

St Matthias Newsletter



St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Harvest Service

We look forward to seeing parents and carers at our school Harvest Service at St Matthias Church on **Wednesday 15th October**. Our classes from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in the service. We will be celebrating our School Vision and each class is representing the vision in their own way. Donations for our Harvest Service will be given to our local **Malvern Food Bank**. We will collect your donations next week 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.



World Mental Health Day—Friday 10th October

World Mental Health Day is for everyone and this year's theme is 'Access to services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies.' The theme highlights the importance of people being able to protect their mental health in times of global instability. For children this might mean times when things have gone wrong for them or fallouts when gaming or texting friends and hearing news from around the world which might be upsetting. Having time away from technology and doing something fun with your family can give you the break from hearing and seeing things which might impact on your mental health. Therefore, as a school we got together today in our New House Teams to be together, get to know each other across the classes and do something fun with someone we may not know as well. We have new Y6 House Captains who helped organise some activities and we spend a part of the afternoon with positive mental health in mind!



Worship Warriors

We have a new group of children this year who have applied to be our Worship Warriors and are beginning to lead Worship in school. They are working closely with Ness, from St Matthias Church, on our liturgy presentations and have written their own openings, prayers and content of Worship. Collective Worship is an important part of our day where we can reflect on our school Christian Vision and Values and God's teaching, enabling us to live our very best lives.



I was very pleased to introduce our New Worship Warriors formally this week and give them some very special badges.

Parents' Evening

Parents should have received an **EMAIL link** today to book in for Parents' Evening. There are two evenings for all classes except Y5/6 where there is a third evening. If you have NOT received a link, or if you have any problems please either email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or telephone Mrs Lewis for a booking. Teachers to Parents have updated their software and it is a little more complicated to set up this time. Thank you for your patience!

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November. In order for us to be able to run a successful event and raise funds for the children, we need lots of willing volunteers before, during and after the event. If you are able to offer your help please email Mrs James finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Beale.

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Nursery Curiosity Hour with Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome Nursery parents and carers on Tuesday 7th October, to join their children in curious exploration. The children love showing their parents how they learn, explore and develop their imagination. Curiosity, awe and wonder is the key to opening new knowledge and developing skills. We hope you enjoyed the time together!



Curiosity Beyond the School Gates!

Nursery also went on a little walk beyond our school gates this week. They went for a walk into Malvern Link and were curious about the shops. Our Local Co-Op were super in allowing the children to choose and purchase some items. It was fun choosing ingredients to put together for another snack time! They had to work together, take turns and make decisions. After that they discovered our local Victoria Park and explored the equipment with their friends.



School Photographer

Our photographer will be in school on **Monday 20th October**. He will take individual photos of every child and siblings who attend our school. This year he will also include older and younger siblings of our pupils. If you would like your older and younger children who do not attend this school to be in a photo with our pupils please come along to the main entrance at 8.20am.

All brothers and sisters who come to our school will automatically be photographed together during the school day. Nursery children who do NOT normally attend on a Monday morning are welcome to join the 8.20am slot, otherwise they will have a photograph taken during the morning.



High School Applications

Year 6 parents must apply for your child's High School place, online, by **Friday 31st October** which is during half term. You must apply by creating a log in and then clicking 'Apply for a school place.' The portal is now open so you can make your application from now, however you can make any amendments up until the closing date if you wish. <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place>

Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Run at Peachfield Common

Last Friday Years 5 and 6 took part in a local cross country run. Everyone took part and pushed themselves to do their very best. It was a rather a wet day and the children were amazingly resilient, even being a bit soggy! Well done Years 5 and 6 we are proud of you for giving it your all! A special congratulations to Isabelle who came third in the advanced Y5 girls run.



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 newsletter.

Florence YR for learning how to ride her bike with stabilizers. You have persisted in trying and now you have mastered the pedals! We are very proud of you! I was very impressed when I spotted you in the playground with your bike! No stopping you now!

Luna Y1 for completing a 6K walk in the Wye Valley! You and your family picked a beautiful day for the 6K walk and I am very proud of you for walking that far! Super achievement!

