

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank you to everyone who wore their Pyjamas to school today in exchange for bringing in a gift for the Christmas Market adult/ child Tombola or Christmas Raffle. Please do read the Christmas calendar to see when we are holding the small Christmas market stalls as fund raisers. Christmas Raffle tickets will be sent home on Wednesday 3rd December and also sold on each of the dates above. The raffle will be drawn in Church after the Carol Service.



NEEDED– DONATIONS of GOOD QUALITY toys for the toy stall.

Monday 8th December 3pm Christmas gifts and sweets stalls

Tuesday 9th December 3pm Christmas cake staff and toy stalls

Monday 15th December 3pm Adult and Children tombola

Tuesday 16th December 3pm Class Stalls — each child has made a gift for their family; please purchase your OWN child's creations.

Black Pepper Christmas Lunch

Black Pepper are providing the children with a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 9th December. The deadline for ordering a Christmas lunch is **6pm Tuesday 2nd December**. So if your child would like a hot Christmas lunch then please do book it this weekend.

Black Pepper are also looking for a new chef to join their team so if you know anyone who is interested in joining the very friendly and hardworking Black Pepper team please do contact them and let them know (01684 891560).



Christmas Trees

We have 3 beautiful Christmas Trees at St Matthias. We have one in our Early Years area, one at the front of school and one in the school hall. During the next few weeks children will write prayers to hang on the Christmas Tree in the hall and our Worship Warriors will choose prayers from the tree to share in our daily act of Collective Worship.



We would like to welcome children to donate just one decoration, if they wish, to make the two outside Christmas trees even more beautiful. This is a super photograph opportunity and makes our trees part of our wonderful school family.

I would also like to donate the trees at the end of term to someone who can enjoy them through the rest of the Christmas period (excluding lights). If you know of anyone who would like to enjoy one of our Christmas trees please do let me know, they would need to be able to collect too.

Guess who stopped by to say "hello"!

It was lovely to see Mrs Howden last Friday during our 'Friendly Friday' playtime. She was able to spend a little time with us in the fresh air and beautiful, but cold, sunshine; the children and staff were very excited! Look out for her again soon!



**Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Beale.**

ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

'Our school family values us all as unique individuals and children of God.

We **aspire** to be the best version of ourselves; we **believe** that through the gifts God has given us, we can make a positive contribution, flourish and **achieve** together to make a difference in our ever-changing world.'



Years 5/6 Cadbury World Trip

Years 5 & 6 took part in a trip to Cadbury World to enhance their History knowledge about 'The Maya Civilisation' and their next Geography focus which is 'Field to Fork.' They experienced a self-guided tour of the chocolate making exhibition and a bespoke 'bean to bar' talk from the Cadbury World education team. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, secured their current knowledge and learned new knowledge about the processing of chocolate—they even got to taste test! The 4D cinema was a real hit with the children and staff too! An amazing day was had by all! Thank you for bringing me back some chocolate too!



Christmas Jumpers needed!



Christmas Jumper Donations.

We are collecting Christmas Jumpers again this year in preparation for our Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 11th December**. This is a great way of recycling your Christmas jumpers that no longer fit and buying a bargain Christmas jumper for your child! So seek out your old Christmas jumpers this half term and donate them to us so we can raise some vital school funds by selling them before the 11th December. **Thank you!**

Stranger Future Project

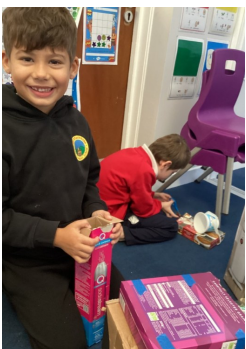
As part of our Years 5 & 6 'Reading Aloud' project, theatre company "Strange Futures" have been working with a few children in class. However, this week the whole class got to work with Will and made their own woodland sprite puppet! They were amazing, a little fiddly to make but the children persisted well, drew on their skills and supported each other through team work to succeed! Don't they look amazing!



Nurture Group Sensory Garden Project

This term our Nurture group have been exploring our Sensory Garden. It is important that children learn how to look after such a beautiful and spiritual place in our school for the benefit of children and nature. They have been thinking about the wildlife in our community which would also benefit from this wonderful space, so they have been designing little shelters and animal houses to encourage and care for the wildlife.

