

St Matthew's Church of England Primary School EYFS



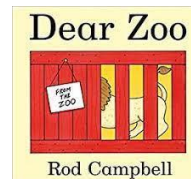
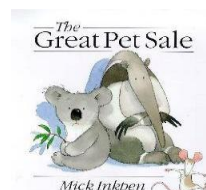
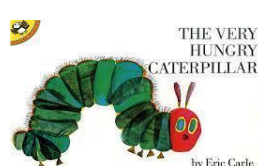
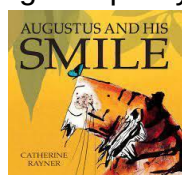
Summer 2 - Newsletter



Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2026

Welcome back to our last half term before the summer break.

Curriculum: Our theme for the next few weeks is 'Animals'. We started our topic with the trip to the Zoo last half term and we have a variety of fun activities planned. We even hope to have a few 'animal visitors' to our classes as well! There will be lots of learning along the way, based on some good quality texts and we will continue to work hard on our maths and phonics.



Literacy (reading and writing)	Blending to read simple words and sentences. Segmenting to write simple words and sentences. Exploring language, vocabulary and role play through story books - including: Dear Zoo, The Hungry Caterpillar, Augustus the Tiger, The Great Pet Sale, A Squash and a Squeeze.
Phonics	Continuing to learn and recap digraphs and trigraphs: ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, alternative sounds, er.
Communication and Language	Key topic vocabulary, speaking and listening skills, asking and answering questions, sequencing events, describing a process..
Maths	Consolidating key skills: Counting, sorting and matching, composition/number bonds, comparing and ordering, subitising. Exploring doubling, sharing and grouping, adding and taking away, 2D & 3D shapes, even and odd numbers and spatial reasoning.
Understanding the World	Exploring the natural world – categorising animals, mini beast life cycles, animal homes. Exploring similarities and differences – past and present
Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)	Changing Me - Naming body parts, looking after our bodies, growing up, moving onto year 1 - fun and fears.
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring media and material, cutting skills, joining skills, patterns. Exploring and creating an art gallery. Performing: Songs, dance, stories and role play
Physical Development	Tuesday – Bikes and scooters (Ladybirds) Wednesday - PE lesson – Bikes and Scooters (Bumblebees) Daily – Physical outside play and fine motor activities.
RE	Caring for our wonderful world.

Reports

Written reports will be sent home later in the term. These will detail your child's progress and attendance over their first year at school.

Library

We will continue to visit the school library every week. Bumblebees on a Thursday and Ladybirds on a Friday. Please return your child's book the day before so that it can be returned ready for the library visit.

PE

Children will continue to have PE lessons on Wednesday morning with Mr Andrews. Please ensure all jewellery is removed on this day, including earrings

Uniform

Please name ALL uniform – including coats, cardigans and jumpers. This is the time of year where jumpers and cardigans are being taken on and off all the time and it is very difficult to return misplaced items to their owners if they are not named. We try our best to recover any lost items of clothing. Thank you.

Water Bottles, sun hats and sun cream

Please send a water bottle and sun hat to school every day. Please also continue to send a coat. We also recommend that you apply sunscreen to your child each morning before school.

Save the date!

5 th June – 8:55am	Bumblebees' Assembly (Bumblebees' parents are invited)
12 th June – 8:55am	Ladybirds' Assembly (Ladybirds' parents are invited)
16 th June- 3pm	EYFS Art Gallery in classrooms