



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Mothering Sunday, this Sunday, 15th March. At St Matthias we remember to thank everyone who 'mothers' us, cares for us and looks after us, this could be past or present as we remember those who may not be with us now. We thank our mums, dads, step-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, church team, child minders, friends and family to name but a few. We thank those who 'mother' us no matter how old or young we are, through our interactions and emotional support who ever 'mothers' us can have a profound impact on a child's cognitive development and their social skills. 'Mothering' can impart social skills through positive behaviours like empathy, kindness and compassion leading to healthy relationships and well-being. A big thank you to our wonderful school family for the care you give, so please be kind to yourselves this 'Mothering Sunday.'



Mothering Sunday Church Service

Please do come along to **St Matthias Church Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30am this Sunday**. We would love to see lots of St Matthias Primary School families there taking part in the service. No school uniform needed, just a lovely relaxed event! See you there!



GOLD Achievement!

Over the last 5 years we have been training and developing our Trauma Informed Schools Approach at St Matthias to become a 'Trauma Informed Attachment Aware Setting (TIAAS).' This means that our school creates a safe and supportive environment for pupils who may have experienced trauma or mental-health issues. We pride ourselves on building positive relationships, understanding trauma, being open about support and creating a safe environment. We have a whole school approach to our trauma informed practice and recognise when a child may need support, whether that is in the short term or long term. Trauma Informed Attachment Aware Settings improve academic outcomes, attendance and wellbeing.

Mrs O'Connor, as our Trauma Informed Schools Lead, along with Barney our wonderful School Dog, shared all the evidence we had gathered towards renewing our GOLD accreditation, with some assessors to decide whether we continue to reached the Gold level for our work.

This is what they said *'I am delighted to confirm the renewal of your Gold Accreditation for Trauma Informed, Attachment Aware Practice for the 2025–26 academic year. Your commitment to nurturing a compassionate, inclusive, and emotionally safe school environment is unmistakable. This was evident not only in the high quality CPD examples you submitted, but also strongly reflected in your recent SIAMS report, which praised the schools deeply embedded Christian vision, its culture of care, and the highly effective pastoral support offered to pupils and staff. The report's recognition of your restorative approaches and dedication speaks directly to the heart of trauma informed practice. Your work continues to make a profound difference to the lives of the children and families.'*

I want to express my thanks to all staff for their continued care and support of all our pupils, as I see this ethos and approach on a daily basis. I also want to thank Mrs O'Connor and Barney for the immense amount of work and preparation in achieving their second GOLD accreditation, in amongst all the work they do with pupils!

**Have a peaceful 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; **believing** 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.'

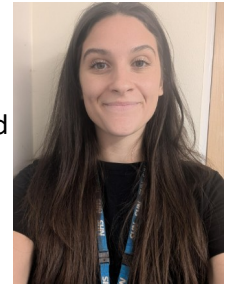


SALT Drop-In Monday 16th March from 3.30pm

Lucie Horner, our school Speech and Language Therapist will be holding a drop in service in the school hall from **3.30pm on Monday March 16th**.

Please drop in to speak to her with any questions or concerns around your child's speech and language development.

She will be available to talk to you with advice and resources regarding speech and language development in children.



Parent Consultation Evenings – Next Week

The booking for consultations has now closed, however if you have not booked an appointment please speak to Mrs Lewis. If you are unable to make the dates then please contact your class teacher by DOJO and they can share the information with you.

These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the progress and targets for your child. Parents of children on the SEND register will be able to discuss the SEND targets, interventions and provisions for your child. 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.

Year 1 - Parents Phonics Workshop for Monday 23rd March 2.45pm

Year 1 parents are invited to a Phonics Workshop ahead of the Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 children which happens in June. This is an important meeting during which we will share what happens during the test, and show you how you can help and support your child to do their very best on the day.

Learning phonics is essential as it helps your child to read and write. Without phonics knowledge your child will struggle to decode words. During the teaching of phonics not only will your child learn new sounds and graphemes but they will also learn to blend, decode and segment words for reading which also supports writing development; so please come along.



