

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 21st APRIL 2023

TERM 5 IS UNDERWAY!

Welcome back everyone! Although we have only been back in school for a week, there has been LOTS going on! On Saturday, the PTA held a jumble sale and I am so pleased to tell you that it raised a staggering **£650!** That brings the total raised since September to over **£4500!** Thanks to all of the parents and children who gave up their time in the holidays to help get the jumble sale ready!

This week, we welcome two new teaching assistants to the St Matthew's family. Miss Taylor has joined Kookaburras and Miss Dudzik has joined Robins. Everyone has made them both feel very welcome!

Mrs Hookway has been busy with two football tournaments this week. On Wednesday, the girls Y5/6 team played 3 matches in a tournament and yesterday the Y2 boys played 8 matches. Neither team have played in a tournament together before, and they all made us all very proud! Well done to all of the players and thank you to Mrs Hookway and the parents for transporting the children.

My personal highlight this week was when Jeremy Strong visited yesterday afternoon. He has written over 100 children's books over the years and he talked to the children in KS2 about the writing process. It was very informative and highly entertaining! We all laughed lots during his visit! It was lovely to see the children so excited and enthused about writing. I know that he inspired the children to get their ideas down on paper. Thank you to Miss Walters and the Y6 team for coordinating the sale and signing of the books. Jeremy's hand must have ached afterwards!

NEXT WEEK

We are looking for volunteers to help dig out the allotment area on the field and also for donations of plants or seeds. Please see Mrs Cheesman for further details.

MONDAY 24th April:

KS2 Cross-Country event.

WEDNESDAY 26th April:

Pre-loved uniform sale in the new hall after school.

Y5/6 Football match against St Peter's Hawkenbury

THURSDAY 27th April:

STRIKE ACTION- Please see separate email

FRIDAY 28th April:

Y6 will be providing the cakes for the Bake Sale after school to raise money for the PTA. Don't forget your change! 50p per cake.

MONDAY 1st MAY - BANK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 2nd MAY - INSET DAY



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	We have had a busy week gardening in our outside area and on the allotment on the field. We have also planted a sunflower seed with Mrs Pollard. We have been writing about mini-beasts, hunting for insects and drawing them. We have also enjoyed our music with Mrs Brierley and Mrs Morton!
Y1	The children enjoyed receiving a snail trail letter written by the main character from The Snail and the Whale. She invited the children to join her as she travels the world and finds out about different places.
Y2	Year 2 have really enjoyed starting our traditional tales topic this week. We wrote diary entries as both the Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood, trying our best to get into character. In maths, we have been learning about halves and quarters and we are getting very good at identifying these!
Y3	We have started our new book, Leaf. We have begun to plan and write our own poems linked to the polar bear in the story. In Science, we are beginning to think about Skeletons. We are lucky to have Mr Tibbits-Williams teaching us Art this term!
Y4	Year 4 have started our new topic, the Ancient Greeks. We have really enjoyed starting Theseus and the Minotaur and we have looked at Gods and Goddesses. We are all excited about the upcoming term!
Y5	Year 5 have begun our new text by Jack Stalwart 'The Caper of the Crown Jewels.' We have written super persuasive job applications to become a secret agent and have learnt about a formal style of writing in the process. We also took delivery of caterpillars which we have started to observe, looking at their position, movement and size. We hope to watch them metamorphose into Painted Lady butterflies.
Y6	Year 6 have been fascinated by the intriguing adaptations of the peppered moth, caused by air pollution. We have also been learning the use of a grid can help to structure a sketch prior to undertaking a detailed observational drawing. The highlight of the week has been meeting Jeremy Strong! He made us laugh and gave us excellent tips for our writing. We enjoyed listening to him read from one of his books.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5C
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4VC

Swimming 4R

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3DB
3TWB
4VC
4R
6W
6H

THURSDAY

Owls
Robins
FRIDAY
Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL

Lorikeets