

St Matthias Newsletter



St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a lovely busy week of learning. We have also introduced our School Council; each class from Year 1 to Year 6 have representatives as part of our School Council. The children in each class put themselves forward if they wished to be considered as School Council Representatives, then the classes either voted independently for the pupils they would like to represent their class and the Year 6 children held an election and wrote their own presentations to gain votes!

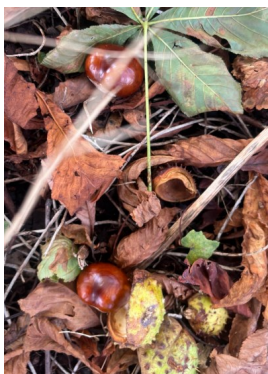
Having a School Council enables pupils to have a voice in some of the school decisions, offers them leadership opportunities and teaches them valuable life skills like democracy, citizenship and accountability. They improve school life by ensuring that their peers opinions are considered, build a sense of community and enable pupils to build confidence, communication and problem solving both inside school and in the wider community.

Our School Council Representatives are:



Spirituality – Heads, Hearts and Hands.

When we are learning or reflecting and this could be at any point or time of the day, we may have a moment of Spirituality. It could be planned or unplanned, just in the moment! In our **heads** we think, 'What have I learned from this moment?' 'What can I take away?' In our **hearts** we consider 'How has this made me feel? What might be the impact for others?' In our **hands** 'What do I need to do now? What is my response? How can I help or change the situation?' These are moments I have spotted through the week as examples of Spirituality. Maybe stop and reflect over the weekend when viewing the Malvern Hills or when you are out walking somewhere - think about your Spiritual moment. Autumn is an amazing time to reflect on the changes in nature! Take time to reflect on something wonderful this weekend!



Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Beale.

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

The Department of Education have updated their guide for parents on school attendance. We know that being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. We also know that for some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This is why St Matthias is committed to working together with families to solve problems, overcome anxiety and support your child's school attendance. If your child struggles to attend school please come and talk to us and we can provide support for your child, as we have many different strategies on offer.

The Children's Commissioner has a useful website with resources for families linked to school attendance, transitions to High School, applying for a school place, mental health support and advice for children with SEND. Just click on the next link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/back-into-school/resources-for-families/>

On this site it also has a link to the DfE guide for parents on school attendance. **The DfE guide covers two areas:** parents' responsibilities for school attendance and what you need to do when your child needs to be absent: How schools and local authorities will work with you to support your child's attendance.

Here is a short snip of the guidance you can find the full guidance by [clicking here](#).

Parents' Responsibilities What are my responsibilities for my child's attendance?

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education, usually from the age of 5 to 16.

For most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when: "Your child is too ill to go to school." You have permission for a leave of absence from your child's school for them not to attend." You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances." Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance.

Other information provided in this guide link to...

If my child needs to be absent from school, what do I need to do?" My child has a short term illness. Do they have to go to school, and will I be penalised if they don't?" Do I need to provide medical evidence to support my child's illness related absence?" What should I do if my child needs a dental or medical appointment in school time? Accessing support to help my child attend school"

My child is struggling to attend because of an issue in school. Who can help us?" My child is struggling to attend because of an issue at home or getting to school. Who can help us?" Accessing support for my child with long term illness or special educational needs and disabilities. My child has a long term illness, special educational needs or a disability that is impacting their attendance. What help is available?"

Where can I get help if my child is too anxious to go to school?" Getting help when support hasn't been provided, or hasn't worked. Support isn't working because my child's current school place is not suitable for their needs. What can I do?" Plus other information related to SEND and attendance.

At St Matthias we have an area on our website under the 'Parent' tab called 'Support for Parents and Families' which also has a number of useful websites and advice for many kinds of worries, concerns or help that might be needed. We also have a 'St Matthias Supporting Parents and Families Offer 2025-2026' which also gives some useful information.

Click here <https://www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk/parents/support-for-parents-and-families>

Outside Achievements

It was lovely to celebrate so many outside achievements this week following the summer holidays. We always enjoy hearing about all the different activities and achievements your child has completed as it can inspire others.

