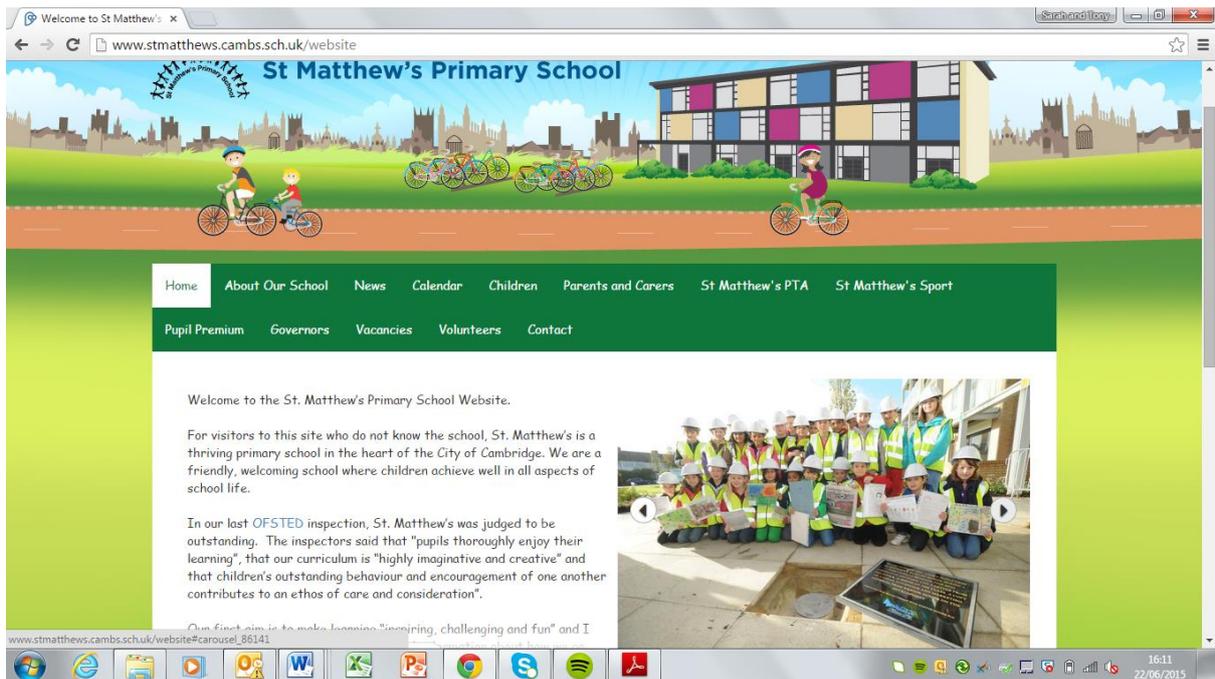




## St Matthew's School Newsletter, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

Launching Our New Website – [www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk)



We are delighted to be able to launch our new website for St Matthew's. We hope you are able to find all the information you want and enjoy the new look. We still use our old website address as above.

This has been a big project for us. The website has more information than before, including a new calendar page that we think will help you keep track of what is happening in school. We think the information is organised in a way that makes it easier to find what users are looking for.

We would welcome any feedback from parents and others who use the website – you can give us this via the “send us a message” section on the “contact” page on the website. We will use that feedback to make further improvements.

This is all part of our launch of our “e-schools package”. Coming soon will be our learning platform for the children, plus log-ins for parents and carers to access information such as letters, emails, attendance rates for their children, class information pages and online payments.

We hope you like the website. Please let us know.

## Year Two Visit Larkrise Farm

In Year 2 our topic last half term was 'Global Gardens', where children learned about growing plants and where our food comes from. Year 2 children visited Larkrise Farm in Barton to learn about how an arable farm produces food. The children ground wheat, made dough, went on a tractor ride and had a nature walk. Everyone learned a lot and had fun!



This week Miss Williams' class visited the Museum of Cambridge to learn about how people in the past enjoyed going to the seaside. They made ice creams, pinwheels and a sea life box. They also compared some historical artefacts and even tried on some old fashioned swimming costumes!

## Through the Time Tunnel to Kentwell Hall

Year Four enjoyed an exciting visit to Kentwell Hall last week, taking a trip through the Time Tunnel back to Tudor Times to find out about the lives of people on the estate – a fantastic way to bring the children's learning to life.



## **Parent Questionnaire Later This Week**

Please keep an eye out for our Parent Questionnaire coming later this week. It will give parents and carers an opportunity to tell us what they think about the school and to help shape the school's future by influencing our next school development plan.

It will be available on our school website or in hard copy from the school office. The more completed questionnaires we get the truer a picture we will have of what parents and carers think of the school and what they want us to do to make St Matthew's even better.

## **Finally...**

We are all looking forward to another great turn out on Parkers Piece for Sports Day again this Thursday. Hope to see you there!