

St Matthias Newsletter



St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Another busy week at St Matthias starting with the nasal flu vaccinations. Well done children for taking part in this; it is always a little daunting for the children but it was over with very swiftly, just a squirt up their nostril. Vaccinating children helps prevent a serious outbreak of influenza and reduces the spread of the illness to help community immunity. If your child missed the vaccine and you would like to have them vaccinated then please contact your GP and let them know. You may have noticed them having some mild and short lived side effects. If your child does come into contact with flu and they have received the vaccine then they are likely to have much milder symptoms which will last for a shorter period of time.

Our Nursery 'Curiosity Approach'

It is lovely to see how our Nursery Curiosity Approach fits in beautifully with our School Vision. We are a strong School Family and in our Nursery they have a Family Tree with photographs of their own families. This has given them a strong sense of belonging where they recognise that they are part of a home family and a school family. They can talk about home and how families can be different as well as the same and be curious about who they are and how they fit into their world. It can spark all sorts of valuable conversations and wonders. It is important that we all feel a sense of belonging in our ever changing world!



Reception Class Local Walk

Last Friday, Reception tiptoed past my office as they crept out into the sunshine for a walk around the local area. It is always lovely seeing the children excited to explore the local area and find out about the community, being curious and interested. They walked around the perimeter of the school, passed St Matthias Church, into Malvern Link to discover all the shops and talk about why they are in our community and what they sell. Then they headed up to the fire station and onto Malvern Link Common. Whilst they were on the common they had amazing spiritual moments discovering the wonders of nature through the rays of sunshine! Conkers, acorns, varieties of leaves and sticks! Who doesn't love a good stick! We live in a beautiful area where we can explore to our hearts content!



Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Beale.



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Parent Consultation Evenings

Years N - 6 Parent Consultations for SEND pupils will be on Tuesday 21st October
All other Years N - 6 Parents Consultations will be on Wednesday 22nd October.
These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the progress and targets for your child, plus for SEND pupils , to discuss SEND targets, interventions and provisions for your child.

**Parents'
Evenings**

The Parent Consultations will be face to face and will be held in the school hall. This will give you the opportunity to meet the teacher, find out how your child is getting on and ask any questions you might have. If you have any worries or concerns it is important that you do not leave them until Parents' Evening. You can raise any worries you have or questions via ClassDojo or ask for a telephone appointment if you wish.

We will send out a booking text nearer the time so that parents/carers can book in to meet the class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Harvest Service

A date for your diary ... We look forward to seeing parents and carers at our school Harvest Service at St Matthias Church on **Wednesday 15th October at 9am**. Our classes from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in the service. We will be celebrating our 'School Vision' and what it means to us as a school. There will be readings, art, drama, singing and prayers.

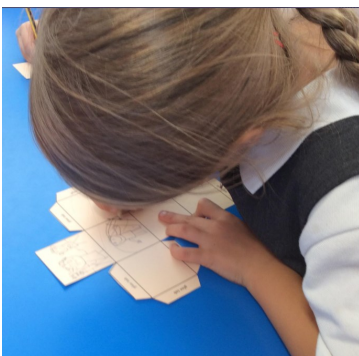
Donations for our Harvest Service will be given to our local **Malvern Food Bank**.

We will collect your donations from Monday 13th October. Items which are warmly welcomed are: tinned food, packet food, toiletries, laundry detergent, tea, coffee, squash, baby wipes, nappies, toilet rolls etc. The food bank support many families in our community and they are always grateful for the items we donate.



Religious Education Learning

This week Year 1 used pictures to retell the parable of the Lost Son. The children recalled the important events through pictures and put them in chronological order. Then they created their own story cube to show six important parts of the story. They discussed why Jesus told this parable and thought that the father in the story was just like God because he was loving and forgiving. Every story cube has that written message hidden inside.



