

St Matthew's News



Spring 2

Head Teacher's message

Welcome to our 4th Issue of St Matthew's News.

Your children have certainly entered the season of 'connected'. They have flourished and thrived this half term and have made so many connections in their learning, their play and their spirituality.

We know for lots of you, this month has been Holy month and you are preparing your families and home for the festival of Eid –Al-Fitr. We hope you have a wonderful time together, celebrating your beautiful religion with your nearest and dearest.

I want to say congratulations to the Year 5 children who performed amazing Easter assembly, as well as a well done to the whole school for the way you conducted yourself at the Parish of Aston and Nechells.

Just a reminder parents that if you would like support or advice on anything, then we will always do our best to try and help.



Debate Mate Round 2: Urban Debate League

We are so incredibly proud of our Y4/5/6 children this term. This half term, we have had the second round of the Urban Debate League and we won both debates! This will get us ready for the regional competition coming up in April and who knows, we might even make it to the National Competition

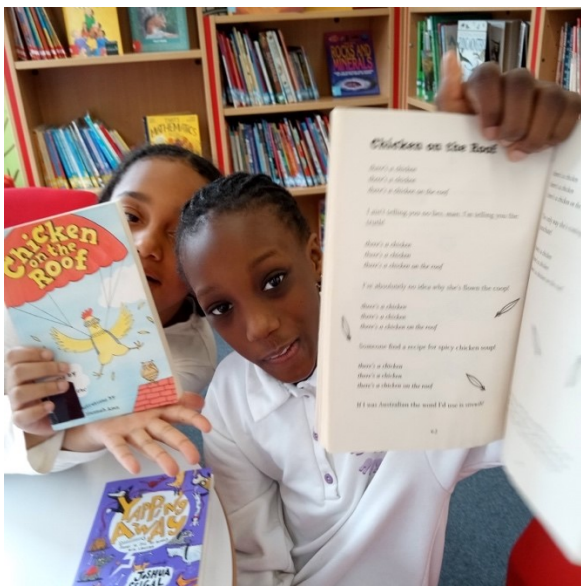


World Book Month

At St Matthew's, we don't just celebrate World Book Day. We always celebrate books and the joy they bring to our curriculum, our school and our lives. But we do want to make an extra fuss of them, so we have World Book Month!

This month we have had several 'bookish' moments :

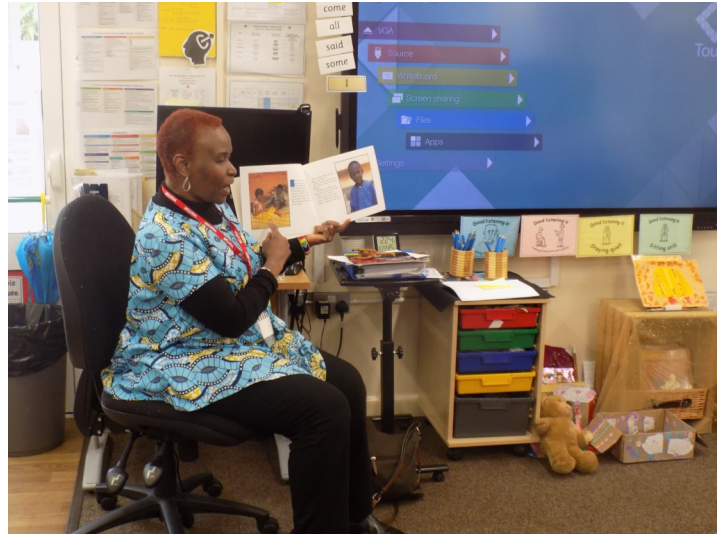
- Spending our World Book Day voucher at Waterstones
- Reading in our cosy clothes on World Book Day
- Year 6 reading with reception
- Meeting Ifeoma Onyefulu



World Book Month

Meeting Ifeoma Onyefulu

On Thursday, the children met the wonderful, inspiring author Ifeoma. Ifeoma grew up in Nigeria and has written lots of books about the tales and stories she knew growing up as a child in Africa. She is particularly fascinating because she uses photography to illustrate her work so our children were able to ask all sorts of amazing questions about her time there. She was hilarious and told the children very funny tales!



Y6's performance of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Year 6 have been studying the story of Joseph from the book of genesis. Joseph was one of Jacob's many sons and his favourite too! Ashley, from Birmingham Cathedral, came to St. Matthew's every Monday to teach Year 6 the story, but through song. After a term of hard work, Year 6 performed the story to members of the public in a performance at St. Philip's Cathedral. It was a beautiful performance and Year 6 represented the school fantastically.



Y5 Easter Assembly

What a beautiful assembly led by year 5 to lead us into the next two weeks where we know lots of you will be observing Ramadan and we will be observing the month of Lent. It was a time to come together and reflect on what we know about the Easter story and the sacrifice that was made. Well done Year 5, the vocals and confidence shone and echoed around the hall.

A huge thank you to the parents that came.



Y2 visit the Badminton Championships

The badminton was the 2024 YONEX All England Badminton Open Championships.

The children had the chance to watch some championship knockout games, for the players competing to get through to the final. They watched players from China, Canada, France and Japan.



The Spring Cantata

Wow St Matthew's—what a beautiful Spring Concert. The poetry, the singing, the expression—it blew us away. Spring is such an important time of the year. It is when everything in nature begins to flourish and thrive. Our spring concert is a celebration of all that you have achieved. Remember to enjoy it again and again on Google Classroom



Next Half Term

What's coming up in Summer 1

Dates for your diary

Our Summer 1 Assembly will be held by

Year 4

Ramadan

On Thursday 23rd May



Dates for your diary

Monday 15th April – Live eggs arrive in Reception

Thursday 18th April—Y4 trip to Roman Site in Lichfield

Thursday 25th April—Coffee morning with the Communication and Autism Team (CAT) - 9:15—10am

Monday 13th May – Beginning of SATS week

Monday 13th May – Year 1 to Dodford Farm (overnight)

Tuesday 14th May - Year 2 to Dodford Farm (overnight)

Monday 20th May – Tuesday 21st May – Year 3 and 4 residential to Quinta

Monday 20th May – Meet the Head : Face to Face

Thursday 23rd May – Year 4 assembly - Ramadan—9:15—9:45