22nd July 2024	INSET day - school closed
Tue 23rd July 2024	INSET day - school closed