SEND Coffee Mornings **Free Webinars- Autism Support**



I am very pleased to invite all **parents and carers of children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)** to a series of **free webinars** exploring different aspects of **autism** in children and young people delivered by **Autism West Midlands**. There are 7 webinars in total and each webinar will provide information, strategies and insights to support understanding and confidence when working with or caring for autistic individuals.



'Supporting your autistic teen'
The next webinar will be held in school on:
Wednesday 18th March 2026 10am-12pm



Please let me know if you intend to attend this webinar as this will only be suitable for Upper KS2 children.

Tea and coffee or a cold drink and sweet treats will be provided.

Please speak to Mrs Joyce (SENCO) for further information or to register your interest.

Year 5/6 Trip to Hartlebury Museum

To enhance their history learning on Victorians, Year 5 & 6 visited Hartlebury Museum on Wednesday. They had an amazing day imagining what it was like for the children in those times through real life experiences from a Victorian teacher, using slates and pencils, playing with whipping tops and metal and wooden hoops, yo-yos and trying to avoid Victorian punishments! They also experienced what it was like to be a Victorian servant in the castle through hands-on activities such as washing, ironing, cleaning carpets and kitchen tasks without the 'mod cons' in today's society! They had an amazing day and learned so much more through hands on experiences which complemented the learning in the classroom.



Easter Fund Raiser

For our Easter Fund Raiser we are going to be holding our usual **Easter Egg Raffle** where you can buy a 'brick' to be put into a draw to win an Easter Egg. Every brick bought will be put into a box and during the last day of the term, the named bricks will be pulled out and that person will win an egg.



The more bricks you buy, the more chance you have of winning Easter Eggs; you could win more than one!

We are also looking for Easter Eggs to be donated to school for the competition.

The more eggs that are donated the more names we can pull out of the box.

Please be as generous as you can! Thank you!



Look out for the Easter Wall bricks which can be purchased outside school in the mornings from Monday 16th March. Each brick will cost £1.

Easter Service

Another date for your diary: our Easter Service will be held in St Matthias Church on **Wednesday 25th March**. All the children will be taking part in a variety of ways with their classes. Families are welcome to join us at 9am.

Easter Bonnet Making for Early Years and KS1— Parents invited.

In our usual tradition we are welcoming Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents to help make their child's Easter Bonnet in school.



Nursery and Reception Parents are welcome to stay on **Thursday 26th March** from **9am-9.30am** to create Easter hats with their children, in our Early Years Unit. If you have your own hats and materials at home please bring them with you.

Year One and Year Two Parents are welcome to make Easter hats with your children on **Thursday 26th March** from **2.20pm until 3pm**. If you have your own hats and materials please bring them with you.



All KS2 children (**Yrs 3, 4, 5 + 6**) are welcome to **make their Easter hats at home** and join the parade on Friday .

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade will be held on **Friday 27th March**. Parents are very welcome to stay in the KS1 playground to clap the children as they parade through the KS1 playground, past the main entrance into the KS2 playground, where KS2 children will be clapping, then back onto the KS1 playground.

Outside Achievements

It was lovely to celebrate our outside achievements this week. We always enjoy hearing about all the different activities and achievements your children have completed as it will inspire others.

Reggie Y2 - For gaining his 10metre swimming certificate. Well done Reggie we are very proud of you.

Adam Y6 - For saving a dog as it was distressed running in and out of the road clearly lost and disorientated. He called for help and together Adam and his mum managed to encourage the dog back to its home as he had escaped through the gate. Well done, this was brave and very thoughtful. We are proud of you!

Mr Salmon - for completing the Rhayader Round the Lakes 30km race ...

Mrs Gascoigne - for completing the Rhayader Round the Lakes 30km race ...

