

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 15th March

FIRST VISITS

We welcomed Mr Hutcheon to St Matthew's this week on Tuesday and Friday. He will be the Acting Head from Term 5 (after the Easter holidays). He spent time walking the school and seeing the classes learning; met with staff; met with Governors and spent time with children. We look forward to him being in school more before the end of term.

Our school Governors also spent a day in school on Friday completing training and it was a chance for our new parent governor, Sophie Christie to get to know the board.

Our book fair continued this week, and I loved seeing children walking out of the hall clutching a new book to read. The money we raise on the book fair can be spent with scholastic to add to our library. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

Congratulations to the Yr 3/4 hockey team who played their first ever match this week against Speldhurst. They showed great skills and came away winners scoring 5 goals! What an impressive team!



NEXT WEEK

Thursday 21st March – PTA Chocolate Bar Sale and pre-loved uniform sale.

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)

Monday 15th April – Term 5 Starts

Attendance is 94% across the school. We have been analysing the attendance data to see how we can support some families to improve their attendance. On the school reports that come home at the end of term, your child's attendance will be given and colour-coded.



We wish Mrs Drew the best in her new adventures.
We will miss her.

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 talking about aliens and imagining what they would look like if they landed on Earth. The children have described the alien they designed and have been painting, junk modelling and making aliens from plasticine. We have been doubling and finding one more in maths.
Y1	Year One have continued to improve their stories based upon Stanley's Stick. They have been introduced to the suffix -ed and have been thinking about how we say and write about things in the past tense. This has linked well with their History work on Samuel Pepys. The children found out about how Samuel Pepys wrote a diary. During Discovery Time, the children have imagined what he might have written in his diary, taking care to write in the past tense and to add the suffix -ed.
Y2	Year 2 have enjoyed brainstorming their habitat dioramas this week, and thinking about how we will assemble it next week. We have been thinking about forgiveness in R.E, and the reasons why people forgive each other. We have really enjoyed reading our new book Grandad's Camper, and have been focusing our writing on memories.
Y3	This week, year 3 started their new class book 'Small in the City'. We imagined how different life would be for country and city cats and used our senses to imagine stepping into a busy city. We organised our Anglo-Saxon research under subheadings and wrote about what Anglo-Saxon homes and food would have been like. We have been checking on our science experiments to see under what conditions our sunflowers will grow the best!
Y4	This week in year 4, we have enjoyed continuing our artwork inspired by Paul Nash. We wrote fantastic setting descriptions using personification and well thought out adjectives and began planning our stories inspired by the Lion and the Unicorn which we will write next week. In Geography, we learnt about grid references.
Y5	In literacy this week, we completed our class text, studying the author's description of characters' thoughts and feelings and writing our own review of the storyline. In PSHE, we explored the pros and cons of online communication and discussed ways to stay safe.
Y6	Year 6 have been learning how Christians put their belief in the resurrection into practice in R.E. and how we inherit characteristics from our biological parents. We have adding dialogue to our writing to express thoughts and feelings and have learnt the names of items in our pencil cases in French.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5B
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4VC
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)

5S