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## Forest School next week

Next week, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Puffin Class (Year 3 – 3TWB) will be engaging with Forest School. Please can they come to school dressed in clothes suitable for Forest School, have a coat and boots so they can enjoy the experience.



## Year 3 trip to the Amelia Centre

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to the Amelia Centre on Tuesday. We travelled into town on the train and spent the morning at the centre. The children learnt more about the Stone Age and engaged with looking at artefacts to understand more about this period in history. A good day out! Thank you to all the parents who supported the trip. 😊

## A message from Miss Harris

It's been another busy week at St Matts!

We have been celebrating and learning about the importance of Harvest as well as lots of other topics.

Year 5 had a crime scene to investigate which inspired some writing – I was shocked to find that 5K thought I was a suspect! (Thankfully, I was ruled out!)

They thoroughly enjoyed the day and were inspired in their learning.

Reception have been working on lots of different topics this week – these have included capacity and comparing sizes. Children in Goslings and

Ducklings have also been working on their phonics and their sounds.

Well done to everyone again this week – children are making some good progress!

## Harvest Donations – a BIG thank you!

We would like to send a heartfelt thanks to everyone who was able to make a donation for our Harvest celebrations this year. We filled up the corridor leading to my office with tins and packets of different foods from you all. It is all going to Nourish to support our community and we know the organisation is grateful to receive your generous donations.



## Positive Changes and Successes

Back in the summer holidays, Mrs Hookway entered a competition that the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council were running to win a new team sports kit. She had to write a short piece about why she thought we should win, so she explained how wonderful all the children at St Matthew's are at sport and how we have been super successful over the years. Amazingly we won, and 20 shirts, shorts & socks arrived this week, amounting to over £600 worth of clothing. Mrs Hookway is looking forward to seeing the teams compete in this lovely new kit.



Thank you, Mrs Hookway!

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If so, come and meet us at one of our tours to find out more about life at St Matthew's:

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> October - 10:30am  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October - 2.00pm  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> November - 10.30am  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> November - 2.00pm

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Virtual Tour



## Dates for your Diary

You will have already seen the Term dates for the year, but if you would like to refer to them again, you can find them by following [this link](#).

Below are some key dates for your diary so you know what the children will be doing in Terms 1 and 2. For many of the events, more details will follow and there are a few more dates to add as events are finalised:

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Donations for Christmas 'Shoebox Appeal'
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: End of Term 1 for children
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: INSET day for teachers. School closed for pupils.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Autumn Break – School closed
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Start of Term 2 for all
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying Week
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Flu Immunisations
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Consultations
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service at St Matthew's Church
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (am): Reception Nativity for parents
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (pm): Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (am) Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: End of Term 2