



# St Matthias Newsletter



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

## Cricket Collective Awards 2025

The Worcestershire Cricket Foundation recognises and celebrates the outstanding contributions of volunteers, schools, clubs and participants who dedicate themselves to making cricket happen across the county. At a special ceremony held last night at Worcestershire County Cricket Club, many of these dedicated individuals and organisations were honoured for their exceptional work.

The evening began with the Worcestershire Cricket Foundation Awards, where project leads nominated standout participants, partners, schools and clubs whose achievements throughout the year deserved recognition and celebration. Our school was nominated for an award and Mr Salmon, our Physical Education Lead, represented us at this prestigious event.

Mr Salmon was thrilled when our school was awarded **Cricket Collective 'School of the Year' Award 2025!** Mr Salmon has worked incredibly hard with Worcestershire Cricket Foundation to bring cricket to St Matthias and take part in events and tournaments during the cricket season. We are incredibly proud of this achievement!



## New Lunchtime Supervisor

I would like to introduce and welcome our new Lunchtime Supervisor who joined our St Matthias family at half term. Her name is Miss Smith and she has lots of experience in working with children. She has been a super addition to our lunchtime team and is settling in well and getting to know your children well.



## School Photographs Proofs

You should have received the proofs last Friday. If your child is absent we will have the proof safe for you. There will be a closing date of **Monday 17th November** for the ordering process so please act quickly to avoid disappointment. Orders completed before 17th November will be delivered to school. If your order is placed after 17th November you will need to pay postage for your photo order to be sent direct to your home.

## Black Pepper Christmas Dinner

Deadline for ordering a special Christmas lunch is 6pm on Tuesday 2nd December.

## Parent Questionnaire

*What do you and your child/children think about St Matthias?*

The governors and school staff appreciate feedback from parents in order to continue to make further improvements for the children of St Matthias. All views are confidential and taken seriously.

We strongly encourage you to click on this link [Parent Questionnaire November 2025 – Fill in form](#) to complete our questionnaire to share your views. The closing date for the parent questionnaire is **Friday 28th November 2025**; if you would prefer a paper copy to complete please inform the office.

**Have a wonderful weekend**

**Mrs Beale.**

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### **Anti-Bullying Week**

This week was Anti-Bullying Week, the theme this year was '**Power for Good**' which encouraged the children to use their power responsibly encouraging kindness, support and standing up for others.

We started the week wearing '**Odd Socks**' for the day to show how we are all unique individuals and to celebrate differences; this fits with our school vision perfectly as we celebrate our uniqueness all the time! During the week each class completed work linked to anti-bullying in an age appropriate way discussing feelings, emotions and actions to support a 'kindness challenge!'

As part of our Collective Worship this week we reflected on what 'Power' is and the different types of power. Some people are kind, some are brave, some are good at including others but most of all this week we were using our Power for Good and taking part in a class Kindness challenge. Jesus used his power to teach us to forgive, love and help others in need which is what we all do on a daily basis when interacting with each other.

Every class took part in a kindness challenge, the children logged an 'act of kindness' against the child's House (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). The children have enjoyed spotted the 'Acts of Kindness' and awarding them to each other and making a difference to other people's day through their kindness act. Next week we will find out which house collected the most kindness points.



### **Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November**

This week, our school community came together to observe Remembrance Day and mark Armistice Day on 11th November. At 11am, we held a minutes silence to remember and honour the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed their lives for our country in times of conflict.

Throughout the week, pupils have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day, exploring why we wear poppies and understanding the importance of peace and gratitude.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our poppy appeal. The money raised will support the Royal British Legion in their vital work supporting servicemen and women and their families. It has been wonderful to see our pupils engage so thoughtfully with this important part of our history and national heritage, ensuring that we never forget those who gave so much for our freedom.



### **A spiritual moment with our School Dog Barney!**

Mrs O'Connor captured the most beautiful photograph last weekend when she was out walking in the early morning with Barney. How does it make you feel when you reflect on this photograph!



