



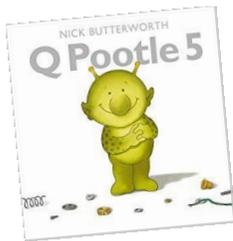
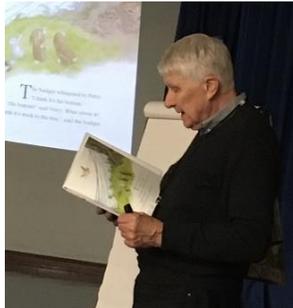
St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Whatever you do, do it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

News from St Matthew's

Autumn Term 2019

Nick Butterworth visited Key Stage One in November. He read us stories, showed us how he creates his illustrations and answered lots of our questions.



He even signed copies of his books for us!

Josh, our new Chaplain, joined us in September. He is in school every Monday and Tuesday supporting pupils and staff.



Our Church School Council is up and running. Pupils helped organise our Harvest service and appeal. We collected food for the charity FIND.

We have been raising funds for World Vision to support our sponsored child, Haby. We also had a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need.



We raised over

£700



INTO FILM



Every class visited the cinema in November as part of the national 'Into Film' festival.

Our gifted and talented footballers go to Portman Road every Tuesday to train with staff from Ipswich Town Football Club.



We had a special Remembrance Day assembly and some older pupils visited the war memorial in Christchurch Park.



Thank you so much for bringing your students to participate in our Service of Remembrance. The children were so well behaved and very patient in the lead up to the service. They were attentive, even when the helicopter made the fly past. We were very pleased with the respectful way they laid their crosses and they were a real credit to the school.

Please pass on our thanks to the students. They were excellent ambassadors for St Matthew's.

Elizabeth Combes
Royal British Legion



We were thrilled to be awarded the School Games Gold Mark in September, in acknowledgement of our commitment to sports and fitness.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

We also received an **EXCELLENT** judgment following our SIAMS visit on 29th October 2019.

Our Year 6 pupils are working with local police officers to develop community links and promote inclusivity and equality for all young people in Ipswich.



We are continuing to work hard to support all our families, including those with EAL. We run weekly ESOL classes for those parents learning English.



Our EYFS classes featured in the Ipswich Star First Class supplement.



Our previous Headteacher, Mrs Todd, arranged for our key Bible verse to be emblazoned across the wall in the lobby at school. It was her leaving gift to us... a reminder of how to live our lives every day.



Year 5 had a visit from the East Anglian Air Ambulance service. They had some basic first aid training and learnt about CPR.

<https://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/cpr-lesson-ipswich-school-james-wilson-air-ambulance-1-6325451>



Our SALT group have made Christmas cards for the homeless.



Eva-May designed our school Christmas postcard. This was sent out to colleagues and friends.



St Matthew's won Virgin Radio's **12 Songs of Christmas** competition.

Chris Evans and his team visited our school to broadcast their show on Friday 20th December 2019.

Congratulations to Mr Warren and Year 5 pupils.

Visit our website for more pictures. <https://www.stmatthewsprimary.co.uk/news/detail/chris-evans-at-st-matthews/>



We had great fun preparing for Christmas with advent assemblies, nativity performances, parties and a special Christmas service in St Matthew's church.