Please let Mrs Beale know about the outside achievement and send a photograph via Class Dojo if you have one so we can also celebrate this on a Friday morning and in the weekly newsletter.

Bertie Y3 for completing the Worcester City 1 mile race last Sunday in a super 9 mins 30 seconds! Florence, his sister, was very proud and cheered him on! Well done Bertie!

Mason Y4 for completing his Level 1 swimming, which is a massive achievement as you were not sure of the water 6 months ago and have accomplished jumping in and feeling water safe. We are proud of you!

Charlie Y4 for graduating from Beavers and 'investing' into Cubs. We are very proud of you and thank you for explaining what you enjoy about Cubs in Worship.

Isabelle Y5 For learning to ride her bike during the summer holidays. This is a huge achievement and we are very proud of you!

Miss Prince for graduating from University and achieving her Early Career Teaching Status. We are very proud of you and are very pleased you have joined our school family!

Mr Salmon for completing the Worcester City Half Marathon. We are always very proud of you and your running achievements. Well done!

Mrs Gascoigne (parent) for completing the Worcester City Half Marathon in under 2 hours. I am so pleased to be able to celebrate a parent's outside achievement too! You were spotted and nominated by Mr Salmon! Well done!



Dyson Perrins Headteacher visit

As Year 5/6 head towards choosing their High School, Mr Gunston visited St Matthias Year 5/6 class to introduce himself and talk about Dyson Perrins High School. We have strong links with Dyson Perrins High School and the children are familiar with where it is. However this offered an opportunity for them to ask questions and hear about life at Dyson Perrins. Both the Chase High School and Dyson Perrins are offering Open Days/evenings so Year 5 and Year 6 parents and children are able to make informed choices.



[Year 6 pupils MUST apply for their High School place by 31st October 2025 click here](#)

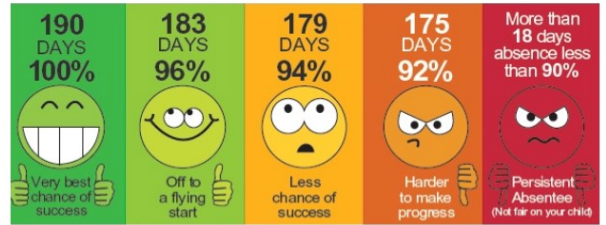
The Chase High School Open day/ evening is Thursday 25th September [click here for more information](#)

<https://www.chase.worcs.sch.uk/school-life/announcements/item/48/open-events-2025>

Dyson Perrins School Open Evening is Thursday 2nd October and there are other dates available for tours... [click here https://www.dysonperrins.worcs.sch.uk/openevening](#)

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance - The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week; the certificate will be given out next week.



	Percentage	Days missed		Percentage	Days Missed
Nursery	94.4%	3.5 days	Year 3	98.9%	1 day
Reception	83.3%	11.5 days	Year 4	89.6%	12.5 days
Year 1	87.5%	10 days	Year 5/6	90.0%	16 days
Year 2	93.6%	9 days	Whole School	91.2%	63.5 days

There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.

Congratulations to Year 3 for the best attendance this week with 98.9%. Well Done!

Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements.

Certificates (Effort in their work): R. Ada, 1. Alexander, 2. Caelyn, 3. Ellie, 4. Charlie, 5/6. Kai.

Value Leaf for showing WISDOM: R. Imogen, 1. Sonny, 2. Bella, 3. Mia, 4. Mia-Rose, 5/6. Jacob M

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Eden-Rose, 1. Lila, 2. Theo, 3. Leo, 4. Sienna, 5/6. Tommy.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Mia-Rose in Yr4



Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Heidi Yr 3

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us this morning !



As a church school, each half term we choose a special Value which we think about very carefully in our worship, our classrooms, in our playground and everywhere in school. We focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.



Our Value this half term is Thankfulness

Colossians 2:7 Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness."

Psalms 118:2 "This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Dalai Lama "When you practise gratefulness, there is a sense of respect towards others"

Charles Shcwab "The way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and thanks. Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough. He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."

Adults in school will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be thankful and grateful for the good things in their lives.