Year 3 Exploring the Trinity through Art Work

Part of Year 3 Religious Education is to explore The Trinity. Christians believe in one God and they believe that Jesus Christ was his son who died in order to bring humans salvation from sin. A key belief of most Christians is the belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who were all present at the Creation of the world and who all take on different roles.



Year 4 Helping our Open The Book Team

This week the Open The Book Team role-played the story of The Good Samaritan. Our Year 4 pupils helped dramatize the story and gave the message to be kind and helpful to each other. Thank you Year 4!



Year 5/6 Exploring Maya Civilisation

Our Year 5/6 class took on the role of Mayan traders during their History lesson. They worked in pairs, taking their wares to other regions in the Maya Civilisation and trading them for goods they needed. Super cross-curricular skills and negotiation!



St Matthias CHURCH Harvest Service – Sunday 5th October 9.45am

We have all been invited to join St Matthias Church family for their Harvest service. We would love lots of our children and their families to attend if they can. We would love a few volunteer children to read at the service and also a group of our pupils to sing one of our school songs.



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.

Ivy Y1 for overcoming her fear and also persisting to learn to ride her electric Revvi bike. It was an achievement which has taken time, but her determination has shone through and now Ivy has confidence to whizz around the fields! We are proud of you!

Bella Y2 for being recognised by her Rugby Coach for being extremely resilient after a huge hit in a non-contact Rugby game where she was knocked, then fell, rolled and got up again to carry on with the run—with a match win! I saw amazing video evidence and it was certainly a big hit and an amazing roll to recovery! We are very proud of you!

Grace Y2 for trying some new activities and following instructions brilliantly when horse riding and also taking turns playing crazy golf! We are proud of you

Charlie S Y5 for raising money and taking part with his mum in a 6K Alzheimer's memory walk in honour of his grandad. We are very proud of Miss Standen and Charlie for completing the walk for a very special cause!

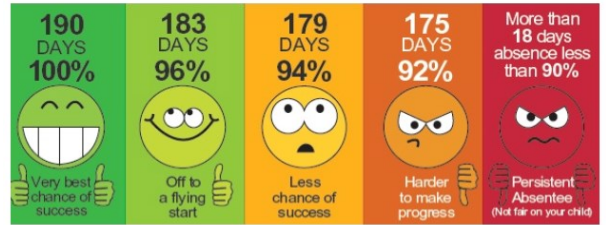
Adam Y6 for playing his third football match with his new team, showing leadership through being captain and being recognised for excellent sportsmanship with respect and fair treatment to everyone, the bonus was a win for the team too! Well done we are very proud of you and your team!

Natasha Hawkins (parent) for passing her practical driving test, it is really lovely when parent's share their achievements with me! I am so proud of you!



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	92.2%	4 days	Year 3	89.4%	9 days
Reception	94.3%	4 days	Year 4	95.0%	5 days
Year 1	90.0%	8 days	Year 5/6	97.6%	4 days
Year 2	93.5%	8 days	Whole School	93.76%	42 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 6 for the best attendance this week with 97.6%. Well Done!

Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements. On the last Friday of each month Nursery also join our Friday celebration worship.

Certificates for Effort in work: N. Ledisa & Laiton, R. Cayson, 1. Ross-Joseph, 2. Paisley, 3. Louie, 4. Sophia, 5/6. Pippa.

Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness: R. Chloe, 1. Bella, 2. Teddy, 3. Alice, 4. Libby, 5/6. Ralphee

Spotted for correcting Spellings & Grammar: R. Thea, 1. Luna, 2. Ruben, 3. Ella, 4. Nicolas, 5/6. Ella.

Book Prize Draw Winner for children who have read five times this week: Alice in Yr 3



Lunchtime Award for children who have demonstrated our school values outside: Eva Yr 2

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.



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

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 9.30-11.00am

CLASS EVENTS

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

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

Nursery Parent Evening
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

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



St Matthias C of E Primary School

Nursery to Year 6

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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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Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time.
A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to **facefamilyadvice.co.uk**
Book online £48
on the **Online Parenting Courses** page



October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm