



NEWSLETTER 13 – 6th March 2026

Hello everyone, what a wonderful week in school, World Book Day was a tremendous success and thank you to everyone for all they did to make it so special!

Quite an important staffing announcement in this newsletter as well as our usual stars of the week and award winners at the end.

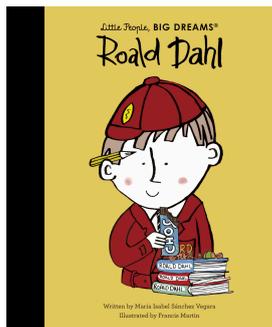
Have a good weekend!

Mr Mackley
Headteacher

Miss Young

For 34 years Miss Young has been a much loved and valued member of the teaching staff here at St Matthew's but at Easter she will be taking a very well deserved retirement! Whilst we will be extremely sad to see her go, we also know that she has made such a massive impact on thousands of children's lives as well as their families.

We will, of course, make sure she has a send off worthy of her and will be setting up a page on the website for you to leave your well wishes for her.



World Book Day

This was an absolutely brilliant day, children and staff in such a wide variety of costumes and outfits and the visit of Francis Martin, a professional book illustrator to lead a workshop for children from St Matthew's and several other local primary schools. We are grateful to Lancashire Library Service for arranging the visit and look forward to further collaborations with them in the future.

We also want to extend our thanks to T G Jones of Deepdale Retail Park for their wonderful assistance in procuring World Book Day books for our children - we again look forward to working with them more in the future.



Year 6 High School Places

Looking at the list, the vast majority of children were successful in securing their first preference, however we are aware that some were not so fortunate.

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”

If you do not receive your School of choice for your child, you can appeal. If you are unhappy with the outcome of your application you can add your child's name to waiting lists for other schools or find out about the appeals process. If you wish to know more, please visit

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/school-appeals/>

Stars of the Week and Values Awards.

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Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Ayan & Brooke	Zara & Rudra
Y1	Noor & Robert	Jaya & Azar
Y2	Safiya & Anete	Zaviyar & Yusuf
Y3	Sana & Juwairiyah	Ivy-Rae & Omar
Y4	Fathima & Ayla	Ruhan & Sara
Y5	Hasnain & Shaun	Shayan & Raheem
Y6	Baqaruddin & Angela	Aiman & Eeshal

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Wiktorina - Y6
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Saad - Y2
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mr Ward)	The Teachers won the battle! Y3 did a fantastic effort with a great score too.
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	3rd - Kamila, 2nd - Sufyan, 1st - Jayram
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Tasneem - Y3