Millicent Y3 for learning how to bell ring at Great Malvern Priory. This is a really difficult skill and we are very proud of your for taking part in this activity. The bells are also very heavy so well done for keeping your feet on the ground!



Storytelling Trips for Years 1- 6

During the week before half term, Years 1- 6 are taking part in a ‘Storytelling Festival’ in Great Malvern. When your child attends this festival they have the opportunity to purchase one of the authors books on the day. More information will be provided by the book sellers before the event. Letters will come out on Monday.

KS1 Story Telling Festival—Wednesday 22nd October

Yrs 3/4/5/6 Story Telling Festival - Thursday 23rd October

Remember, the Storytelling Festival is open to the public over the week of 21st to 26th October, so please take your family to Great Malvern where there will be a variety of activities to explore in different locations throughout the town. To find out more click on this link

<https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/great-malvern-festival-of-stories-for-children/>

There promises to be music, puppets, storytelling, illustrators, theatre, authors and so much more!

A great way to start the half term!



21st – 26th October 2025

The Great Malvern Festival of Stories for Children returns for the 4th year with a fantastic programme of authors, storytellers, puppetry and much more!

What's on

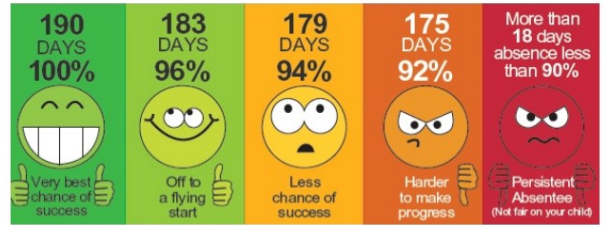
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For more information please visit www.visitthemaalverns.org/storyfest

Weekend tickets go on sale on **Monday 15 September 2025** at the Malvern Theatres Box Office ☎01684 892277 www.malvern-theatres.co.uk

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	82.0%	10.5 days	Year 3	94.4%	5 days
Reception	89.0%	8 days	Year 4	93.3%	8 days
Year 1	100%	0 days	Year 5/6	94.5%	9 days
Year 2	92.4%	11 days	Whole School	92.9%	52 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 1 for the best attendance this week with 100%. 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. Dylan 1. Aurora, 2. Hallie, 3. Evie-Grace, 4. Zara, 5/6. Jake.

Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness: R. Ada, 1. Lola, 2. Gracie, 3. Albie, 4. Dexter, 5/6. Sienna

Spotted for correcting Spellings & Grammar: R. Dante, 1. Ivy, 2. Ayra, 3. Bertie, 4. Ryan, 5/6. Isabella.

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



Lunchtime Award for children who have demonstrated our school values outside: Millicent in 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.



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 21st October
All others on 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
(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 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 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
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

SPRING TERM

Staff Training
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

at 8.40am Wednesday 3rd September 2025

at 3.15pm Friday 24th October 2025

Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November

at 8.40am Monday 3rd November 2025

at 3.15pm Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026 – School Closed

at 8.40am Tuesday 6th January 2026

Tips to manage overwhelm during global events and relentless bad news



Constantly hearing about negative news from around the world can feel like a lot to take in – **and that's because it is.**

Feeling overwhelmed by current events, no matter how big or small, can take a toll on our mental health. Here are some tips to help you cope with global news overwhelm and find your way back to balance.



Set boundaries with the news

Ask yourself how much news content you're happy to take in, and how often.



Use grounding exercises

Grounding yourself in the here and now can ease your stress response.

Have phone-free times

If you often find yourself doomscrolling, having set phone-free times or zones could help break this habit.



Talk with others

When you feel overwhelmed, it can help to connect with other people. You could spend some quality time with loved ones, family or friends.



Give yourself permission to rest

Taking time to look after yourself doesn't mean you've stopped caring about anything else; it means that you are looking after yourself so that you can keep on caring.



Focus on what you can control

Small actions still matter. Taking positive action can help shift feelings out of helplessness and into purposefulness.



Everyone deserves good mental health.
For more tips and information, visit [mentalhealth.org.uk](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)

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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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