



News from St Matthew's

Autumn Term 2021

Ipswich Town Football Club

We continue to work closely with ITFC. We have three teams which attend Portman Road for training every Tuesday after school. At the end of September, pupils in Years 5 and 6 received free tickets for the match against Doncaster Rovers. Ipswich won 6-0!

On Thursday 21st October, Year 4 visited the football stadium for **The Class of Blues** initiative. They had a tour of the grounds and took part in an ITFC themed English or Maths lesson before meeting a first team player. They also received tickets for the game on Saturday 23rd October at home to Fleetwood Town.



Chaplaincy

Kori is our new Chaplain. She is in school every Monday and Tuesday. She organises our TLG coaching programme, supports collective worship and is involved with the Church School Council.



Harvest

The Church School Council helped lead our Harvest Service, along with Dimitri from St Matthew's Church. Once again we collected a large amount of food to donate to the charity FIND.



Anti-Bullying Week

We watched The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2021 in October and then engaged with Anti-Bullying Week in November through collective worship and PSHE lessons.



Year 5 Christmas Song

Another Mr Warren composition for us all to enjoy. [Year 5 It's Not Christmas](#)



Music Workshop

Teachers from Ipswich School visited our **Year 5** classes to lead an African drumming music workshop. This was part of our ongoing initiative to promote diversity in the curriculum.



Happy Diwali

The children in Reception and KS1 celebrated Diwali with dancing, food tasting, henna patterns and making diva lamps.



Inspiring Angels

Our school participated in the '[Inspiring Angels](#)' event, spreading a message of hope and good news around Ipswich. Look out for the gigantic wings by the main entrance.



Supporting Charities

We raised **£355** for Children in Need and had a non-uniform day in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. We will be participating in the 'Big Hoot' event next year. Follow the link for more information.

<https://thebighoot.co.uk/>



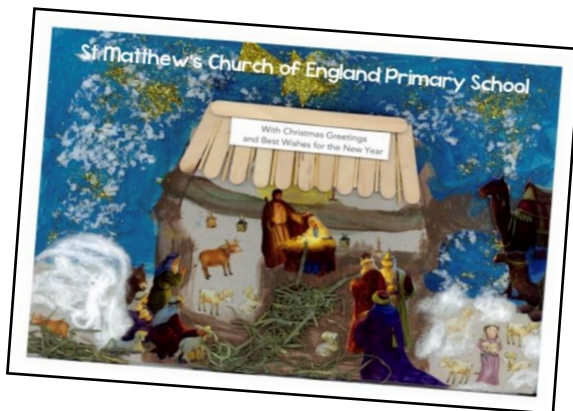
Panathlon Challenge

We sent several teams to participate in a local Panathlon Challenge. The children enjoyed participating and they all received a special medal. Go St Matthew's!



Christmas Postcard Competition

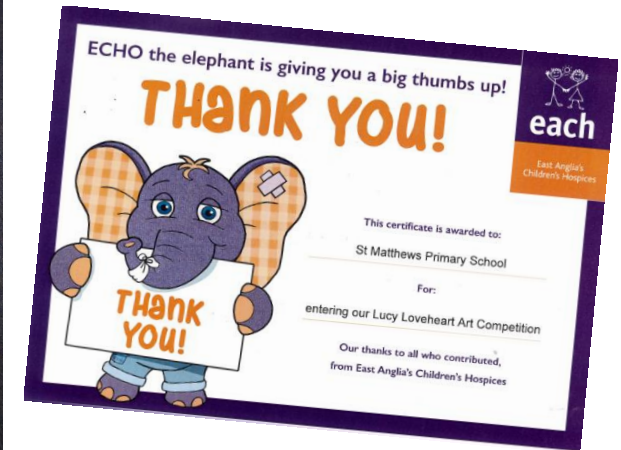
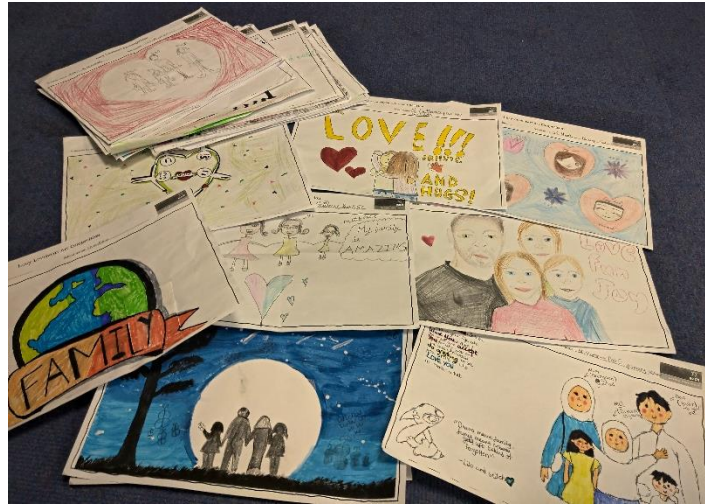
Adelaide and Ruben in Year 1 were the winners of our annual competition to design the school's Christmas postcard.



The postcards are sent out to friends and colleagues as well as being used to reward good effort in school.

Lucy Loveheart Competition

Children from across the age range took part in a drawing competition organised by the illustrator, Lucy Loveheart. This helped raise funds for EACH. Congratulations to Dilaara who was one of the winners in our region.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

Following the verification visit on 25.11.21 we are proud to announce that St Matthew's has received the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools'. You can read the report here... [Wellbeing Award for Schools report](#)



Pinocchio

In December, **Year 6** visited DanceEast to see a performance of 'Pinocchio' by the Jasmin Vardimon Company. 10 pupils are also signed up to attend dance workshops during the Christmas break.



Maths Through Stories at St Matthew's

Throughout the week of 11th -15th October 2021 all the classes in St Matthew's dedicated one maths lesson to 'Maths Through Stories'. Each class read a story that was in some way linked to maths. The children then had the opportunity to investigate a wide array of mathematical problems related to the book they had read. The open-ended investigations gave the children a chance to apply their learning in whichever way they needed to as well as challenging them, and their teachers!

The stories helped to add context to the maths, with activities tailored to the class accordingly - whilst Ladybirds in EYFS looked at **Ten Little Dinosaurs** and practised their counting and number correspondence, 6R looked at **Ten Little Monsters** and investigated the relationship between consecutive numbers. Both Year 1 classes used **How Many Jellybeans?** as an excuse to eat plenty of sweets whilst they used them for counting, pattern spotting / creating, making part-whole diagrams adding and creating pictograms.

Year 2 read **Centipede's 100 Shoes** before counting lots of combinations of shoes, feet and socks. They then investigated the numbers of legs different insects have so they could work out how many shoes each insect would need! 3HW read **What Shape Doesn't Belong?** then spotted similarities and differences between shapes and made their own version of the book. Whilst this was going on, 3K read **Safari Park** then imagined they were guests at the park and used their number bonds, some addition and subtraction, to decide how to spend their tokens.

Both Year 4 classes chose to read **A Place for Zero** before attempting to make numbers 1-20 using only 2s and 5s or 3s and 4s. In Year 5, 5W picked **If the World Were a Village** and then had such a great time interpreting pie charts that they simply had to carry on the next day as well! 5C used **365 Penguins** to introduce square numbers whilst 6S used the same book to investigate square numbers, but also moved on to triangular numbers as well.

Everyone enjoyed looking at maths in a different way!

Jack Rawlinson Maths Leader

