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Worship Theme

Remembering and focusing on the significance of Lent has been the theme running through our worships this week. We have considered how discipline and overcoming temptation is represented in the Bible and can benefit how we live our lives.



Forest School

On Thursday 13th March, Kiwi Class (Year 2 – Mrs Brown) will be taking part in Forest School.

Please can the class come to school dressed for the weather conditions and wearing coats, boots etc. Thank you!



A message from Miss Harris

Another week has flown by and it is lovely to see the warmer weather arrive and spring flowers appear. A couple of highlights from the week: Year 2 have been learning the poem, 'The Owl and the Pussycat'... they did so well to perform it during the KS1 Celebration Assembly today!

Reception class have been experimenting with flowers standing in different coloured water... I wonder what will happen to the flowers?



Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming a trainee teacher, Mr Ashe-Jenson, from Canterbury Christ Church University. He will be based in Lorikeet's class and I am sure he will be warmly welcomed.

Some advance notice: Next week we will be sharing news of some work we are having done to the Key Stage 1 playground to improve it for pupils. Please watch out for the communications so you know what to expect.

Positive Changes and Successes

Year 3 took part in the Recorder Festival on Monday which was a huge success – they played brilliantly, concentrated and behaved very well, and thoroughly enjoyed the event. The children were a credit to St Matthew's!



Attendance Ted

Here are our weekly attendance figures for last week. The overall attendance Our percentage of attendance is improving and significantly so since the end of Term 2. This means that children are in school more regularly which, of course, will be benefitting their learning. With the warmer weather coming, we hope that there are fewer illnesses and attendance continues to improve. Well done everyone!



Ducklings (R) 94%	Goslings (R) 96%		
Robins (Y1) 99%	Owls (Y1) 97%	Kiwis (Y2) 97%	Lorikeets (Y2) 93%
Puffins (Y3) 91%	Peacocks (Y3) 94%	Class 4S 98%	Class 4W 99%
Class 5B 99%	Class 5K 92%	Class 6C 89%	Class 6H 92%

World Book Day

It was wonderful to celebrate World Book Day yesterday! Thank you to all the children (and staff!) who came to school wearing their PJs and brought their favourite book to share with others. There were lots of activities around the school to enjoy the love of reading... particularly as a bedtime story!



Your child will have brought home a book voucher to contribute towards the cost of a book – we hope you and your child enjoy shopping for a book to read!



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 the key dates for your diary so you know what the children will be doing in Term 4. (New dates are noted in green.)

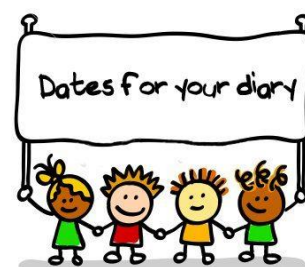
- Friday 14th March: Year 6 trip to the Amelia Centre
- Wednesday 19th March: Reception trip to Aspens
- Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day
- Monday 31st March: Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
- Wednesday 2nd April: Reports sent out to parents / carers
- Friday 4th April: Term 4 ends

Dates for Term 5:

- Tuesday 22nd April: Term 5 begins
- Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday, School closed to pupils
- Monday 12th May: SATs week for Year 6 pupils
- Friday 23rd May: Term 5 ends

Dates for Term 6:

- Tuesday 3rd June: Term 6 begins
- Tuesday 22nd July: Term 6 and the school year ends



The calendar for the next school year including Term Dates for 2025-2026 can be found on our school website and/or by following [this link](#).