

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

As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring Term we are half way through the year. This week, in all classes, the pupils have been taking part in activities which focus on positive wellbeing and mental health for Children's Mental Health Week. It has been great to see the pupils learning different self-regulation strategies, developing skills of mindfulness and thinking about what makes themselves special. We will continue to return to these strategies over the year so that we can help the pupils in school to develop positive ways to support their wellbeing and mental health.

I would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for organising the Valentine's Disco. Thank you also to those who provided cupcakes for the children. It was great to see the children having a fantastic time from Reception right up to Year 6. Although, I did go home with a big headache. All the pupils also had a brilliant time with Mini Shooters on Tuesday who taught them lots of football skills.

In worship this week we have been linking our value of **Compassion** by looking at the story of Jesus, Mary and Martha. We discussed how important it was to show compassion by taking the time to listen to people properly so we can work out how to help them.

Have a fun and restful half term holiday and see you back in school on the 23rd February.

Dates

- 13.2.26 - Last day of half term
- 23.2.26 - First day back after half term
- 23.2.26 - EcoRefill Shop
- 25.2.26 Swimming starts for rest of Year 3
- 25.2.26 - Potter Class Aerozone Trip
- 25.2.26 - Shakespeare Athletics Final
- 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
- 17.3.26 and 18.3.26 - Parents' Evening
- 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

We will be starting with Week One of school dinners after half term. **Due to trips and special occasions we will be running a different menu for this week only**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
pizza	toad in the hole	breakfast bap	sweet and sour chicken	chicken nuggets

Jacket potato will also be available as an alternative.

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CELEBRATE!

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week.



Pedro - Year R



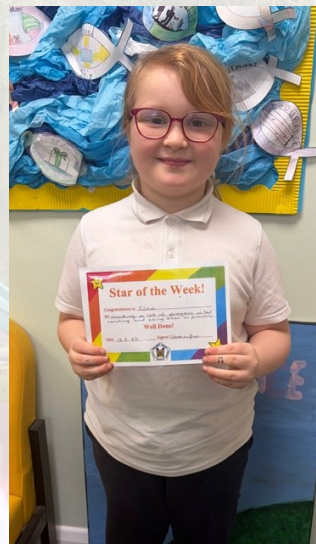
Victor - Year 1



Lily - Year 4



Lottie - Year 2



Elsie - Year 3



Isaac - Year 5



Orla - Year 6

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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.

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.

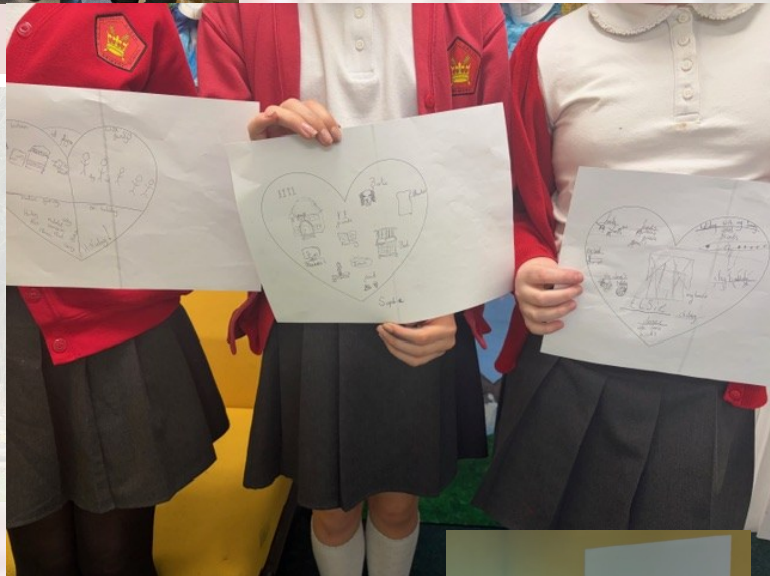
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Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week the pupils have been taking part in a range of activities to support their wellbeing and the develop positive mental health strategies.



Valentine's Disco

Thank you to the PTA and Skittleman for organising a fantastic Valentine's Disco.