### 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.

**Certificate for effort: R. Ada, 1. Lola, 2. Theo, 3. Ella, 4. Leo, 5/6. Stanley.**

**Value Leaf for showing "Peace": R. Jaxon, 1. Luna, 2. Amelia, 3. Evie-Grace, 4. Sofia, 5/6. Adam.**

**Spotted for correcting Spellings & Grammar: R. Chloe, 1. Sonny, 2. Poppy-Rogue, 3. Bertie, 4. Isaac, 5/6. Charlie.**

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

**Lunchtime Award for children who have demonstrated our school values outside: Silus 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 "Peace"*

**John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**Hebrews 12:14** "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone"

**Dalai Lama** "Do not let the behaviour of others destroy your inner peace"

**Gandhi** "The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will have peace".

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Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be peaceful and to make peace with the children and adults in their lives.

Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. **Amen.**

### 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.

**Dexter Y4** During Half term Dexter and his sister, Evie, completed a Wizard School, received a certificate and learned how to be wizardly and magical! What a super experience!

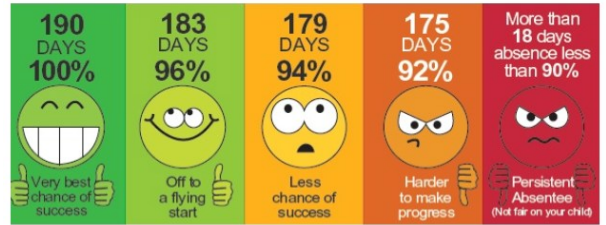
**Mason Y4** for completing his stage 2 swimming certificate and badge. Mason has also joined 'Sparkle' theatre at Dance in Motion and will be starring in 'Alice in Wonderland'. He has also started ballet classes. We are very proud of you for taking part in so many outside clubs, we can't wait to hear about your progress at each stage! Well done!

Congratulations We are proud of you all!



**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	82.8%	12 days	Year 3	80.0%	18 days
Reception	90.7%	6.5 days	Year 4	94.2%	7 days
Year 1	96.2%	3 days	Year 5/6	95.1%	8 days
Year 2	95.2%	7 days	Whole School	91.7%	61.5 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 1 for the best attendance this week with 96.2%. Well Done!

**St Matthias ATTENDANCE for pupils - Nursery to Year 6**

As a school, we have a legal duty to keep you informed of your child’s attendance. After the end of every month you will receive a text for each of your children telling you their attendance percentage so far this academic year. These texts are not intended to cause offence, they are merely to keep you up to date with your child’s progress so far this school year. We understand that in most cases we have had valid reasons for these absences.

At St Matthias we believe that good attendance and punctuality are vital for a child to progress to the best of their ability. Even in the Nursery and Reception classes, absences cause a rift in the child’s education and can also disrupt their friendship groups. Our expectation is for every child to have an attendance of 96% or above, including in our Nursery class. Good punctuality and regular attendance get a child into good habits for their future school and work life. Please only keep your child at home if they are genuinely ill. If a dose of Calpol or similar will keep them ticking through the day, then please send them to school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

An amazing 79 pupils had 100% and a further 27 pupils had over 95% in September. So out of 152 pupils 106 attained our target. Well done! **The prize winner for September was ....**

An amazing 82 pupils had 100% and a further 4 pupils had over 95% in October. So out of 152 pupils 86 attained our target. Well done! **The prize winner for October was ....**

Both months 100% prize winners of a gift voucher will be drawn on Monday in our worship.

**Attendance Ladder**





# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

#### School Open Morning

Tuesday 18th November 9.30-11.00am

#### Black Pepper Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 9th December 11.45am

**IF ordered before 2nd December**

### CLASS EVENTS

#### Year 5/6 Cadbury World Trip

Friday 21st November

## 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 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 Monday 3rd November 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

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

### SPRING TERM

#### **Staff Training**

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

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

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

#### **HALF TERM BREAK**

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

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

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

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

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

### SPRING TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

at 8.40am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 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 TOO!!

## OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 18th November

9.30am-11am

No booking needed

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## Our School Vision

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# Merry Christmas!



## December 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)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm