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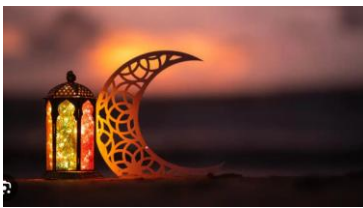
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Eid Celebrations

Wishing all of our families who are celebrating the end of Ramadan a beautiful Eid filled with love and gratitude. May this special day bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to everyone.



Forest School

On Thursday 26th March, Elm Class (Year 1/2, Mrs Salmon) will be taking part in Forest School.



A message from Miss Harris

Another lovely week has been had with the chicks!! (More about them below. 😊) It has been great to see the sunshine appear again and hopefully this really does signify that Spring is here to stay! There are just a couple of updates from me this week.

This week, I have been talking with the people who run St Matt's pre-school. They are interested in gaining information about whether having a dedicated after-school club, and a holiday club might be something that is useful for our school community. Before they move any further forward with plans, they are keen to seek the views of our parent community and ask that we complete a short survey to help them to understand the potential interest. [Here is the link.](#) Thank you for taking part.

You will have seen the news about cases of Meningitis found in a number of young adults in the Canterbury area over the past week. I wanted to reassure you that I have engaged with the advice shared for schools (including attending Government webinar and receiving emails from the Department for Education) on this outbreak and what our response should be. Right now, the advice is very clear – we continue to operate as normal. Of course, I will make sure to keep up to date on this situation and send very best wishes to all those who have been impacted by this.

Chick Watch!


Chick Watch has continued this week! We have loved having the chicks in school over the past fortnight. The children have had a chance to see them hatch, watch them grow and hold them. It has been a wonderful experience for us all.

The chicks have been collected today and have gone to live on a farm – we will certainly miss having them around school with the excitement and cuteness that they have brought.



Attendance Ted

Here's this week's attendance data:

Year R Willow 86%		
Year 1/2 Ash 91%	Year 1/2 Birch 88%	Year 1/2 Elm 90%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 89%	Year 3/4 Hazel 92%	Year 3/4 Pine 92%
Year 5 Maple 94%	Year 5 Sycamore 87%	
Year 6 Oak 93%	Year 6 Yew 87%	

Punctuality Pup

Here is this week's data which we will share with the children on Monday.

Punctuality is improving for many. 😊

Year R Willow 97%			
Year 1/2 Ash 100%	Year 1/2 Birch 98%	Year 1/2 Elm 98%	
Year 3/4 Chestnut 99%	Year 3/4 Hazel 97%	Year 3/4 Pine 100%	
Year 5 Maple 99%	Year 5 Sycamore 100%	Year 6 Oak 99%	Year 6 Yew 100%



Our Choir have been in the paper!



You may well remember mention in a previous edition of the newsletter that our choir attended the Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival with other schools – it is lovely that we have made it into the local paper who have celebrated the event.

Superb Outcome for our Year 6 Hockey Team!

Huge congratulations to the Year 6 hockey team that won the Inter Schools tournament this week. Mrs Hookway say that the whole team played brilliantly. This is the first time St Matthew's have ever won this event! Very well done to you all!



Dates for your Diary

Term 4:

- Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March – EYFS consultations for children in Willow Class
- Monday 30th March – Easter Service in St Matt's Church
- Tuesday 31st March – Reports sent out to parents / carers
- Wednesday 1st April – Easter Hat Parade
- Wednesday 1st April – Year 1/2 parents invited into school at 2.55pm to see children's learning
- Thursday 2nd April – End of Term 4

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

The calendar for 2026-2027 can now be found on our school website by following this link: [Term Dates](#)

