

# St Matthias Newsletter



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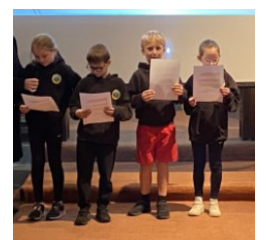


**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children, Harvest Service

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Harvest Service this week which focused on our School Christian Vision and value of Thankfulness. Each class took an aspect of our vision and shared what it meant to them. Year 3 started our Harvest Service by explaining what it is to be thankful; Year 2 shared the gift of creation and how God created the world and Year 4 shared how we were thankful for God and re-told the story of Noah ending with a beautiful rainbow. Year 1 focused on our Christian Vision and thanking God for the gifts he has given us; they also linked it to fruit and vegetables as part of our Harvest offering, such as potato eyes, banana fingers, artichoke hearts. The Reception class paraded their Harvest hats through the church while we sang and also said thank you for God's gifts to the Earth. Our Nursery class joined our service and sang a song they had created all about fruits and vegetables; we were thankful for the gift of song! Towards the end of the service our Year 5/6 class created a spiritual moment as they reflected about our ever-changing world which was linked to their topic on Maya and chocolate. They gave us some very interesting facts to focus on, thinking about other countries and world wide views. We thoroughly enjoyed singing our iSing Pop songs through the service and we finished with Year 3 sharing their own prayers. A big thank you goes to Rev. James for setting up the screen in church to guide us through the service, welcoming us and closing with a blessing.

I also want to thank everyone for their donations of Harvest gifts which will be taken to the local Food Bank next week. I was also very impressed with two children who created a special gift box which they called a 'baby package with bits for Mummy's and Daddy's'. It is always lovely to hear about children wanting to make a difference to our ever-changing world and considering others who might be in need. I know, through the food bank, that a family will really appreciate this effort. We call it 'Courageous Advocacy.'



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

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### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are next week. If you have not booked in for a slot to see your class teacher then please contact Mrs Lewis in the office, either by email [admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk) or telephone. Please remember this is an EMAIL only set up now so you will not get a text reminder. We look forward to seeing you on your allocated evening.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 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 on [finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk) Thank you.**

### School Photographer – THIS MONDAY!

Our photographer will be in school on **Monday 20th October**. He will take photos of every child alone and with their 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 8.15am. **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 asked to come in for the 8.15am slot and then return home with parents.**

### Performance Poetry.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been studying poetry this week. To practise their Oracy and Performance skills they listened to and performed their own poetry. Year 1 performed a Julia Donaldson poem with actions. Year 2 explored the poem "The Owl and the Pussy Cat" and in small groups learned a section of the poem then each group performed the section they had learned. Well done Key Stage One!



### 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.

**Archer Y1** for achieving his 5 metre swimming badge and certificate. We are very proud of you!

**Alex Y1** for achieving his level 2 swimming badge and certificate. We are very proud of you!



### World Mental Health Day meeting our new 'Houses' groups.

Last Friday was World Mental Health Day which was a perfect opportunity for our school to start building relationships with their 'House' groups. Each child was allocated their House and siblings were together in their houses. The children loved mixing up and especially seeing their older or younger siblings in school. The older children supported and helped the younger children developing their skills of listening, negotiating, supporting and patience. The younger children were encouraged to be independent, work with people they hadn't worked with before and everyone had a really lovely time.

There are 4 houses, Matthew (blue) , Mark (green), Luke (red) and John (yellow)



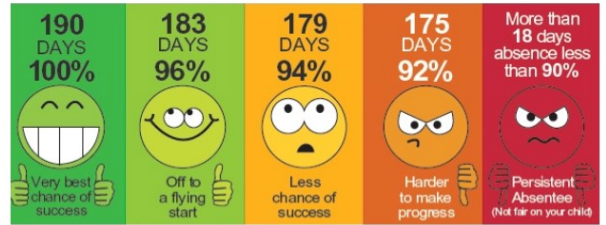
### High School Applications

We received an email from Worcestershire County Council this week to say that a few Year 6 parents have not yet applied for a high school place. WCC urge you to do this asap to get your child's preferred High School. Mrs Lewis has sent a reminder text to those parents. Year 6 parents must apply for their 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 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>

**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	78.3%	12.5 days	Year 3	86.7%	12 days
Reception	90.7%	7 days	Year 4	94.6%	6.5 days
Year 1	92.9%	6 days	Year 5/6	95.1%	8 days
Year 2	97.2%	4 days	Whole School	92.4%	56 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 2 for the best attendance this week with 97.2%. 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. Imogen 1. Silas, 2. Sienna, 3. Lyla, 4. Theodore, 5/6. Marlee-Mae.

**Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness:** R. Eden-Rose, 1. Ross-Joseph, 2. Olivia, 3. Kendall, 4. Daisy, 5/6. Logan.

**Spotted for correcting Spellings & Grammar:** R. Cayson-Jay, 1. Archer, 2. Paula, 3. Hunter, 4. Mason, 5/6. Addison.

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



**Lunchtime Award for children who have demonstrated our school values outside:** Hallie in 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

#### School Photographer

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8.15am.

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

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 CLOSE

**HALF TERM BREAK**

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

at 3.15pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

at 8.40am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

at 3.15pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### SPRING TERM

**Staff Training**

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

**HALF TERM BREAK**

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

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

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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

at 8.40am Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

at 3.15pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 for Easter



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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## November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
<b>FREE ADHD Kids &amp; Homework</b>	<b>13 Nov 6-7pm</b>
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm