



March Newsletter 2023

A note from the Headteacher

We have had a very busy time with inspectors coming into school but I am pleased to say that we are very happy with the outcome. Our Church SIAMS inspection was graded overall 'good' but with Collective Worship being graded as 'excellent'.

We should have our Ofsted report early in the Summer term and I will share that with you then.

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey and spoke with the inspectors; your support was really appreciated.

Thank you to all the staff and children who worked so hard and continue to do so to make St Matthew's the fantastic school it is.

Have a look at all the exciting things that have been happening over the past 3 weeks



Class	17th Feb	3rd March
Rec E		Urwa
Rec S	Azan	Daniella
Y1S	Amanda	Imrich
Y1M	Nathan	Luca
Y2M	Moneer	Esa
Y2B	Caiden	Aniso
Y3J	Krishiv	Hadiya
Y3R	Inayah	Ahad
Y4F	Ahmed Raza	Sky
4M	Ayan	Ibrahim
Y5C		Tyler
Y5M	Zareenah	Alyamama
Y6C	Faith	Syed
Y6K	Mercedesz	Katelyn



Attendance and Punctuality Matter!

I would like to remind all parents about the vital importance of attendance and punctuality. Every lesson counts towards your child's learning; absence or lateness during term time seriously hampers children's achievement. Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school every day on time.

When children do not attend or are late, they:

- struggle to keep up with school work
- miss out on the social side of school life – especially at primary school.

Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships, a vital part of growing up.

Even one day missed can have an effect on learning:

- 98% attendance means four school days missed
- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed
- Five minutes late each day means three school days missed

Please avoid taking your children out of school during term time, so that they can maximise their amazing learning opportunities at school.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance!



Attendance Information

Monday 9th January — Friday 17th March

Our school attendance for 2023 / 2024 target is 96%

Class	Teacher	%	Class	Teacher	%
Rec R	Miss Russel	87.9%	Y3J	Mrs Johnson	93.1%
Rec S	Mrs Smith	87.7%	Y3R	Mrs Clarkson	90.2%
Y1M	Mr Mistry	95.6%	Y4F	Miss Foster	94%
Y1S	Mrs Shaw	91.7%	Y4M	Mrs Manly	96%
Y2B	Miss Burkmar	95.9%	Y5C	Miss Hinchey	95.2%
Y2M	Miss May	90.6%	Y5M	Mrs McIlhagga	93%
			Y6C	Mrs Sutton	96.3%
			Y6K	Mrs Kearns	93.4%

Dance

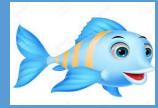
On Wednesday 8th March saw our dancers smash their way onto the stage at the Albert Halls.

They had a fantastic day rehearsing with many other schools and in the evening performed amazingly for hundreds of people.

What a brilliant day we had.



Nursery



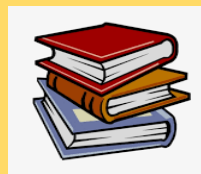
Nursery have had some exciting creatures visit us! The children have had the opportunity to explore a real rockpool filled with lots of interesting ocean life. A lot of the children showed confidence and were really brave as they touched and even held a variety of creatures. The creatures included hermit crabs, shore crabs, anemone, seaweed, sea urchins and lots of different species of star fish!



Reception S



Hedgehog class have had a brilliant time continuing their learning about 'The Gingerbread Man' story as part of our 'Tell us a story' theme. When we arrived to school there had been a delivery...a rolling pin, mixing bowl, scale and a big bag full of ingredients! We decided the only person it could have come from was the Gingerbread Man himself! We used our listening skills to follow the recipe and did an amazing job of sharing, turn taking and being careful with the equipment and ingredients. We quickly took the biscuits out of the oven because we were worried they might run away. We enjoyed decorating them, using our fine motor skills to carefully place on buttons, eyes and a smile with the icing. Afterwards the best bit was of course eating them!



Year 1S

Year 1S enjoyed a visit to Bolton Library. We explored the books, listened to different stories and completed a spring craft. It was a lot of fun



Year 1M



1M have been busy designing and creating their own fairy-tale hand puppets! The children had to sew two pieces of felt together and then decorate them..



Year 3J

In Year 3 we are going out to Forest School every week, whatever the weather! We have great fun learning and exploring in the great outdoors!



Year 2B

Year 2 had lots of fun last week with "Radioactive." We used real radio equipment to create an advert for radio about how much we love St. Matthew's.





Year 6K

Year 6 had a wonderful day out at the Museum of Science and Industry on Tuesday 14th March. In particular, we all really enjoyed exploring the interactive gallery. We learned so much and got some fantastic hands-on experiences.

World Book Day



For World Book Day this year, we all dressed up as our favourite characters and made some fantastic potato book characters. On the day, we looked at different books in each year group by the author Tom Percival. Each book explored different emotions and difficulties we may have as well as how to solve them. We also spent time reading in our library and with children in different year groups. We had lots of fun! Thank you to those who also raised money for our readathon.

We raised a fabulous
£323.65 for Comic Red Day

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