



PRE-SCHOOL PRESS

January 2024 Edition

Our Celebration Dates

- 3rd Jan - Festival of Sleep Day
- 8th Jan - National Bubble Bath Day
- 13th Jan - Martin Luther King Day
- 25th Jan - Burns Night
- 26th Jan - The Big Bird Watch

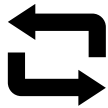


- 29th Jan - Story Telling Week
- 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day
- 10th Feb - Chinese New Year

Other Dates

- 8th Feb - End of half term
- 19th Feb - Pre School re-opens

LET'S RECAP ...



Extra, extra! The St Matthew's Pre School half-term extravaganza unfolded with a bang, featuring visits from more VIPs than a Hollywood red carpet. PCSO Matt, Fireman Sam, Vicar Alan, and even Father Christmas graced our Pre School. Amidst all the celebrity chaos, our little stars managed to belt out nativity songs that would make the angels jealous.



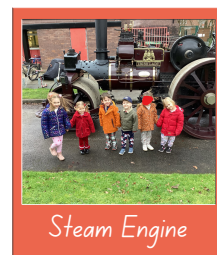
PCSO Matt



Fire Engine



Vicar Alan



Steam Engine



Father Christmas

Crafting Christmas wonders, including cards, baubles, and measuring mittens, our mini Picassos sent home treasures that would rival Santa's workshop. And let's not forget the grand finale - a Polar Express PJ party that left everyone wishing for a ticket to our magical realm. Hat's off to our little superstars for a term filled with giggles, glitter, and glorious performances!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE ...



In the land of charitable efforts, the families of St Matthew's Pre School have truly demonstrated their remarkable dedication. Last term, their fundraising efforts collected an awe-inspiring £1,217.29. These funds transformed into 2 shiny new iPads, propelling us into the digital era with enhanced online learning journals and improved communication channels. Additionally, this generosity has paved the way for regal dress-up sessions, cosy moments on new rugs, and artistic escapades that would make Picasso proud. As we express our gratitude, we're also looking ahead to potential investments in climbing equipment and aims to elevate our outdoor activities. A heartfelt thank you for the unwavering support!





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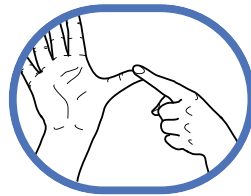
STAFF UPDATE ...

Breaking news: Mrs Uren faced a December showdown with an unruly foot, leg, and knee. The Pre School deeply misses her, and we're all cheering for a speedy recovery. Fingers crossed, we'll be welcoming her back later this month. Until then, virtual hugs and healing vibes to our irreplaceable Mrs Uren!



Drumroll, please! Introducing Mrs Emma Nicholl, who is set to rock the St Matthew's Pre School scene every Monday and Tuesday. Armed with an NNEB in childcare and a treasure trove of experience, Mrs Nicholl is ready to sprinkle her magic on our Pre School world. Get ready to welcome her into the family as she supports the children's growth and development. We're thrilled to have Mrs Nicholl on board for the adventure!

MAKATON ...



E-I-E-I-Oh my goodness! This half term kicked off with a toe-tappin', finger-snappin' rendition of 'Old MacDonald had a farm.' And guess what? We added some Makaton magic to the mix! Head to the EY app where Mrs Moye will hit your screen with a video showcasing the farmyard frolics and Makaton signs. It's not just music to our ears; it's a symphony for developing communication skills like attention, comprehension, memory, language, recall and expression. Who knew 'Old MacDonald' could be so educational?

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?



Calling all aspiring storytellers! Grab your favourite book, dust off those vocal cords, and mark your calendars for National Storytelling Week starting on Monday 29th January. St Matthew's Pre School is rolling out the red carpet, inviting parents and carers to take a break from the daily grind, put that cup of tea down, and showcase their storytelling prowess. Bring the magic of your favourite stories to our eager audience, and in return, you'll be showered with oo's, aah's, an abundance of questions, and a standing ovation (in the form of a big clap!). If this sounds like your cup of storytelling tea, give us a shout, and we'll set the stage for your moment in the spotlight!

THANK YOU!

