



St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

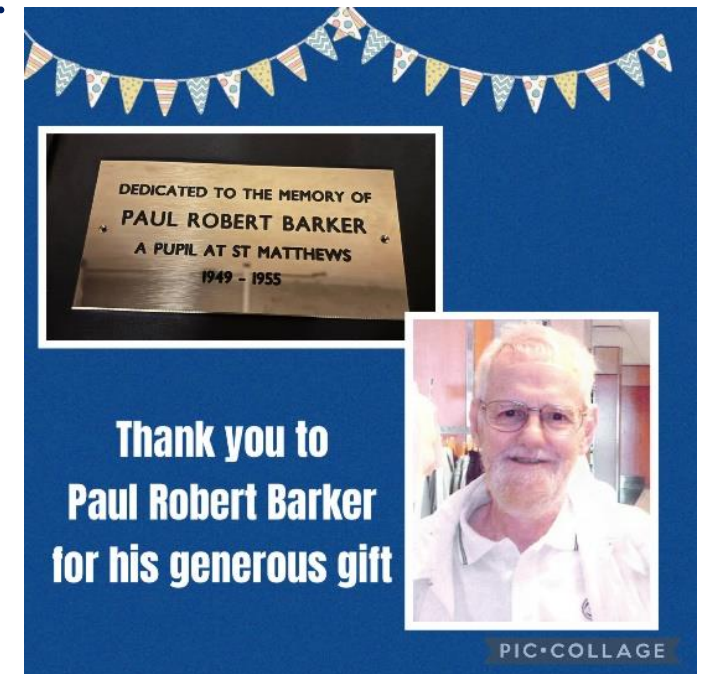
News from St Matthew's

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

Autumn Term 2025

Our New Playground

We have been very fortunate to receive a legacy from an ex pupil who attended St Matthew's in the 1950's. Paul Barker also left the school all his school reports and the prizes he won for being top of his class every year he was at school.



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<https://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/25511974.ipswich-town-star-jens-cajuste-opens-playground-school>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwyweld8d7jo>

Jens Cajuste, an Ipswich Town footballer, kindly came to school to open our playground. He spent time meeting and talking to the children. He even had time for a quick game of football



Show Racism the Red Card

Year 5 were so lucky to be invited down to Ipswich Town Football Club to participate in a 'Show Racism the Red Card' event. Not only did they learn about recognising racism and the importance of calling it out, they also had an amazing tour of the stadium, got to meet Darnell Furlong and even got to sit in Kieran McKenna's chair!



Red Rose Chain

Year 5 were lucky enough to have Red Rose Chain Theatre Company come and work with them. The focus was all about historic events that occurred in Ipswich and the children had to create short dramas to share the news of what had happened. They had lots of fun!



Author Visit

Year 5 and 6 went to the Wolsey Theatre where Catherine Johnson thrilled them with her vast knowledge and experience in writing historical fiction and her motivations behind her writing. An amazing fact she shared with us was that she did not enjoy writing whilst at school and she left school with very few qualifications.



Victorian School Day

The children in Year 1 had a Victorian School Day – the children came to school in Victorian Costume, wrote their names using ink and a calligraphy pen. They had some very strict teachers for the day!



Author Workshop

What an absolute treat it was to have Emma Swan come and talk to Year 5 and 6 about her debut children's book 'Cruise Ship Kid'. The children loved learning about her life growing up on a cruise ship and how this influenced her writing. They found out that not only is Emma an amazing author, but she's an actress too and part of the company in the West End who perform the Horrible Histories series!



Early Years

The children in Bumblebees and Ladybirds were in the Ipswich Star. They have made a brilliant start to school and we welcome them and their families to the St Matthew's Family.



Harvest

We had our Harvest Festival Service in St Matthew's Church. We thought about the people who produce our food and where it comes from. Our families were very generous with their donations these were given to the Top Up Shop.