We are thankful for the gifts God has given each and every one of us to enable us to be unique individuals and make a difference in our own ways.



St Matthias C of E Primary School

Nursery to Year 6

'ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE'



All welcome to our Open Morning!

Starting school in September 2026 or 2027
or interested in visiting our friendly and
caring school?

Come and meet our amazing team and
see our school in action!



ALL CURRENT PARENTS ARE WELCOME

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 18th November

9.30am-11am

No booking needed

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Our School Vision

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NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Nasal Flu Vaccine (Yrs R - 6)
Monday 22nd September am.

Harvest Festival Service
Wednesday 15th October 9am
in St Matthias Church

School Photographer
Monday 20th October (am.) to take every individual child plus sibling groups from within school. Siblings who don't attend the school can have family photographs from 8.20am. New staff will also be photographed.

Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 21st October or
Wednesday 22nd October

School Open Morning
Tuesday 18th November 9.30-11.30am

CLASS EVENTS

Storytelling Festival KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Wednesday 22nd October

Storytelling Festival KS2 (Yrs 3 to 6)
Thursday 23rd October

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who to contact in school

MRS LEWIS (Works Mon, Tue, Thu + Fri) for:- Attendance issues, (reasons for absences if possible contact us before 9.15am), medical issues, to request forms, changes of address, email or phone numbers, general enquires, urgent contact, to inform her of medical appointments, (inform her of other persons collecting from school **preferably before 1pm**).
email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Telephone 01684 574984

MRS JAMES (Works Mon to Wed + Thu am only) for finance matters :- Whizz Kids or Nursery bookings, paying any bills or invoices, trips, music lessons, purchasing PE kit etc . Please email finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Phone 01684 574984 and ask to speak to Mrs James.

CLASS TEACHER for:- classroom issues, learning or behaviour related, use ClassDojo. To request a telephone call from a teacher call 01684 574984 or email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk to ask for an appointment.

MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Black Pepper Lunches for:- booking your child's meals **every half term (so 6 times per year)**, visit their website <https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

Worcestershire Virtual Family Hub



SCAN ME

Scan this QR code to access support for you and your family. There are a range of resources that are available online, on the phone or face to face, that you can access yourself.

Support and Advice

Adult Mental health support ([click here](#))

Starting Well - for parenting, health and wellbeing support ([click here](#))

Here2Help ([click here](#))

Bereavement Support ([click here](#))

Citizens Advice Bureau ([click here](#))

Child Line - 0800 1111
Male Domestic Abuse 24 hour Helpline 0800 014 9082
Women's Aid 24hr Helpline 0800 980 3331
School Nurse – 01684 612668
Family Front Door - 01905 822666 to request help/report a concern about a child.

The Family Hub for parenting support and advice ([click here](#))

Parent Online Safety Information ([click here](#))

Malvern Hills Housing support ([click here](#))

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

AUTUMN TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Wednesday 3rd September 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 24th October 2025

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Monday 3rd November 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 19th December 2025

SPRING TERM

Staff Training

Monday 5th January 2026 – School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

at 8.40am Tuesday 6th January 2026

Fussy Eating Workshop



Wednesday 1st October 25
12:45 - 2:45pm
at Buttercup Family Hub,
Carnforth Drive, WR4 9HG



As parents or carers, we want our children to eat well and enjoy mealtimes together.

Come and join us to enable you to:

- Find out about child friendly foods that provide what they need to grow and be healthy
- Get support to help your child to enjoy new food
- Find out how to gain happier family mealtimes
- Get support and new ideas to encourage your child to try new foods



To book, please
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[worcestershire.gov.uk/FamilyHubs](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/FamilyHubs)



Understanding Your Teen's Behaviour workshop



WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS

Free online 2 hour workshop

Tuesday 23rd September 6 - 8pm



Would you like to know more about your Teens development and better understand their behaviour?

We all know being a parent can be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles you will ever take on as an adult, and sometimes we could all use a little extra help.

This relaxed and fun digital group will help you to explore topics like:

- Teen brain development
- Communication
- Sleep patterns
- Understanding teen behaviour

To book, please scan the QR code



Suitable for families with children aged 11 to 19 years

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