

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Our Vision is to enable our whole school community to live life in all its fullness

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Many congratulations to our new Y6 House Captains: Eryn, Bill, Charlotte, Sobi, Sophia F, Rupert, Annabel and Liliana who gave very persuasive speeches to encourage their houses to vote for them. Very well done!

Reminder to book your parent consultations on Tuesday 20 October and Thursday 22 October (3.30pm-6.30pm) if you haven't already. Caterlink will be providing samples from the lunch menu for you to try!

Year 5 Draw-Along

We were delighted to welcome our Year 5 parents into class for a very special Draw-Along activity.

The children read their descriptive draw-along writing aloud to their parents, who then attempted to draw the character exactly as the children had described. The outcomes were remarkably similar, which was a fantastic way for the children to see the impact and effectiveness of their writing.

The children were extremely excited to have their parents join them in class. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their writing together. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along!



World Health Organization

On the 10th October it is World Mental Health day. This year's theme is *Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change*, reminding us how important it is to listen to one another. In school, we'll be talking with the children about feelings, what they might look like, and how to share them with someone they trust.

At home, why not ask your child how they're feeling today, and really listen to the answer? Car journeys, mealtimes and bedtime can be great moments for a chat. You could also share how you're feeling, as it helps children see that all feelings are normal and it's OK to talk about them. Small conversations like these can make a big difference.

MISSING



12 Bug Club books are displayed in a grid:

- Join in the Zoo
- Who's the Winner?
- Lara Helps Out
- "Not" Spill the Yarn
- The Alien at the Bus Stop
- Kaya's Big Dig
- Pip and the Purple Paint
- Looking for the Missing Book
- Zac and the Zooming Bike
- The Little Red Rocket to Mars
- Big Friend's Picnic Day
- Found them all!

BUG CLUB BOOKS

Please look at home for any unreturned Bug Club books.

Please ensure you only have the Bug Club books that have been sent home in your reading folders.

IN YOUR BOOKSHELVES? UNDER THE SOFA? UNDER YOUR BED?

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER OR THE OFFICE

PHONICS WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS

We will share resources, advice, and practical activities you can be doing at home to support your child on their reading journey.



Monday 19th October
3:30pm

Meet outside the front of the school



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Reminder of the Parent Coffee morning at 8.30am-9.30am for ADHD Embrace on Tuesday 13th October 2026. All welcome!

The first Racial Justice working group of this year will be meeting on Friday 13th November at 3.30pm. We would love you to join us! Feel welcome to come along!

Hey everyone! Message from Carole, our therapeutic gardener 🌱

Thanks so much for helping harvest the Year 6 potatoes today – hope you had a good time!

Storage tips:

- Keep them in their cardboard boxes somewhere cool, dark and with decent airflow
- Check through them and remove any squishy ones (they'll make the rest go off if you leave them in). We probably should've harvested them a bit earlier, but hey-ho!
- Chuck any dodgy potatoes in our compost bins

Enjoy your spuds! 😊

The results for Garnet class are:

1st place - T4 = 1650g

2nd place - T5 = 1520g

3rd place - T2 = 1100g

4th place - T1 = 970g

5th place - T3 = 960g

The results for Amethyst Class are:

A draw!

Each team grew exactly 1kg of potatoes each! So the winner of our coveted baked potato trophy for the most potatoes grown in 2026 is..... **Garnet Class!** With a whopping 6.2kg of potatoes! Well done everyone!

Our new outdoor learning environment is taking shape thanks to the generous support of our school community and FoSMPS, but we still need your support to complete it. Every donation (**via School Gateway**), big or small, will help us bring our school values to life!



The potato haul and our much-coveted baked potato trophy!

