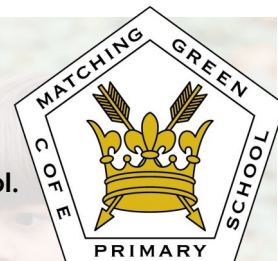


News from the Green



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

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Update from Mr Lorkins

We have returned after half term and it has been great to see the sun finally starting to come out. We hope you all had a restful and fun week. The children have come back after half term focused and engaged in their learning - it has been great to see their smiling, happy faces.

There has been some excellent learning in classes this week. In Potter Class they had an exciting trip to Stansted Airport where they learnt about how planes fly and dressed up as pilots and other airport staff. They have also been learning about how to make and find the number 9. In Nightingale Class they made paper lanterns, learnt about money through a shop and learnt how to use conjunctions in maths. Darwin Class developed their scientific skills when learning about electricity and learnt about the Romans through dance. Shakespeare Class developed their writing skills through the writing of poems.

In worship this week, we have been focusing on the Christian season of Lent. We spoke about how this reflects the Christian belief in quiet prayer, fasting and contemplation which reflects the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent in the desert resisting temptation. We spoke about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday which signal the beginning of Lent for Christians.

You will also see later in our newsletter an initiative we are taking part in to demonstrate our value of **Compassion** by helping our local community.

Have a great weekend.

Dates

- 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
- 13.3.26 - First day back of Summer 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.



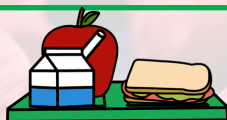
Please can you make sure that your pupil brings a water bottle in to school with them. Please can you also make sure it is named so that it can be returned if misplaced.



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.



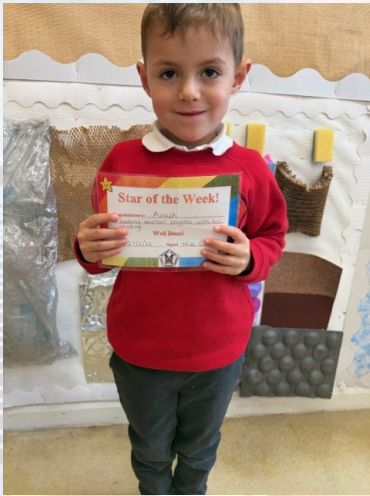
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta choice of sauce	Crispy chicken wrap	Breakfast bap	Tomato & bacon pasta	Fish fingers

Jacket potato will also be available as an alternative.

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CELEBRATE!

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week.



Azaph - Year R



Jake - Year 1



Lily - Year 4



Lottie - Year 2



Buddy - Year 3



Brooke - Year 4 - Value Certificate

Brooke is our first winner of our Value Certificate. This term our value is Compassion. She demonstrates it by being a good friend to all, especially those that need it the most.

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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.

[https://
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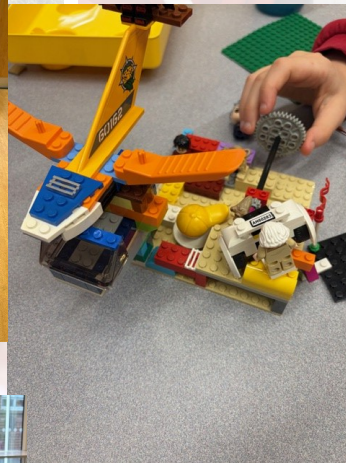
Aerozone Trip

Potter Class had a fantastic time at Stansted Airport at the Aerozone. They learnt about all the different jobs at an airport and how they work. They had a great time.



Lego Club

Here are a couple of the excellent models from Lego Club this week. They made inventions to help in space after hearing about the revival of manned space flight in worship on Thursday.



Nightingale Shop

In Nightingale Class this week they have been practising their maths by using money. They played the role of customer and shopkeeper. It was great to see them using their maths skills in a real life context.



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Lions ON THE Loose



We are taking part with the Lions on the Loose initiative which is a sculpture trail which is supporting St Clare's Hospice. We have received a 'visitor' which we will be decorating and will form part of the sculpture trail in the summer. Your child will have come home with a template today. We are welcoming the children to design our lion and we will be choosing a winning design to be produced in real life. Please can the children also think about why they chose this design and how it represents our school. As part of this initiative we will be raising money for this worthwhile organisation.

St Clare Hospice is a local charity and each year we care for hundreds of people across West Essex and the East Hertfordshire border. We provide free, compassionate care and support to adults who are living with a life-limiting illness, facing the end of life or experiencing bereavement.



For eight unforgettable weeks in summer 2026, a pride of majestic lion sculptures will roam the streets, parks and open spaces of Harlow, Epping and Loughton - each one individually decorated by a talented artist and sponsored by a local business or organisation. Together, they'll form a free, family-friendly art trail celebrating everything that makes our corner of West Essex so special.



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