

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 3rd November

WINDY, WET WEATHER

It has been pretty wet this week which has meant PE has been indoors at times with classes dodging the rain!

It was very exciting lunchtime today, with the official 'launch' of HMS St Matthew's! Reception, year 1 and year 2 had great fun exploring the equipment at lunchtime and they had huge smiles on their faces. Thank you to the PTA and everyone who has supported their events which helped raise the funds to buy and install the equipment.



Phonics groups have been set up across KS1, and it has been lovely to see all the groups learning.

It was lovely to take parents of children ready to start school next year, round the school on Tuesday. Our House captains and prefects have been involved in showing round our visitors and have made me very proud.

This week, we have thought about ordinary people who have done extraordinary things due to their faith. We heard about Florence Nightingale and Dr Barnardo and understand why we still think of them today.

NEXT WEEK

Parent Consultations are on Tuesday and Thursday after school.

On Wednesday, we are leading another tour for parents of Reception 2024 starters.

We have been given a small box of poppies to sell to raise funds for The Royal British Legion. Year 6 will be on the gate to sell these from Monday.

Reception Nativity – 8th Dec

Carol Service 1:45pm & 7pm – 11th Dec

KS1 Nativity -12th & 13th Dec

Christmas Lunch – 14th Dec

End of Term 2 – 15th Dec



Our donations to the Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal have been collected. Mr Cornish came to show some of the boxes that have already been created.

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.



YR	This week, we have been thinking about our favourite toys. We have drawn them and described them, we have counted teddies and we have been thinking about what we enjoy in school so we can tell parents at parents evening next week.
Y1	This term, our topic is 'Toys' so we brought our favourite toys to school. We had a lovely day talking about our toys and playing with them. We also drew pictures of them and tried hard to sketch lightly with the pencil. We have been exploring signs of Autumn and found lots of beautiful coloured leaves. In Maths, we've learnt about parts and wholes. We have used cubes and counters to explore how we can split amounts into two parts.
Y2	This week we have been really enjoying our class text in English, 'The Princess and the White Bear King'. We have been working hard learning how to add 2 2-digit numbers.
Y3	This week, Y3 have been introduced to Viking sagas and heard the story of how Odin created the world. We created pictures showing these landscapes and used this as a springboard for writing. In Science, we have begun looking at magnets.
Y4	This week, in Year 4, we have introduced our new class book Escape to Pompeii. In literacy, we have been using our senses to write extended noun phrases to describe the setting of our book. In Science, we have sorted different materials into solid liquid and gas and looking at their properties. In History, we have looked into the Roman Empire.
Y5	In Year 5 this week, we started out art project with Mr Tibbits-Williams by drawing faces with correct proportions. We enjoyed playing the Ancient Mayan game of Pok-a-tok, which is linked to our new Literacy text, Rain Player. Then we used our knowledge to write precise instructions.
Y6	Year 6 this week, have been learning about how light travels and how we see things; thinking about how Jesus' disciples listened to his teachings in the Sermon on the Mount; writing a storm poem; and reminding ourselves how to use apostrophes!

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

- 5S
- 5B
- Lorikeets
- Kookaburras
- 4B
- Swimming 4VC**

TUESDAY

- Owls
- Robins
- 6W
- 6H

WEDNESDAY

- 3DB
- 3TWB
- 4VC
- 4B
- 6W
- 6H

THURSDAY

- 3TWB
- 3DB
- Owls
- Robins

FRIDAY

- Ducklings
- Goslings
- Lorikeets
- Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL

- Kookaburras