

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 28th JANUARY 2022



SUCH PROGRESS!

I spent some time in Ducklings and Goslings this week and I was amazed at how much progress the children have made since they started back in September! The confidence and resilience that the children displayed was superb! I was very impressed with their independent writing comparing old and new vehicles. They were very also busy producing tickets using their number knowledge for the slide in the outdoor area. Well done to the EYFS team for enabling the children to flourish in the way they have!

Mrs Brierley spends her lunchtime on a Tuesday with the Y5/6 Orchestra rehearsing. I had the pleasure of popping in this week and listening to the lovely music the children produced! Instruments being played included violins, glockenspiels, drums and recorders. Added to the choir rehearsals on Fridays with Mr Smith and Mrs Morton, this gives the children at St Matthew's fantastic opportunities to enhance their music skills! We are very lucky to have such talented pupils and staff in our school!

In our acts of worship this week, we have been thinking about what Jesus meant when he said 'I am the bread of life.' We have also thought about what we have to be thankful for and put some ideas into our reflection books.

As we continue to have cases of Covid across the school, can you please test your children on Sunday evening or Monday morning using lateral flow tests, if possible.

Thank you!

NEXT WEEK

Don't forget that the PTA are organising a second hand uniform sale on Monday afternoon in the new hall from 2.45pm-3.20pm. This will be an opportunity for you to purchase items of school uniform for 50p/£1. Our thanks to the PTA for organising this.

On Wednesday, Mrs Hookway is taking a group of Y3/4 pupils to the sports hall athletics event. I know that the team have been training hard, so I wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they get on. Thank you to the parents who are assisting with the transport arrangements.

Next Wednesday is Candlemas, when we remember the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. If you would like to talk about this at home, here is a link for you.

[Candlemas \(2nd February\) - The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple - Leading Christian charity enabling ministry and mission \(brf.org.uk\)](https://brf.org.uk)

What an intricate build boys!



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



School News

YR	This week in Maths, we have been learning what the word subitise means. We have counted how many people are on the bus and found different ways to make 5. We have been comparing old and new forms of transport and have created our own Lego vehicles and labelled them. We have built some incredible and intricate structures using the blocks, which were like the tall buildings the Naughty Bus might see in London.
Y1	Year 1 have enjoyed finding out about how the Great Fire of London started in Thomas Farriner's bakery in Pudding Lane. In Maths, we have been working on remembering our number bonds to twenty. In our RE lesson, we have been considering what forgiveness means, and why it is important to forgive.
Y2	We have had a musical week in Year 2! In English, we composed rhythms using percussion instruments and made up actions inspired by the rumpus that Max has with the Wild Things in our story. We had great fun performing our compositions and dances to the rest of the class!
Y3	This week, Year 3 learnt about imperative verbs and acted out Wesley giving his dad clear instructions to recreate the wonderful aromas he smelt. In Science, we investigated how to carry out a fair test and investigated how quickly a car travelled down a ramp on different surfaces.
Y4	We really enjoyed finding out about herbivores, omnivores and carnivores this week. We went into the ICT suite to research weird and wonderful animals. In Art, we have used charcoal for the very first time and had a go at using 'cross hatching' and 'stippling' techniques to add realism.
Y5	Continuing our focus on Hurricane Katrina, we developed our use of complex sentence structures and eye-witness quotations to help us prepare to write a news article about the devastating storm. We have also designed our own investigations to measure the force of friction.
Y6	This week, in Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. In the ICT suite, we conducted research into the process of Fair Trade chocolate and coffee being produced and exported. We have also been learning about the physical and human geography of Ghana.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL

MONDAYS

5S
5D

TUESDAYS

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3TWP
3DB
Kookaburras
Lorikeets
6H
6W

THURSDAY

3TWP
4R
4M
Kookaburras
Lorikeets

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
4R
4M
Owls
Robins

**NO FOREST SCHOOL
NEXT WEEK**