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Poppy Appeal

We were told just before Christmas that St Matt's raised £66.27 for the poppy appeal with the total raised across the Tunbridge Wells schools being £8121.79. This is such a good amount, isn't it. We have been told that this is roughly a £900 increase on last year. Thank you for all your support.

Forest School

On Thursday 15th January, Birch Class (Year 1/2 Mrs Brown) will be taking part in Forest School. Please send your children into school wearing suitable clothing (a warm coat and wellies) so they enjoy their time in the forest!



A message from Miss Harris

What a week it has been! Snow, ice, lack of water... wow! Let's hope next week is a calmer one!

Despite the 'events' of the week, it really has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and get going on the learning topics for the term. You will shortly be receiving curriculum newsletters so you know what the focus areas of learning will be for the term for your child/ren – thank you, in advance, for engaging with your children about their learning... it really does make a difference. 😊



We have also enjoyed welcoming Mrs Brophy to our Year 3/4 team in Hazel class, and welcoming back Mrs Phillips into Chestnut Class. Both are really enjoying working with the children in classes.

Ash Class also has a new addition for a few weeks – Miss Lea is a trainee teacher gaining experience of working in our school as an alternative experience to her base school. I personally love have student teachers in school as I am sure we gain as much as they do. I am sure you join me in welcoming all our new staff.

Learning has begun again this week



Practical learning tasks to engage children have begun again this week, from recognising and recreating numbers using tens frames in Willow Class to measuring the length of objects in Year 1/2 classes.

Children have also been writing for different purposes this week with Chestnut Class writing from different perspectives and sending their messages to each other on paper aeroplanes – the laughter was lovely to hear as they engaged with the task!



Attendance

Here's this week's attendance data:

Year R Willow 90%		
Year 1/2 Ash 95%	Year 1/2 Birch 97%	Year 1/2 Elm 93%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 92%	Year 3/4 Hazel 96%	Year 3/4 Pine 87%
Year 5 Maple 96%	Year 5 Sycamore 95%	
Year 6 Oak 97%	Year 6 Yew 92%	



Thank you for cleaning our windows!

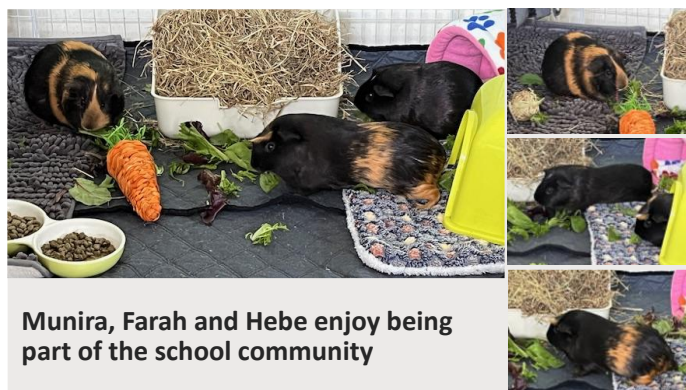
We are so grateful to Marni's dad, Jack, who volunteered to clean our windows for us, free of charge, over the Christmas break! They look so much cleaner and brighter and helps us to continue to improve our environment. Thanks so much, Jack.

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The guinea-pigs are now a year old!



Munira, Farah and Hebe enjoy being part of the school community

Dates for your Diary

Below are key dates for your diary (new events are coloured green):

Term 3:

- Monday 5th January – Term 3 begins and school reopens to children
- Monday 12th January – Swimming begins for Year 4
- Tuesday 27th January – Pine Class trip to a farm
- Friday 30th January – Hazel Class trip to a farm
- Friday 30th January – PTA Event – Bake Sale
- Tuesday 10th February – Chestnut Class trip to a farm
- Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 11th February – Choir attending Singing Festival
- Friday 13th February – End of Term 3

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February: Spring Break – School closed for children

Term 4:

- Monday 23rd February – Term 4 begins and school reopens to children
- Thursday 2nd April – End of Term 4

Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April: Easter break – School closed for children