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Forest School

Next Thursday Birch Class (Year 1/2 class with Mrs Brown) will be engaging with Forest School – the weather looks to be improving again (although, I said that last week and it didn't really pan out!). Please send your children in 'weather appropriate' clothing for the day. Thank you.



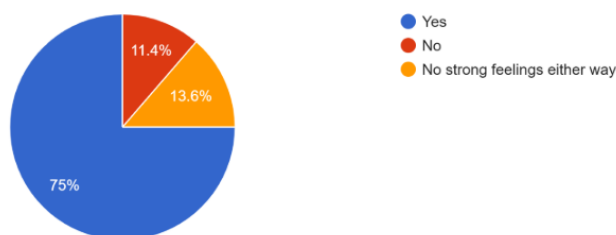
A message from Miss Harris

This week, I would like to pass on a concern that has been raised by our neighbours and also by some parents. We have been informed that parking at drop off time in the morning is particularly hazardous and there is concern about how parents are parking for the safety of all. I have to say that we have also noticed that parking in the afternoons is not always safe and on yellow lines. Can we ask that everyone parks responsibly please. Thank you.

Finish time on Tuesday 21st July: Outcome from the parent/carer survey

Thank you very much to everyone who engaged with the survey to understand your views about the finish time on Tuesday 21st July. The suggestion we were consulting on was moving the finish time to 1.30pm on this day, in line with some other schools, and to allow the holiday to begin for children and for staff to clear up and begin to prepare for next year.

43 families completed the survey and, overwhelmingly, the response is one of support for this plan. Therefore, we will be finishing on Tuesday 21st July at 1.30pm.



We do, however, acknowledge that this might be difficult for some families and so we will send out communication a bit closer to the time to establish for which children this decision will be challenging and we will organise provision for those children to remain in school until 3.15pm. We hope this will be helpful.

Attendance Ted

Overall, a slight drop in attendance this week – well done to the following classes for improved attendance: Birch, Chestnut, Pine, Maple and Yew.



Year R Willow 92.7%	Year 1/2 Ash 96.2%	Year 1/2 Birch 96.3%	Year 1/2 Elm 94.0%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 97.1%	Year 3/4 Hazel 94.8%	Year 3/4 Pine 98.5%	
Year 5 Maple 96.3%	Year 5 Sycamore 91.5%	Year 6 Oak 96.3%	Year 6 Yew 96.9%

Punctuality Pup

A particular well done to the following classes for having 100% punctuality for the last two weeks: Willow, Ash, Maple, Sycamore and Yew.



Year R Willow 100%	Year 1/2 Ash 100%	Year 1/2 Birch 97.4%	Year 1/2 Elm 98.2%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 98.4%	Year 3/4 Hazel 96.0%	Year 3/4 Pine 98.4%	
Year 5 Maple 100%	Year 5 Sycamore 100%	Year 6 Oak 96.5%	Year 6 Yew 100%

Reminder: Coffee afternoon with our Family Liaison Officer

On Wednesday 17th June at 2.15pm, Mrs Smith would like to invite parents/carers into school to meet her for a chat with a coffee and a biscuit!

The focus for the will be quite general and an opportunity for parents/carers to share their experiences – and probably offer some advice for each other too!

Please do let the school office know if you are able to come along (office@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk). We look forward to seeing you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
ST MATTHEW'S HIGH BROOMS
SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

JOIN US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Help Create an Unforgettable Community Event!

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- * Setting Up & Packing Away
- * Running Game Stalls (e.g., Tombola, Hook a Duck)
- * Serving Food & Drinks
- * Welcoming Visitors
- * Supervising Kids' Activities

CAN'T STAY THE WHOLE DAY?
No problem!
ANY TIME YOU CAN OFFER (even an hour or two) is Greatly Appreciated!

PLEASE SIGN UP BY COMMENTING ON THIS POST OR BY EMAILING US AT THE.PTA@ST-MATTHEWS.KENT.SCH.UK

Year 5 trip to The Globe Theatre

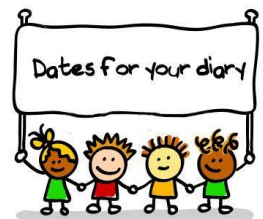
What a wonderful day we all had! The Globe Theatre was amazing and the children also took part in a drama class to help them to learn more about performing.



Dates for your Diary

Term 6:

- Wednesday 17th June @ 2.15pm – Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Smith
- Friday 19th June – Year 5 Sleepover at School
- Wednesday 24th June – Sports Day for Year 3/4/5/6 classes
- Friday 26th June – Sports Day for Reception and Year 1/2 classes
- Tuesday 30th June – Parent Consultations
- Thursday 2nd July – Parent Consultations
- Saturday 4th July – Summer Fair
- Friday 10th July pm – Year 3/4 Art Exhibition with parents/carers invited
- Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Production Performance
- Friday 17th July – Year 6 Party
- Monday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers' Service in the Church
- Tuesday 21st July – End of Term 6



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