On Saturday Mr Salmon and Mrs Gascoigne completed one of the most scenic, hilly and it is one of the most enjoyable road races in the UK (if you can call running that far enjoyable!) They started in the town of Rhayader before running 4 miles uphill (climbing 1000ft) to some amazing views. It was then an undulating race around the Elan Valley before heading back to Rhayader and a hilly finish! Mr Salmon loved seeing Bertie and Florence in the middle of the hills who were there to cheer on their mum as well as giving Mr Salmon a well needed boost!!

Mr Salmon was delighted with his finishing time of 1 hour 57 minutes - his fastest time at this race!!



Hope



As a church school, every half term we concentrate on an important value for life.
 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 will focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.

Hope



Our Value this half term is "Hope"

Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Gandhi "What is true of the individual will be tomorrow true of the whole nation if individuals refuse to lose heart and hope."

Dalai Lama "When faced with problems don't lose hope. Keep up your self confidence and don't be too impatient to achieve quick results."

Mother Teresa "Never lose hope. Never lose faith. The living has a great hope, we have life to bounce back from any difficulty"."

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to show hope in their learning and around school.

Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements.

Certificates (Effort in their work): R. Eden-Rose, 1. Sarada, 2. Myles, 3. Lyla, 4. Mason, 5/6. Tianna.

Value Leaf for showing "HOPE": R. Thea, 1. Sonny, 2. Astria, 3. Hunter, 4. Libby, 5/6. Logan.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Dante, 1. Alex, 2. Reggie, 3. Maddie, 4. Ava, 5/6. David.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Imogen Yr 3

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Scarlett Yr 2

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us this morning.



ATTENDANCE WINNER

89 amazing pupils had 100% in February. An extra 8 children had above 96%.

So out of 165 pupils 97 attained our target. Well done to those children!

The £10 gift voucher prize winner for February 2026 will be drawn next week !



The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week the winning class certificate will be given out next Friday in the award assembly.



Attendance Statistics <u>This Week</u>	N	R	1	2	3	4	5/6	School
Number of Pupils who have been absent	7	5	3	6	5	5	5	36
Total Number of Sessions Missed	11	10	8	28	9	12	13	80
Class Percentage	93.7	93.2	95.2	90.3	95.2	95.2	96.0	94.1%

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 6 for the best attendance this week. Well done!

One class had over 96% this week! Well Done everyone; keep it up!



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Mothering Sunday Service
St Matthias Church 10am
Sunday 15th March.

Parent Evenings
16, 17th & 18th March
No Activity Clubs this week.

No Swimming on 19th March

Easter Service in Church
Wednesday 25th March at 9am

Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 27th March 8.50am

Activity Clubs end at Easter.

CLASS EVENTS

Years 3, 5 & 6 Stranger Futures
Theatre afternoon at the Cube
Thursday 19th March.

Year 1 Parents Phonic Workshop
Monday 23rd March 2.45pm

Year 2 Safari Park Trip
Tuesday 24th March.

Nursery & Reception Parents
Bonnet making session
Thursday 26th March at 9am.

Years 1 and 2 Parents
Bonnet making Session
Thursday 26th March at 2.20pm

Who to contact in school

MRS LEWIS Works Mon, Tue, Thu + Fri for:- Attendance issues, (reasons for absences if possible contact us **before 9.00am**), medical issues, to request forms, change 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 phone 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 phone 01684 574984 and ask to be put through to her, or email finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

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>

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 of a child.

The Family Hub for parenting support and advice ([click here](#))

Parent Online Safety Information ([click here](#))

Malvern Hills Housing support ([click here](#))

Report Scam Emails - forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 27th March 2026 for Easter

SUMMER TERM

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

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4th May 2026

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 23rd May to Monday 1st June

Staff Training

Monday 1st June 2026 - School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

at 8.40am Tuesday 2nd June 2026

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

at 3.15pm Friday 17th July 2026.

AUTUMN TERM (New Academic Year)

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

at 8.40am Thursday 3rd September 2026



FREE online talk by
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