St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A quick reminder that the deadline for donations for the Shoebox appeal is Thursday 22nd October.

We are collecting any non-food items, small enough to fit into a shoebox, to send to children in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine, whose only Christmas gift may be the items in the shoebox.

Thank you for your support.

A message from Miss Harris

With just one week left of Term 1, we have had another full week of learning and experiences. Thank you very much to the parents of Birch and Ash Class who came into school to help with our sewing projects – the children are loving making their puppets, and they are coming along very well!

We are so pleased to be able to regularly take children out of school to join in with different sporting events and competitions. This week, Mrs Hookway took out some Year 5 and 6 pupils to learn about Ultimate Frisbee. They were tutored by a professional Frisbee player and then teams played against each other with different schools involved. A fabulous morning – and such a rich experience for our children.



Thank you also to the parents and carers who came into school for the Phonics meeting – it is great to be able to share our approaches for teaching children to read so you can help them from home too.

Reminder: Last day of term will be on Thursday 22nd October – school will be closed on Friday 23rd October and for the following week.

Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup

Punctuality data continues to be strong again this week… this is almost every week this school year that it has been at 98% or above. Thank you to everyone!

Attendance data is at 94.3% for the school – this is obviously lower than the 96% we aim for but an improvement on last year. Thank you for working with us to benefit the children's learning.

Attendance Ted



Willow Year R 92%	**Elm Year 1 96.3%**	**Ash Year 2 97.3%**	
Birch Year 2 99%	**Chestnut Year 3/4 96.5%**	**Hazel Year 3/4 85.8%**	**Pine Year 3/4 95.8%**
Maple Year 5 93.6%	**Sycamore Year 5 95.2%**	**Oak Year 6 92%**	**Yew Year 6 92%**

Punctuality Pup



Willow Year R 97.8%	**Elm Year 1 95.3%**	**Ash Year 2 100%**	
Birch Year 2 100%	**Chestnut Year 3/4 99%**	**Hazel Year 3/4 98.9%**	**Pine Year 3/4 98.2%**
Maple Year 5 98.8%	**Sycamore Year 5 98.9%**	**Oak Year 6 100%**	**Yew Year 6 98.2%**

Forest School

Birch Class thoroughly enjoyed Forest School this week. They are learning about nature and how to be safe through different activities in the forest.



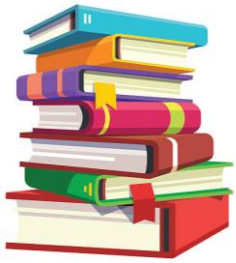


Next week, on Thursday 22nd October, Ash Class (Mrs Aspinall and Mr Voke) will be working with Mr Gillinder in our Forest School.

Please can children wear weather-appropriate clothing that you don't mind them getting a bit grubby. Thank you.

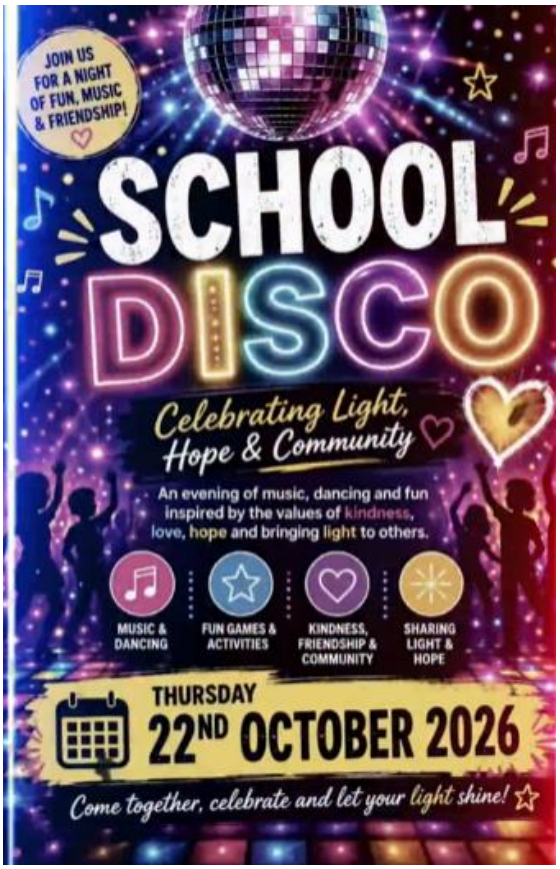
Reading Books

On the staff training day, we will be carrying out a good sort of all library reading books in the school – in order to do this properly, can children return all library books by Thursday please. After the break, they will then be able to bring books home again. Thank you.



PTA Event

With thanks to the PTA for organising the school discos for this term – it is sure to be a fun event! If you are able to help with the event to supervise the children, please do contact the PTA or let the school office know. Thank you!
We look forward to seeing the children there!



Dates for your Diary

Term 1:

- Thursday 22nd October – PTA Event: School Discos
- Thursday 22nd October – Last day of Term 1 for pupils

School closed to pupils from Friday 23rd October and reopens on Monday 2nd November.

Term 2

- Monday 2nd November – Term 2 begins
- Thursday 5th November @ 2.30pm – Times Tables Meeting for parents of pupils in Year 3/4
- Tuesday 17th November, 3.30- 6.30pm – Parent Consultations
- Thursday 19th November, 3.30-5.30pm – Parent Consultations
- Friday 18th November – End of Term 2

The calendar for 2026-2027 can be found on our school website by following this link – please do take a look before booking holidays: Term Dates

