



St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

News from St Matthew's

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Spring Term 2022

Christingle

The children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 took part in a special Christingle service in St Matthew's Church. They enjoyed leading the service and were supported by Kori our Chaplain and Rev Ruth Best.



Working with the Roma Community

Mr Sandu, one of our Teaching Assistants, visited London to address the parliament education select committee. He talked about how our school supports Roma families to improve attendance and outcomes for pupils and their families. You can read more at

<https://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/education/ipswich-educators-speak-roma-families-at-parliament-8709358>



The Masked Reader

In the run up to World Book Day, we promoted a love of reading by hosting The Masked Reader contest. This involved staff reading, whilst disguised as an animal. This really engaged our pupils and was lots of fun!



Year 6 Batik

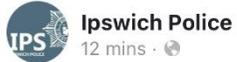
The children in Year 6 created beautiful designs using the Batik technique of wax-resist dyeing.

Mrs Cameron then made them into cushions so that they serve a useful purpose for years to come.



People Who Help Us

The children in EYFS have been finding out about people who help us in our local community. In January they had a visit from some community police officers.



This week is National Neighbourhood Policing Week and our #Ipswich engagement officers visited 🐝 and 🐞 classes at St Matthews Church of England Primary School this afternoon. We talked about how to keep safe and how to get help in an emergency situation. Great afternoon engaging with the younger members of our community and finding out what they had learned this week at school. #710 #1552 #PartOfTheCommunity



World Book Day 2022

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite story book characters. We also attended online workshops hosted by the author Catherine Rayner and the poet Michael Rosen.



Arts Week

We had so much fun in January during Arts Week. The company 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' ran workshops throughout the school and there was all manner of painting, drawing, composing, performing and creativity going on in every class!



Litter picking with the Mayor!

At the beginning of March, the Mayor of Ipswich came to visit us. She met with a few members of the School Council and presented us with a class set of litter picking equipment. We will be using this to keep our school grounds tidy as well as clearing areas around the school, to do our bit for the local community.



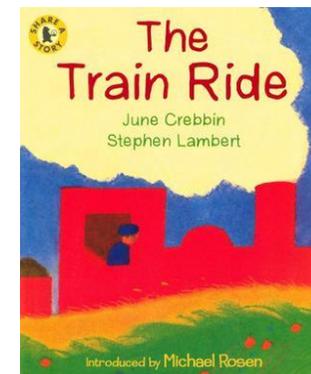
Competition winner

Dilaara was one of the winners of the EACH competition last term organised by Lucy Loveheart. She was delighted with her prize... a personal piece of art work.



EYFS train ride

The Ladybird and Bumblebee Classes have been learning about transport this half term. They enjoyed reading 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. They were lucky enough to then go on a real train journey to Woodbridge for the day!



Year 5 trip

The Year 5 classes visited Rendlesham Forest in March 2022. Activities included building dens and making sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.



The Big Hoot

We raised £695 for St Elizabeth Hospice and will be participating in the Big Hoot this summer. Our design is inspired by our school's vision

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Thank you to Mrs Furniss for organising things. She came up with a design that enabled every single child in the school to participate.



Red Nose Day - 18th March 2022

We had a non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief.

£305



Ducklings

The children in Year 1 have been learning about lifecycles.

They were excited by the arrival of an incubator containing some duck eggs. Imagine the sense of awe and wonder watching the first duckling hatch!



Year 1 Trip

Year 1 enjoyed a day at Easton Farm Park, despite the snowy weather!



Year 4 Trip

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Tunstall Forest. The sun was shining and they threw themselves into a range of practical activities.



Year 5 Windrush Workshops

In March, Year 5 spent a day with the poet and storyteller, Jane Grell. They found out more about the Windrush Generation and wrote some amazing poems.

<https://janegrellstoryteller.com/>

