

# St Matthias Newsletter



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**Friday 3rd October 2025**

**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

This week we say a fond farewell to Mrs Hough who has served our school dinners for the last 13 years. She is leaving us to look after family members and give them more time. We have really appreciated her dedication to our team, her laughs along the way and her crazy clattering behind the hot trolley! Thank you Mrs Hough for all that you have done for us and especially the children; we are going to miss you – come back and visit us!



## Reading for Pleasure in our School Library

Mrs Maidens has been working on upgrading our library with new books and filling the shelves with current topics, interesting reads, graphic novels and factual topic books. It was lovely to see a class spend some time enjoying reading for pleasure, sharing stories and exploring the library space. Curling up with a good book and sharing it with a friend is the best! I wonder if you can share a good book with a family member this weekend? If you do, send a photograph to your teacher on ClassDojo!



## Respect around School and our surrounding neighbourhood.

I have had a number of reports this week of parents swearing outside the school gates and in the church yard, also smoking and vaping near the school and by other children and parents.

Please could anyone who smokes or vapes, kindly choose a place away from other people and children, especially if you are waiting for the gates to open. Please could you also be mindful of the language you use around other people and children. We do our best to teach your children about respect and if they overhear adults using bad language then they may repeat it in school. Both adults and children are offended by the use of bad language whether they are a family at our school or a passer by. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Let's work together to make our school a respectful place to be.

**Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Beale.**

### **ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE**

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**Nursery Curiosity turns into Apple Crumble!**

Last Friday, the Nursery class explored our school field as part of their forest school session. They all became very curious about the apples on the apple tree in the corner of the field. It was full of delicious apples and they wondered what they could make with the apples. They collected them carefully looking at the shape, how they were attached to the tree, the size of them and the smell.

On Monday, they peeled the apples and chopped them up ready for an apple crumble for their snack time! They learned how to share, take turns, use equipment safely and wait patiently for the apple crumble to be baked! Tasting the apple crumble was the best and how amazing to think that those apples were grown on the apple tree in our field! It makes the apple crumble so much more tasty when it is hand-made by the children!



**Nursery Stay and Play for parents**  
*Tuesday 7th October 9am-10am.*  
Come and be curious with your children and see them explore!

**An array of Learning across the School**

The children in Year 1 have been Geographers exploring our world and learning about the continents of the world through puzzles and observation.



Learning how to bat and field and develop skills in Cricket with Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.



Year 5/6 became Historians and built their own Maya City states out of Lego, paper or cardboard. They had to study the key buildings and create their own versions.



### 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 NEXT WEEK 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.



### Parent Support

One of our parents is battling cancer at the moment and her treatment is intense. She is losing her hair rapidly and she has asked if I could share her 'Go Fund Me' page to raise some money for a wig. Wigs are very expensive but really help a person feel more confident about going out after losing hair or as it begins to fall out. If you would like to know more or support then please click on this link <https://gofund.me/f6dc8c9ca> Thank you.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ST MATTHIAS CHURCH

There is a piece of masonry which is balancing, just by the roof at the back of the church which has been dislodged by the high winds.

Revd James has asked that all parents and pupils stick to the pathways rather than deviate behind the church to keep yourselves safe if it falls.

They are very aware and will get this sorted asap but until then please stick to the paths.

**It also means that the CHURCH HARVEST SERVICE has been postponed this SUNDAY.**

### Outside Achievements

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

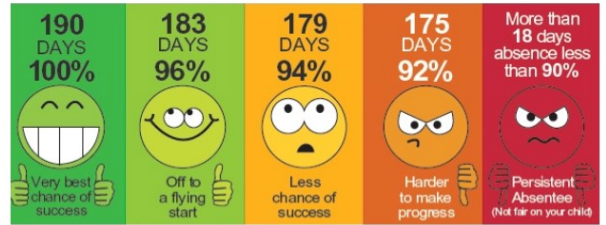
Please let Mrs Beale know about the outside achievement and send a photograph via Class Dojo if you have one so we can also celebrate this on a Friday morning and in the weekly news-letter.

**Albie Y4** for joining a Karate club and completing his first lesson with huge enthusiasm. We are so pleased you are learning a new skill and we are very 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 lost		Percentage	Days lost
Nursery	96.5%	2 days	Year 3	88.9%	10 days
Reception	91.8%	6 days	Year 4	95.0%	5 days
Year 1	95.3%	4 days	Year 5/6	96.4%	6 days
Year 2	93.8%	9 days	Whole School	94.16%	43 days

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

Congratulations to Nursery for the best attendance this week with 96.5%. 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:** R. Keira, 1. Freddie, 2. Eva, 3. Imogen, 4. Rihanna, 5/6. Senuk.

**Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness:** R. Florence, 1. John, 2. Reggie, 3. Kyra, 4. Lexi, 5/6. Logan

**Spotted for correcting Spellings & Grammar:** R. Daniel, 1. Stacey, 2. Danny, 3. Millicent, 4. Kyle, 5/6. Harlem.

**Book Prize Draw Winner for children who have read five times this week:** Nicolas Yr 4



**Lunchtime Award for children who have demonstrated our school values outside:** Luna in Yr 1

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

**School 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**  
SEND pupils on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
All others on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**School Open Morning**  
Tuesday 18th November 9.30-11.00am

### CLASS EVENTS

**Nursery Stay and Play for Parents**  
Tuesday 7th October 9am-10am

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

**Storytelling Festival KS2 (Yrs 3 to 6)**  
Thursday 23rd October  
(No swimming this day)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk) to ask for an appointment.

**MRS BEALE Headteacher for:-** urgent personal/private matters [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### SPRING TERM

Staff Training

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – School Closed

at 8.40am Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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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# Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Free online  
2 hour workshop



WORCESTERSHIRE  
FAMILY HUBS



Thursday  
9<sup>th</sup> October  
6 - 8pm

Do you have a child aged 2 -10 years?

Topics explored:

- Understanding reasons behind behaviour
- Developmental needs
- Communication
- Parenting styles

To book please scan  
the QR code



[worcestershire.gov.uk/FamilyHubs](https://worcestershire.gov.uk/FamilyHubs)



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# Sleep workshop



WORCESTERSHIRE  
FAMILY HUBS

FREE face to face 2 hour workshop  
at Wands Family Hub,  
Droitwich, WR9 9EQ

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
October  
9:15 - 11:15am



Want to understand more about sleep and bedtime routines? Within this workshop, we explore why sleep is important, how we can develop good bedtime routines and get a restful nights sleep including:

- Why is sleep important?
- What happens when we don't get enough sleep?
- Naps
- Bedtime routines and healthy habits
- Night-time waking
- Rewards and positive praise

A two hour workshop suitable  
for families with children  
aged 12 months to 10 years

To book please scan  
the QR code



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