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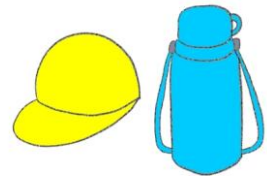
## Worship Themes

This term within our worships, we are looking at different Christian values and what they mean to us and our lives. Last week, we focused on 'hope' and began with reflecting on the hope coming from the Easter Story. This week, we are exploring 'courage' and thinking about how showing courage can benefit our lives.



## A message from Miss Harris

Can you believe we are already in May? The year is flying past! As we enter the warmer weather (we hope!), we ask that children bring hats and water bottles into school please so we can safely enjoy the sunshine. Thank you.



This week, we have welcomed two new members of staff into school. Mr Bailey has become the Hazel Class teacher as Mrs Brophy, unfortunately, was not able to continue with us this term - we wish her well for the future. Mr Bailey has already settled into school with Hazel Class enjoying getting to know him this week. We have also welcomed Miss Pring as a Teaching Assistant into the Year 5 classes – she will be working across Maple and Sycamore classes we are very pleased that she is able to join us.

Yesterday, it was a pleasure to welcome into school the KCC Senior School Improvement Advisor for West Kent. She toured the school and spoke to children as they were learning. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive – she could see the developments and improvements the St Matt's team continue to make to the curriculum, environment and overall provision within the school and recognised the commitment of the staff, children and parent community in all achieved. A very positive visit! 😊

## School closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

– see you on Tuesday!

Please remember: the school is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday. We hope you have a good day and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.



## Attendance Ted



Well done to all the classes with 96%+ attendance this week.

Year R Willow 89.2%	Year 1/2 Ash 97.7%	Year 1/2 Birch 88.3%	Year 1/2 Elm 96.4%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 93.2%	Year 3/4 Hazel 91.5%	Year 3/4 Pine 97.7%	
Year 5 Maple 96.7%	Year 5 Sycamore 93.5%	Year 6 Oak 97.0%	Year 6 Yew 94.6%

## Punctuality Pup



Particular well done to all the classes with 98%+ punctuality this week.

Year R Willow 96.4%	Year 1/2 Ash 99.3%	Year 1/2 Birch 97.5%	Year 1/2 Elm 97.5%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 99.1%	Year 3/4 Hazel 93.5%	Year 3/4 Pine 96.9%	
Year 5 Maple 99.2%	Year 5 Sycamore 99.2%	Year 6 Oak 94.5%	Year 6 Yew 97.7%

## Engaging and varied learning experiences

Already in Term 5, our children have been engaging with a range of learning experiences within and beyond the curriculum. Last week, some of our Year 3/4 pupils did some maypole dancing – there were moments when the ribbons became slightly tangled (!) but lots of fun was had by all. Some of our Year 1/2 children also explored healthy eating and how to keep ourselves healthy.

Forest School continues in the summer terms with our children working with Mr Gillinder to learn about nature and skills associated with the forest – next week will be Sycamore class.

Some of our children have been out on trips already this term and others will be going out during the summer terms – the children gain so much from these real experiences.

Curriculum newsletters will be shared with you very shortly so you know all the lovely things the children will be learning about this term.



## Dates for your Diary

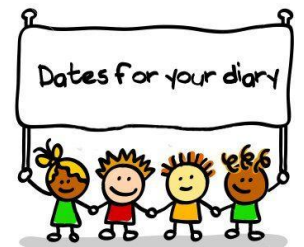
### Term 5:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday; school closed for pupils
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Willow Class trip to Lynn's Farm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – David Attenborough Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs week for Year 6
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Secondary School Meeting for Year 5 parents/carers
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Event – Non-Uniform Day (Donation for Summer Fair)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Residential and Activity Week
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of Term 5

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Summer Term break – School closed for children

### Term 6:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET Day; school closed for children
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Term 6 begins for children
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Year 3/4/5/6 classes
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Reception and Year 1/2 classes (Note: the date in the previous newsletter has been corrected)**
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of Term 6



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