



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a beautiful week for weather, we have been very lucky to see some sunshine and feel some warmth!

Mothering Sunday Church Service

Thank you to all our families who attended St Matthias Church last weekend for Mothering Sunday. It was a lovely service where both children and adults joined in. Thank you to Heidi who read beautifully and shared two prayers from our school prayer book. We also all joined in with the talk by Mrs Cook where we created playdough hearts by the end of the talk. Beautiful daffodils were given out at the end of the service and lots of families stayed for a drink and cake.



Parent Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend Parents' Evening either in person or by telephone. We always enjoy sharing how much progress your children are making and informing you of their next steps. It is important for us to keep parents informed. Please remember if you have a worry, concern or question always speak to your class teacher; don't leave it until the next meeting. If you were unable to attend you will receive a paper copy of the interim report.

Down Syndrome Awareness

One of our families has provided small gifts for the whole school to promote the awareness of Down Syndrome. Down Syndrome awareness aims to promote acceptance, inclusion and advocacy for people with Down Syndrome. March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day which is this Saturday. Grace in Year 2 is very proud of her little sister who has Down Syndrome and has really enjoyed promoting this awareness and putting together gifts for her class and the whole school. Thank you Grace for being such an amazing advocate for your sister and helping raise awareness.



**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.'



Practical Learning in the Sunshine

While the sun has been out our Nurture group have been planting seeds in our sensory garden. They have planted flowers, strawberries and lettuce! With our Christian Value in mind we Hope the seeds grow successfully with the sunshine, rain and children’s green fingers to help! They also spotted some living creatures, various insects, slug and snails too! I hope they don’t eat the plants when they start to grow!



‘Open The Book’ Team

Every fortnight a few children help our ‘Open the Book’ team dramatize one of the stories from the bible. This week Year 2 helped with the story ‘Jesus heals ten men with leprosy.’ The parable tells us how they called out for Jesus mercy, to be cured from the leprosy disease. Jesus instructed them to visit the priest to cleanse them. But only one returned to say ‘Thank you.’ The one who returned received a deeper, spiritual wholeness due to his gratitude.

Thank you Year 2 for dramatizing the story so well. We learned that having gratitude and saying thank you is a very small but important action.



Years 3, 5 and 6 trip to The Cube.

On Thursday both Year 3 and Year 5/6 went to The Cube to watch the latest production by Strange Futures. It was a beautiful story, performed using puppets, of a young boy who loved stories and decided to embark upon a long journey towards the sea to share his stories along the way. It was a lovely afternoon for the children and a fantastic opportunity to enjoy such a high-quality, live performance locally. These classes took part in the production of this story as the Strange Future team came into St Matthias to gather ideas for this production. What a treat to see it in action from all the ideas!



Year 4 Learn about the Jewish New Year, Ross Hashanah

As part of their learning about the Jewish faith the Year 4 children explored how The Jewish New Year, Ross Hashanah is celebrated and why it is important. It is a two day celebration and marks the ‘beginning of the year,’ this year it is celebrated from Friday 11th September until Sunday 13th September. They tasted apples with honey; a traditional food symbolising a sweet New Year. The children really enjoyed the experience!



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.

IMPORTANT Edenred Easter Holiday Food Voucher

This Easter holiday children entitled to FSM will be given a £15 Edenred food voucher for the whole holiday and this will be emailed to the email address we have on our system. The email will be sent on Thursday 26th March. Please check your junk box. You must also download the voucher as they only last for 1 month and cannot be reissued. There is a new portal, so if there are any changes we will inform you as soon as we know.

There is local support available to families through...

- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme ([click here](#))
- The Household Support Fund (HSF) this is being updated this April 2025 ([click here](#))
- Cost of living support website ([click here](#))

Community News from our local Malvern Fire Station.

Come along next Saturday the 21st of March, to **Malvern Fire Station** charity car wash in aid of 2 fantastic charities - The **Fire Fighters Charity** & St Richards Hospice.

After last years successful charity car wash, we would love as many people to come along to get the outside of your cars looking fresh 🕶️🧼🚗🚒.



- 📍 Malvern Fire Station
- 📅 17 Saturday 21st March
- 🕒 10:00 - 15:00
- 🚗🧼 Donation per vehicle
- ★ All donations gratefully received will be split between 2 excellent charities ★

The crew will be ready on the day with the hoses to splash away any dirt. We hope to see you there! 😊

EASTER events next week...**Easter Fund Raiser**

Look out for the Easter Wall bricks which can be purchased outside school every morning. Each brick will cost £1.

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 more Easter Eggs to be donated to school for the Easter Draw.

Please be as generous as you can! The more eggs that are donated the more names we can pull out of the box. Thank you!

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 invited 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 invited 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 9am**. 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.

Florence Y1 for achieving her stage 4 swimming certificate and badge. Well done Florence you are really flourishing in your swimming lessons!

Isabella Y5 for starting a new hobby and joining a Ju Jitsu class. Well done for being brave and learning a new skill, we are very proud of you!

Jacob B Y6 for achieving his 10th grading for Karate. Jacob also has gained two tags which will mean if he works really hard for his third tag he can go on to complete his 9th grading! All the best Jacob! We believe in you!



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. Ruby, 1. Archer, 2. Noah, 3. Evie-Grace, 4. Theo, 5/6. Tommy.

Value Leaf for showing "HOPE": R. Florence, 1. Bella, 2. Theo, 3. Ella D, 4. Sofia, 5/6. Stanley.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Chloe, 1. Florence, 2. Rayan, 3. Louie, 4. Zara, 5/6. Marlee-Mae.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Heidi Yr 6



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 was Dante from Yr R. Congratulations !



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 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 32 |
| Total Number of Sessions Missed | 22 | 7 | 13 | 9 | 19 | 23 | 6 | 99 |
| Class Percentage | 87.3 | 95.3 | 92.3 | 96.9 | 90.0 | 90.8 | 98.2.0 | 93.62% |

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 again this week. Well done!

Three classes had over 95% this week! Well Done everyone; keep it up!



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Easter Service in Church
Wednesday 25th March at 9am

Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 27th March 8.55am

Activity Clubs have now ended.

New Activity Club form coming
out today with this newsletter.

New Activity Clubs will
commence on 20th April.

CLASS EVENTS

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