

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 23rd February

NEW BOOKS

Every class has been keen to start their new book this term and the children have become drawn into the stories very quickly. We are following a new writing scheme and it is all based around high quality texts.

Following assessments last term, the majority of children moved up a group in phonics and have started their new books. From this week, their home reading book will change to match the book they are reading in lessons to help consolidate their learning.

Our netballers won their match against Speldhurst, 9-3. The Speldhurst teachers were very complimentary about how skilful our girls were individually but also as a team. The football tournament after school yesterday was a very wet affair but the team did well, winning a couple of their games in awful conditions!

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs West, our new Inclusion Lead to St Matthew's. She is getting to know the children on our SEND register, and has popped into classes to see all the children learning.

In worship, we have been marking the start of Lent. We have thought about not only giving up something for Lent, but alternatively, doing something positive every day to sustain the world around us, such as, turning off lights, giving unwanted toys to charity shops, recycling and looking after God's creatures.

NEXT WEEK

Please send your votes in for the parent governor election. The count will be on Thursday. Paper copies of the voting form can be collected from the office.

Monday 4th March – Recorder Festival – Year 3

Thursday 8th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th – Thursday 11th March – Book Fair

Tuesday 26th March – Reports home

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Service – St Matt's Church

Wednesday 27th March - END OF TERM 4

Thursday 28th March – INSET Day – Staff training on RWI (Phonics)



Many children from across the school wore their scout, cub, beaver, guide, brownie & rainbow uniforms to remember Thinking Day. Mr Witherington was proud to wear his too.

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 investigating and comparing length and time. We have been so excited by our new topic superheroes and we have made amazing costumes and thought about some unique and interesting super powers.
Y1	We have introduced our new topic by travelling back in time to 1666. We have looked at where London is on a map. The children have looked at similarities and differences between life in 1666 and life today.
Y2	Year 2 have enjoyed starting our new book The Owl and The Pussycat. We have been learning about Hawaii as a link to this book, and have found Hawaii on Google earth in computing. In RE, we have enjoyed creating a comic strip about the Easter story, and have been discussing our big question - Why is Easter important to Christians?
Y3	Year 3 were excited to start their new book, Cloud Tea Monkeys. We had a tea tasting afternoon, using our sense to describe a variety of teas. This term we are learning about the Anglo-Saxons and created our own illuminated letter. We worked with extreme care as the Monks would have done, finishing off our design using gold or silver pens!
Y4	This week, we have been excited to start our new book 'The lion and the unicorn'. We have written letters in the role of Lenny and we used inverted commas in our writing. 4B had their first swimming lessons and both classes have enjoyed Hockey in their PE lessons. In Geography, we have started our topic on maps and finding features of the UK.
Y5	This week in History, we considered how the crime of stealing was punished differently in the past, starting with Roman times. We've started our new book, The Sleeper and The Spindle and tried to replicate the author's use of homophones. During PE lessons, we learnt to play lacrosse.
Y6	This week in Year 6 we have been introduced to our new English text 'Paradise Sands'. So far, we have found it to be baffling, ominous, disconcerting and sinister! In science, we have been learning how to draw electric circuits using correct symbols and in RE, finding out about what the Bible tells us about resurrection.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5B
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4B

Swimming 4B

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL (THURSDAY)

3TWB