

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

6th March 2026



Dear Parents,

This week has been a very exciting mix of book week events and spending time with the ever-lively chicks. Monday's book jumble was a great success' and our mystery readers have brought in some special books to share with the classes. The children all look fabulous today in their book day outfits and are enjoying finding out which character everyone is. We are looking forward to meeting our two visiting authors tomorrow, and to the author workshop with Anna Kemp – who used to attend St Matthew's :)

We have thoroughly enjoyed having the chicks at school and the classes have made the most of them being here, with lots of interaction. They are growing rapidly and are ready to fly our St Matthew's nest – the girls are going to the Philpott family and we look forward to hearing how they are all getting on!

Well done to the following children for their Friendship Certificate from home this week: to Elissa for discussing ideas about how she and her friends can make playtimes even more fun and inclusive for everyone; to Sienna for discussing ideas about how she and her friends can make playtimes even more fun and inclusive for everyone; to Winifred for being really thoughtful and kind to her aunty, making her feel special on her birthday, with hugs, songs and a special picture; and to Tadhg for helping his sister when she was afraid in the swimming pool and for helping her walk up the stairs.

Thank you to Felix for his amazing Friendship poem that he wrote and shared with us in assembly, reminding what friendship means and how we can be good friends as we learn alongside each other:

Friendship means being kind and fair
Every day I try to show I care
Listening, sharing, taking turns
I keep learning as my friendships grow
X is for extra smiles and fun with friends

Thank you to Arabella for her beautifully written thoughts about what friendship is and for sharing it in assembly this week, helping us to think about how we can be the best of friends at St Matthew's.

Friendship is... Taking turns, helping each other, being kind, listening to each other, making them happy if they are sad, sharing toys, looking after each other, including everyone.

Teachers would like to remind parents that show and tell is something that children can choose to do occasionally and that this should be something that has been carefully considered and is meaningful to a topic or to the child. Recent good examples are bringing in a book by the same author being talked about in class, bringing in a picture or object related to any topic being talked about in class and bringing in a medal earned for something outside of school.

Please can everyone check for the email that was sent out this week regarding swimming lessons and please complete the online form providing information about your child's experience and confidence in the water. We would appreciate all forms to be completed by Wednesday 11th March so that we can plan the number of adult volunteers needed in the water for each class. [Swimming Information for School Lessons 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Have a good weekend, Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Ollie for always doing your best learning.
Otters:	Evie for contributing brilliant ideas during our learning time.
Badgers:	Elissa for working really hard on your writing and trying to join your letters.

Friendship and Fairness Award: 	R – Winifred for being kind and caring to your friends. O – Sophie for always thinking of others. B – Oliver for being a kind, caring and supportive friend to the Otters.
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Golden Tickets this week : Kiran, Violet, Oliver J, Hugo K, Hugo W, Zuza



Week 2 (Mar 6): Safe Video Watching

Tip: Children often watch short videos, but not all content is suitable. Encourage them to watch only on trusted apps or with an adult nearby. Remind them to tell you if something pops up that feels strange or confusing.

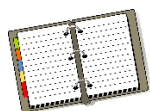
Family Activity: Create a “**Video Rules Checklist.**” Together, decide on three simple rules (e.g., watch with an adult, stop if unsure, choose from the family list). Decorate the checklist and keep it near the device.



KEEPING HEALTHY February : Healthy Habits Made Easy

Regular activity and healthy snacks give children energy for learning and play. Even short bursts of movement help keep hearts healthy and minds happy.

Family Idea: Explore **Painshill Park** (kids under 5 go free) or **Downside Common** for a nature walk. Turn it into a “**Treasure Hunt**”—look for pinecones, interesting leaves, or animal tracks. It’s a great way to keep moving without feeling like exercise.



DIARY DATES THIS MONTH

Tuesday 17 th March	Parents Evening (sign up Scopay)
Thursday 19 th March	Parents Evening (sign up Scopay)
Wednesday 25 th March	Badgers trip to Guildford Cathedral
Thursday 26 th March	9am Easter Service at All Saints Church – all parents are invited, and then back for tea/coffee hot cross buns.
Friday 27 th March	1.15pm End of Spring Term



Reading Books

We are missing quite a few of our Little Wandle reading books – please could we ask everyone to do a big search at home this weekend and hopefully we will find some! Thank you!

TERM DATES 2025-2026

5th January – 27th March

Half Term 16th – 20th February

13th April – 22nd July

Half Term 25th – 29th May

Inset Days 13th April



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