

# News from the Green



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

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## Update from Mr Lorkins

We are at the end of week 20 of the year. Time is flying. It was nice to have a day of sun on Wednesday but back to rain at the end of the week. Luckily, this has not dampened the spirits in school.

There has been some fantastic learning this week and some great examples of our pupils learning with their heads, hearts and hands. In Shakespeare Class they were exploring the beliefs of humanists and what they felt about the meaning of a good life. In Darwin Class, they continued their weaving skills and have been developing their understanding of measure in maths. In Nightingale Class, in R.E., they produced some fantastic Rangoli patterns when learning about the practices of Hindus. In Potter Class, they have been learning about Jack and the Beanstalk.

In worship this week, we have learnt about the Christian celebration of Candlemas. We spoke about the Christian belief that Jesus is 'the light of the world'. We reflected on how the small 'lights' / kindnesses we see in our daily lives and spoke about how we can spread light through acts of kindness. On Wednesday, we learnt about the Book of Exodus and the **compassion** showed by Moses to the people of Israel.

Next week, it is Children's Mental Health Week. During the week we will be talking to the children about a sense of belonging and will be looking at different strategies to support positive wellbeing. Each day, in class, the children will be doing a short activity to learn about this. Please speak with your children to hear about what they have been doing.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

## Dates

WB 9.2.26 - Children's Mental Health Week  
 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 Aerozone Trip  
 26.2.26 - Nightingale Chinese New Year Lunch  
 3.3.26 - KS2 Cross Country  
 5.3.26 - West End in Schools Workshop  
 5.3.26 - World Book Day  
 9.3.26 - PTA Mothers' Day Gift Room  
 20.3.26 - Red Nose Day  
 23.3.26 - PTA Easter Enrichment  
 24.3.26 - Easter Service at St Mary's  
 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  
 1.6.26 - Year 4 Times table Check  
 8.6.26 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check



## 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.**



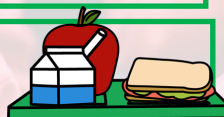
Please can you make sure that your pupil brings a water bottle in to school with them. Please can you also make sure it is named so that it can be returned if misplaced.



**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

Next week 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!

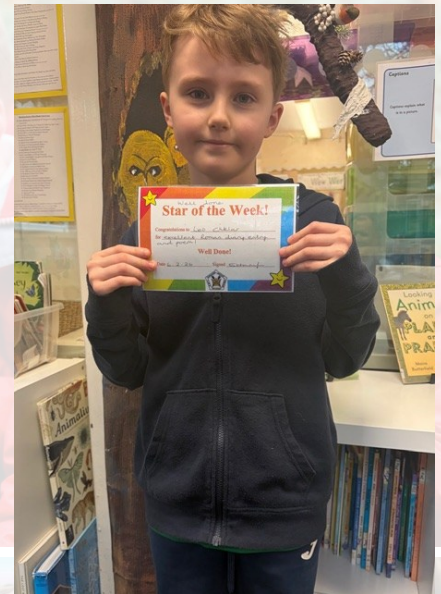
Well done to our Stars of the Week this week.



Gabriel - Year R



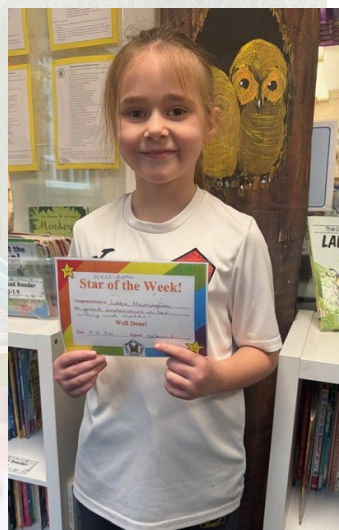
Marleigh - Year 1



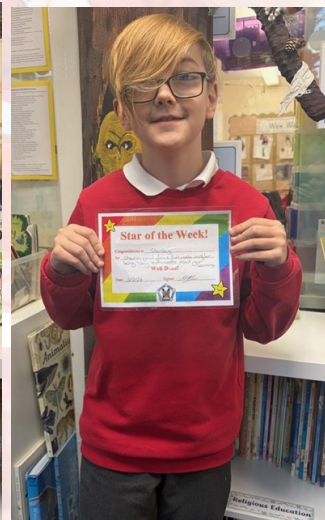
Leo - Year 4



Harrison- Year 2



Lottie - Year 3



Stanley - Year 5



Maisie - 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 - Julie Lorkins

2nd - Angela Sharp

3rd - Chris Warner

### 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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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.



The Friends  
OF MATCHING GREEN SCHOOL

# 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

**BREAKING NEWS**



Nightingale - Habitat Boxes  
In Nightingale Class, they have been learning with their heads, hearts and hands by thinking about conservation and making habitat boxes.



Darwin - Weaving  
In Darwin Class, they have been continuing to practise their weaving skills. Very impressive!

