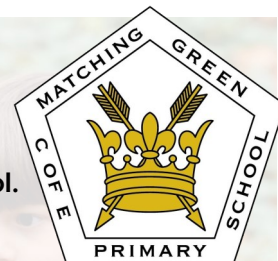


News from the Green



A newsletter sharing the goings on and celebrations from Matching Green Primary School.

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Friday 9th January 2026

Update from Mr Lorkins

Happy New Year. Welcome back in the year 2026. This term in our worships and classes we are focusing on the value **Compassion**. Compassion towards each other is something that we are seeking to instil in all our pupils and sits at the heart of our community at Matching Green. Over this term, the pupils will be learning about this value and we will be having a celebration of it at the end of term.

I have seen some fantastic learning across the school this week. In Potter and Nightingale Class they have been learning about New Year traditions and have set some resolutions for the coming year. The children in Nightingale also explored making paper structures in art. In Darwin Class they have begun their topic of the Romans and have been reading an exciting book about the destruction of the Roman City of Pompeii. I had the pleasure of teaching in Shakespeare Class this week and we had a fantastic discussion in R.E. about the views of different thinkers about what makes a good life.

We are reaching out to parents and families to see if there are any skills or services that we could utilise in school. If you have a skill or service that you would be able to offer the school, and you would be happy for us to contact you please fill in this form [Parent and Family Skills Audit – Fill out form](#)

I hope you all have a great weekend. See you all on Monday.

Dates

- 19.12.25 - Last Day of Term. Finish at 1.15pm
- 6.1.26 - First day back for pupils
- 8.1.26 - Fire Service Winter Safety
- 14.1.26 - Swimming starts for Year 4 and some of Year 3
- 28.1.26 - PTA Lego Bake Sale
- 10.2.26 - Valentines' Disco
- 13.2.26 - Last day of half term
- 23.2.26 - First day back after half term
- 25.2.26 Swimming starts for rest of Year 3
- 5.3.26 - West End in Schools Workshop
- 9.3.26 - PTA Mothers' Day Gift Room
- 20.3.26 - Red Nose Day
- 23.3.26 - PTA Easter Enrichment
- 25.3.26 - Potter Class Aerozone Trip
- 27.3.26 - Last day of term



Reminders -

Please can we remember that the yellow lines outside the school are a reserved space that provides room for the emergency services to arrive and park in so that they can get into the school quickly if urgent help is needed. These must be kept clear at all times.



Please can you ensure as we enter the new year that you are up to date with your dinner money payments. If there are issues with this at all please do contact us.

The PTA have lots of preloved uniform to sell. This is sold at a great price and raises money for the school. Please use their online shop to purchase <https://uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=7929>.

Many thanks

School Dinners



The week after the holidays will be Week Two of school dinners.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
pasta	crispy chicken	breakfast bap	tomato and bacon bake	fish fingers

Jacket potato will also be available as an alternative.

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CELEBRATE!

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week.



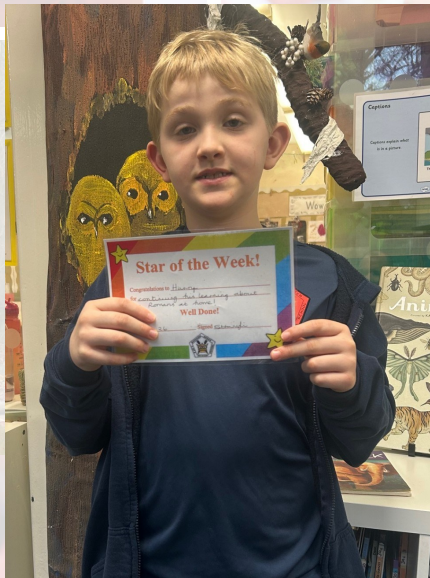
Ben - Year 1



Betsie - Year 3



Darcie - Year 1



Harry - Year 4



Luca - Year 5

**SUPPORT
OUR
SCHOOL**

75 Club

Each month we have a draw where the holder of the winning number will win some of the prize fund collected. You can purchase a number for £2.50. Please speak to the office or a member of the PTA to join and stand a chance to win.

November winners were:

- 1st - Richard Matthews
- 2nd - Michelle Horgan
- 3rd - Becky Woodham

Easyfundraising

If you are online shopping please click on this link first. A percentage of the money you spend will go towards the school at no extra cost to you. We have raised over £3000 using this service so far. An 'easy' fundraising opportunity for school.

[https://
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/)

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Lego Bake Sale

To celebrate National Lego Day we will be holding a bake sale. The children are encouraged to bake a cake with a Lego theme. There will also be a Lego building competition which you will receive information about nearer the time. Please bring your cakes in on 28th January. We will be selling them in the hall between 9am and 10am.



The Friends
OF MATCHING GREEN SCHOOL

Lego Bake Sale

To enter the bake competition simply bring your Lego themed cake with you on the day, please label with child's name, class and a list of ingredients used. (Reminder we are a nut free school)

28.01.2026

9AM - 10AM

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VALENTINES DISCO

CHILDRENS ENTERTAINER
(SKITTLE MAN), A SNACK &
UNLIMITED JUICE

**FEB
10**

3:15PM - 5PM

Children can bring their disco outfits to change into after school

£8 per child

Valentines' Disco

On 10th February, we will be holding a disco for all pupils. Skittleman will be providing a range of music and games. The children are invited to bring a change of clothes to change into before the disco.

WE ARE
ACCEPTING
DONATIONS OF
ANY UNWANTED
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FOR OUR
MOTHER'S DAY
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THANK YOU 🙏

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