We are also very grateful to "Malvern Link Up" for donating £200 to enable us to enhance and replenish our classroom sensory boxes which are used very frequently and are very beneficial in supporting children with sensory needs.



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: N. Marlee & Olivia, R. Florence, 1. Stacey, 2. Ruben, 3. Hunter, 4. Nicolas, 5/6. Anna.

Value Leaf for showing "Peace": R. Dante, 1. Alexander, 2. Hallie, 3. Kyra-Louise, 4. Dexter, 5/6. Jasmine.

Spotted for correcting Spellings & Grammar: R. Thea, 1. Florence, 2. Eva, 3. Imogen, 4. Esmee, 5/6. Charlotte.

Book Prize Draw Winner for children who have read five times this week: Eva Yr 2

Lunchtime Award for children who have demonstrated our school values outside: Bradley 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 "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 any outside achievements 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.

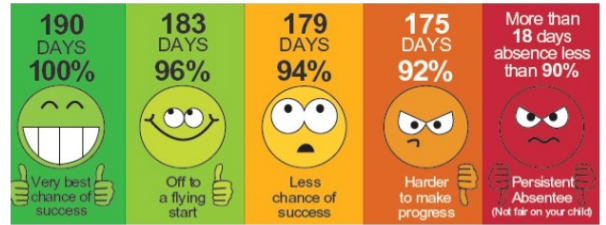
Reggie W Y2, for achieving his Level 1 swimming certificate and badge. We are very proud of you being so brave in the water and learning new skills. Keep up the super work in Level 2!

Congratulations We are 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.



Attendance Statistics This Week	N	R	1	2	3	4	5/6	School
Number of Pupils who have been absent	7	5	2	3	5	0	5	27
Total Number of Sessions Missed	16	27	4	6	12	0	20	85
Class Percentage	88.2	79.8	97.5	97.9	93.3	100	93.9	94.2%
There are two sessions per day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week and Nursery children are expected to attend all of their booked sessions.								

Congratulations to Year 4 for perfect attendance this week with 100%. Superb! Well Done!

St Matthias ATTENDANCE for pupils - Nursery to Year 6

The DFE have given us fresh guidelines this term. Their expectation is now for every child to attend 100% of the school year. They stipulate that, we have a legal duty to keep you informed of your child’s attendance. From today, at the end of every month you will receive a text for each of your children telling you how many days of school lessons they have missed 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. We understand that in most cases we have valid reasons for these absences.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

An amazing 79 pupils had 100% in September. So out of 152 pupils 106 attained our target. Well done!

The gift voucher prize winner for September was Ivy in Year R, congratulations!

An amazing 82 pupils had 100% in October. So out of 152 pupils 86 attained our target. Well done!

The gift voucher prize winner for October was Reggie in Yr 2 congratulations!

Good Punctuality Matters - Every Minute Counts!
If you are late for school every day by ...

... 5 minutes
You will have lost 3 days of lessons out of the year.

...10 minutes
You will have lost 6.5 days of lessons out of the year.

...15 minutes
You will have lost 10 days of lessons out of the year.

... 20 minutes
You will have lost 13 days of lessons out of the year.

... 25 minutes
You will have lost 19 days of lessons out of the year.

At the start of every day the children have either Maths or English. Missing the first part of the lesson, means they miss the introduction, therefore they do not know what to do and are straight away at a great disadvantage. This can be very upsetting for them and damaging to their education.

Getting up at a regular time each day, having a repeated routine and being punctual is a life skill which we all need. Being punctual is vital throughout our lives at school, college, interviews, work and for medical or other appointments.

NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Black Pepper Christmas Lunch
Deadline to order is
Tuesday 2nd December 11.45am

Please read the
"Christmas Events Calendar"
which is attached on your email.



CLASS EVENTS

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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, Tue, 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 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

Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd February

HALF TERM BREAK

at 8.40am Monday 23rd February 2026

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Monday 23rd February 2026

at 3.15pm Friday 27th March 2026 for Easter

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Monday 13th April 2026

Saturday 23rd May to Monday 1st June

HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 1st June 2026 - School Closed

Staff Training

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Tuesday 2nd June 2026

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