

News from the Green



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

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Friday 23rd January 2026

Update from Mr Lorkins

Week 18 of the 2025/26 Term. The time is going quickly. Year 6 were hard at work today doing a stocktake for the EcoRefill Shop on Monday. Please bring empty soap, washing liquid or other bottles to refill with some of the excellent products that they have on sale. The shop will be open at 3pm on the playground. We hope to see a number of you there.

In Collective Worship this week we have been continuing with the value of **Compassion**. This is at the core of the vision for our pupils where they are learning with their hearts. This week, we spoke about the story of Jesus healing the sick but spoke about some of those who showed the most compassion were the friends of the paralysed man who carried him to be healed. We spoke about how we can show compassion to others in our families, school and community.

This year is the 160th Anniversary of the Foundation of our school. We will be celebrating this on the week of the 18th of May which will be culminating in a special worship on the Friday. We will be reaching out soon to those with stories and memories of the school.

There are a few parents who owe money for Morning Club. Please can you bring your account up to date as soon as possible. For those unaware our Morning Club is open everyday at 8am. Any issues please speak with us.

We all hope you have a great weekend. See you all on Monday,

Dates



28.1.26 - PTA Lego Bake Sale
10.2.26 - Valentines' Disco
12.2.26 - Potters Valentines' Lunch
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
25.2.26 - Potter Class Aerozeone Trip
26.2.26 - Nightingale Chinese New Year Lunch
3.3.26 - KS2 Cross Country
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
27.3.26 - Last day of term
14.4.25 - PTA National Gardening Day
11.5.26 - Year 6 SATs Week
22.5.26 - 160th Foundation Celebration Worship

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.

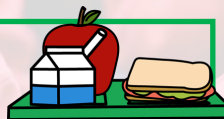


Please can you make sure that your pupil brings a water bottle in to school with them. Please can you also make sure it is named so that it can be returned if misplaced.



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>.

School Dinners



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

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| pasta | chicken wrap | breakfast bap | pasta 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.



Blake - Year R



Reggie - Year 1



Molly, Archie, Seb
and Xenia - Year 4



Julius - Year 2



Primrose - Year 3



Ernie - Year 5



Elsie - Year 6

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.

December's 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



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 GIFT ROOM

THANK YOU 🙏

BREAKING NEWS



Lego Club

We had the first Lego Club this week. Thank you so much to everyone one for all your kind donations. It is very much appreciated. The children had a great time and it was fantastic seeing the pupils showing **Compassion** and working together. The club is full but if you would like to be added to the waiting list please contact the school office.



Nightingale Class

Nightingale Class did a fantastic job in Art this week continuing their skills of paper craft. They produced some fantastic pieces as you can see here.



EFSLIP Quiz

On Wednesday 21st January, we took a team from Darwin Class and a team from Shakespeare Class to compete in a quiz against teams from schools in the Epping Forest School Partnership. Both teams did incredibly hard, especially since one of the rounds was particularly difficult. Well done to the Year 5/6 team who came third but a special well done to the team from Darwin Class who won the quiz with a three point lead. Well done!

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