

St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School

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A message from Miss Harris

Thank you for all your support as we develop our Key Stage 1 Upper Playground – the drop-off and pick up of children is working well! The work is coming along and will be much improved when it is completed.



Here is a picture of the current state of the playground – the retaining wall is down, and the wall is nearly all dug out now! Soon it will be time for the rebuild!

Thank you for your patience while we continue to set up Parent Pay as a replacement for SQuid. There is a great deal of work happening 'behind the scenes' with the company and we hope it will be fully operational very soon... we are getting closer every day and will keep in touch with you about progress made.

Worship Theme

The focus for the worships this week has continued to be on the Kingdom of God – we have reflected on the meaning of the Parable of the Sower and also celebrated St Patrick.



Positive Changes and Successes

Over the past week, two of our year groups have enjoyed going out of school on trips. Last Friday, Year 6 went to the Amelia Centre, visiting the museum and library areas to support and reinforce their learning of Amelia Scott as a social reformer and campaigner for women's suffrage. Such a valuable resource for children to access and benefit from.

As part of their learning about animals and living things, Duckling and Gosling Classes visited Aspens on Wednesday – they loved learning about living creatures and meeting lots of animals.

The classes also met a Vet this week – they were able to ask the Vet questions about their role and understand what they did. Thank you to Eleanor for coming into school.



Forest School


On Thursday 27th March, 5K (Year 5 – Miss Kimber) 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!



Attendance Ted

Here are our weekly attendance figures for last week.

Ducklings (R) 94%	Goslings (R) 86%		
Robins (Y1) 94%	Owls (Y1) 100%	Kiwis (Y2) 99%	Lorikeets (Y2) 96%
Puffins (Y3) 91%	Peacocks (Y3) 94%	Class 4S 96%	Class 4W 99%
Class 5B 96%	Class 5K 91%	Class 6C 95%	Class 6H 88%

Library Development - A plea for help!

Thank you to all parents / carers who have already let us know that they are able to help with the library development on the afternoon of Thursday 27th March. If you are able to help, please let the school office or Miss Weaver know. Thank you!



An Invitation for Lent

It was lovely to see those who joined the prayer meeting on Tuesday. In the lead up to Easter, Mrs Brierley will be hosting a prayer meeting in our Community Room (opposite the office) each Tuesday morning, 8.50-9.15am.

There is no need to sign up to attend, please just arrive after dropping the children off.



Easter Hat Competition!



We would like to invite all children to join in with an Easter hat competition on Thursday 3rd April.

All children are invited to make a hat or bonnet to celebrate Easter. During the day on Thursday 3rd April, children will share their hat designs in a competition to win an Easter treat!

We are looking for creative designs to celebrate Easter and springtime that children have made and very much look forward to seeing the results!



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.)

- Monday 24th March: Year 5 trip to Trinity Theatre
- Thursday 27th March: Support for the library development
- Monday 31st March: Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
- Wednesday 2nd April: Reports sent out to parents / carers
- **Wednesday 2nd April: Year 4 Parent Information Meeting for the Multiplication Times Tables Check**
- **Thursday 3rd April: Easter hat competition**
- 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](#).

