



# News from St Matthew's

# Summer Term 2022

## Ipswich Museum with Rock Paper Scissors

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May the children in Year 3 visited Ipswich Museum, accompanied by representatives from the company 'Rock Paper Scissors'. They learnt lots of things about Ancient Egypt.



## The Farm Show

On 28<sup>th</sup> April the children went to the Farm Show at Trinity Park. They had a wonderful day!



## Red Rose Chain - Theatre Visit

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a performance of 'The Princess and the Frog'. This had a PSHE focus and explored the theme of friendship. We would highly recommend!



## The Queen's Jubilee Portrait Competition

St Matthew's Church organised a competition to paint a portrait of the Queen. They held an exhibition in the church. We had some amazing entries.



## Jubilee Celebrations

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May the choir took part in a special Jubilee Concert at the Corn Exchange, in conjunction with other local schools. On 26<sup>th</sup> May we held a street party on the playground. Mikolaj in 1W won the *Portrait of the Queen* competition and the Deputy Mayor came along to present his prize. All entries were exhibited in St Matthew's Church.



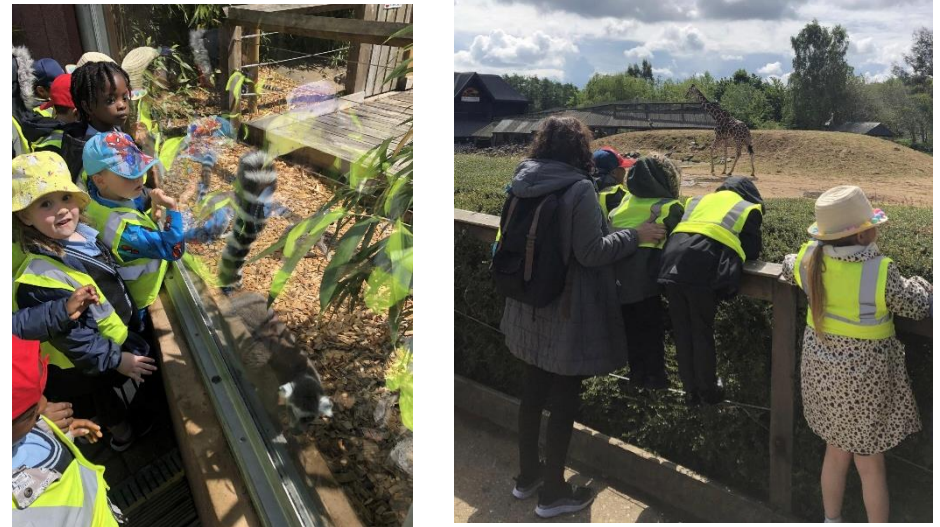
### EYFS Beach Party

The children in Reception enjoyed a special beach party. This was to celebrate the end of their topic work about The Sea.



### EYFS trip to Colchester Zoo

The Bumblebee and Ladybird classes visited Colchester Zoo. This was in preparation for lots of learning about animals in the summer term.



### Exploring the great outdoors!

We make the most of being close to some wonderful parks. Year 6 went to Christchurch Park to celebrate the end of SATS. Year 1 explored the park at Alderman Road.



## Year 4

The children in Year 4 wrote persuasive speeches about environmental issues. They also participated in some excellent diversity workshops.



## The Secret Garden – M&M Productions

The whole school enjoyed a performance of this classic tale, written by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

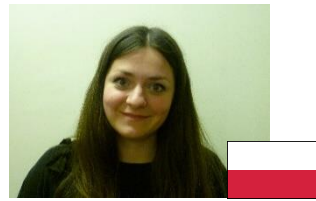


## Celebrating Diversity

In Collective Worship we enjoyed listening to a range of multicultural stories, read by members of staff in their own language as well as English. This included tales from...



Romania (Mr Sandu)



Poland (Miss Zych)



Portugal (Mrs Martins)



South Africa (Miss Kroger)



India (Mrs Mukherjee)

### Year 2 trip to Bradfield Woods

Year 2 visited Bradfield Woods near Bury. They found out lots about minibeasts and trees and enjoyed exploring the woods. They even had a go at den building!



### Prayer Space in St Matthew's Church

Kori, our Chaplain, set up an inspiring Prayer Space. The children had the chance to reflect and pray, engaging in a range of activities led by church volunteers.



