

# St Matthew's News — Spring 2, 2025



## Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to another Newsletter at the end of another successful term. We are thrilled to see the children stepping into this new season with a sense of connection and growth. They are flourishing in their learning, play, and spirituality and we are proud of the wonderful community they continue to create.

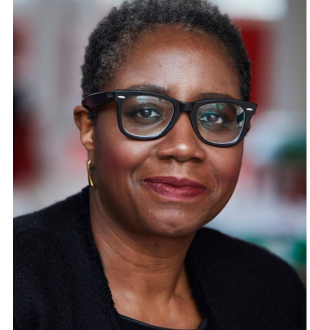
**Our Ofsted Report is now live on the school website. We are extremely proud of our 'exceptional' achievements and once you have read it — please follow the [link](#)—we hope you will be too.**

For many of you, this past term held great significance as you celebrated Eid with your families. We hope this time brought joy, reflection and togetherness with your loved ones. **This holiday also marks an important time in the Christian calendar where we reflect on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.** Congratulations to our Year 5 children for their outstanding performance in the Easter assembly, which held as a great reminder of this! We would also like to commend the entire school for the way they truly exemplified their talents at our Spring Concert—I am so proud of all of the children. Watch out for the video on Google Classroom.

As always, we want to remind parents that we are here to support you. If you ever need advice or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out—we are always happy to help.

Here's to a fantastic Summer Term ahead filled with connection, learning and more celebration.

Miss Thompson.

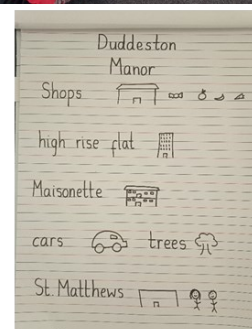


## Debate Mate Round 2: Urban Debate League



We couldn't be prouder of our Year 4, 5, and 6 children this term! Their hard work and dedication truly shone during the second round of the Urban Debate League, where they emerged victorious in all debates. **We currently stand top of the Midlands Leader Board and 8th in the whole country.** These successes have set the stage for the upcoming regional competition and who knows - with their determination and talent, they might even make it to the National Competition!

Reception and KS1  
have enjoyed  
History and  
Geography Week







We're very proud of the football teams performance this term.

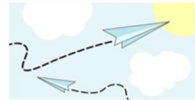


We watched the baby chicks hatch and flourish.

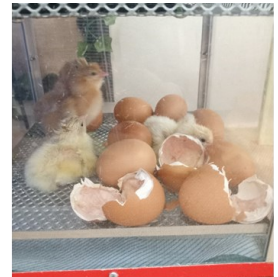
Number Day was fantastic. We raised £244 for charity.

### NSPCC

#### St Matthew's Charity Paper Plane Championship!!!



For all ages, we will be hosting a paper plane competition. To participate in this competition, you will need to give 30p. You will also need some paper, some colours and most importantly your brains! We will judge the most decorated plane and the one that flies the furthest. Even if you don't win, it is ok! Just remember, all the money will be going to charity. Contact your teacher so you can take part in this ST MATTHEW'S PAPER PLANE CHAMPIONSHIPS.



## World Book Day

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration! The children eagerly embraced the joy of reading through creative activities and sharing stories that inspire their imagination. It was a day filled with laughter, learning and our shared love for books.





# Trips and Visits

## LUNT ROMAN FORT

Year 4 had a fantastic time exploring Lunt Roman Fort, a reconstructed Roman site. They stepped back in time to learn about life in Roman Britain, participated in a Roman soldier drill, and even tried on authentic Roman armour. It was a hands-on history experience that brought the Roman era to life!



Year 5 students had an unforgettable trip to Aston Villa, where they enjoyed the thrill of watching a live football match. The excitement in the stadium and the team's energy made it a day to remember!



We had the opportunity to visit Aston and Nechells Church, where they explored how Christians worship and reflected on the theme of "New Beginnings." It was a meaningful experience that deepened our understanding of different faiths and renewal.



Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic local walk, exploring nature, spotting landmarks, and developing their observation skills, while learning outside the classroom.





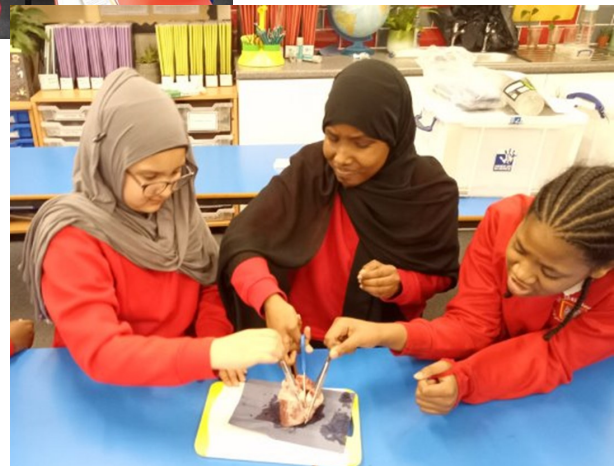
# Year 5 Easter Assembly

What a heartfelt assembly Year 5 delivered, marking the start of a meaningful two weeks. As many observe and reflect during the month of Lent, it was a special moment to come together and consider the Easter story and the profound sacrifice it embodies. **Congratulations to Year 5**—your confidence and stunning vocals truly resonated throughout the hall. A warm thank you also goes out to the parents who joined and supported this memorable occasion.



# Science Week

Science Week sparked curiosity and creativity as students explored the theme "Change and Adapt." From investigating how living things evolve to hands-on experiments and innovative designs, it was a celebration of discovery and imagination. Thank you to everyone who made it a success!



# The Spring Concert

St Matthew's Spring Concert was truly breath-taking—the poetry, the singing, the sheer emotion—it left us in awe. Spring holds such significance as the season when nature blossoms and thrives; this concert beautifully celebrated not only the wonders of spring but also your incredible accomplishments. **A huge thank you to the lucky Year 2 parents for coming to enjoy it.** Relive the magic and cherish every moment, by enjoying it again on Google Classroom.



## Next Half Term

What's coming up?

### PE Days

<b>Monday</b>	Year 5
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 2
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reception Year 1
<b>Thursday</b>	Rainbow Room Year 3 Year 6
<b>Friday</b>	Year 4 Rainbow Room

### Swimming on Monday

Year 2 and Year 3

Please ensure your child wears appropriate trunks or costumes and that any jewellery is removed/covered for their safety.



### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 29th April** – Debate Mate Competition

**6th May**— Coffee morning with Occupational Therapy

**7-9th May** — Dodford Farm Residential - Year 1 and Year 2

**Monday 12th-15th May** – Year 6 SATS week

**Thursday 15th May** - Reception and Year 1 to the IKON Gallery

**Thursday 22nd May**— Reception to Twycross Zoo

**Friday 22nd May** – Year 2 Trip to the Botanical Gardens

**Friday 22nd May** – Year 4 Eid Assembly