### Year 4 Aspire Black Suffolk Workshops

Tonia and Fred from Aspire Black Suffolk led some workshops with Year 4. The children learnt more about the Windrush Generation and created some canvases based on the themes of diversity and equality.



## A Day at Felixstowe

Year 1 enjoyed a bright and breezy day at Felixstowe, playing on the beach, exploring the coastline and eating ice cream! This made up for enduring a snow blizzard during their trip to the farm earlier in the year!



## Science / Oracy sharing events

Our weekly oracy assemblies this half term culminated in a special sharing event. Each key stage spent time in the hall talking about their recent Science learning and sharing their knowledge.



## Sports Day

We held our first Sports Day for a few years. Parents and pupils met at the Portman Road Training Ground and enjoyed races and activities together. KS2 welcomed the younger children back to school with music and the waving of flags!



## Spill Festival

Classes from across the school visited an exhibition which was part of the Spill Festival. This was an interactive event focused on the manipulation of sound.



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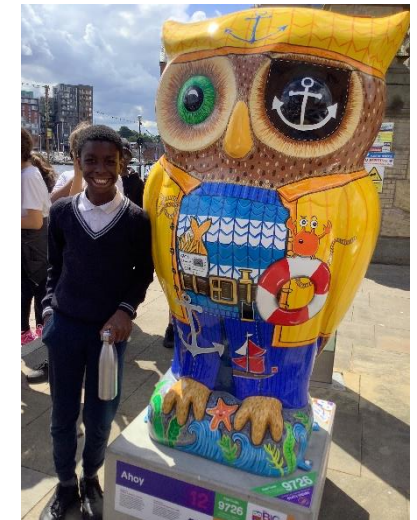
### A Celebration of India

The children in Year 6 shared in a celebration of India as part of their activities week. This was organised and led by Mrs Mukherjee, one of our governors.



### The Big Hoot Trail

Year 6 enjoyed searching for the owls on The Big Hoot Trail.



### A Day at Southwold

Year 6 couldn't have a residential trip this year, so they have been enjoying lots of fun activities and having days out instead. They loved visiting Southwold.



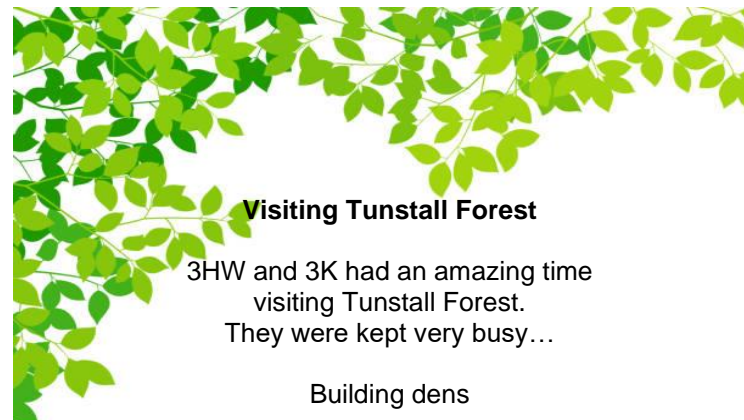
Well done to Skye in Year 5 who grew her hair and then had it cut to support the charity *Little Princess Trust*. They make wigs from real hair for children suffering from cancer and other conditions. Such a wonderful thing to do!

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



## Year 1 – Careers Fair

Year 1 had a great time at the Careers Fair, finding out about the world of work.



### Visiting Tunstall Forest

3HW and 3K had an amazing time visiting Tunstall Forest. They were kept very busy...

- Building dens
- Whittling butter knives
- Creating pewter pendants
- Making fire and cooking





## Art for the Alleyway

The children in Year 6 worked with the company 'Rock Paper Scissors' to create some vibrant art work. This was professionally printed and fixed to the wall of an alleyway to enhance the area around the school.



## Eastern Angles

Eastern Angles Theatre Company visited school and performed two short plays entitled 'Margaret Catchpole' and 'The Ipswich Man'.



## Leavers' Service

We held our leavers' service in St Matthew's Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Former Headteacher, Mrs Todd, came along to lead the prayers. The Year 6 children shared their memories and were presented with Bibles to keep.



Well done to Patrick and Flo who were named Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

## Heart Dissection

Year 6 visited Northgate High School and had the chance to experience a science lesson... dissecting sheep hearts.

