



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a change in the weather this week! We seem to have to be prepared for all weather types at the moment so please don't forget a raincoat in case there is drizzle at playtimes and we still go outside! We are praying for some sunshine again!

Well Done Year 1 and Year 4

This week Year 1 have completed their Statutory Phonics Screening check. We are very proud of the achievements each of you have made over the past 2 years, through Reception and Year 1 to learn all of your GPC's and practise blending and segmenting to read! This hard work and achievements supports reading and also 'reading for pleasure!'

We also say a big well done to our Year 4 children who have been completing their Statutory Multiplication Tables Check this week. Year 4 have been practising their times tables for the last few years and this week they had to complete the check using the DfE log in where they had to complete 25 questions with a few seconds in between each question. It is a big challenge so well done for focusing so well!

SEN Reviews

We are inviting parents of children on our SEND register for a one to one 10 minute meeting to review and set new targets for the next academic year. These meetings will be held during the week beginning 22nd June. Due to the number of appointments needed we will be allocating parents a time and date and unfortunately there will be little option to change it. These appointment letters have been sent home today with your child. Please complete and return the slip on Monday or as soon as possible to indicate whether or not you are able to attend.

Free School Meals – Check if you are eligible

The Department for Education has recently updated the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. This means some families may now qualify, even if they have not been eligible in the past. If you receive Universal Credit, you should apply. We strongly encourage all families to check their eligibility and submit an application.

To apply, you will need:

- Your name
- Your National Insurance number
- Your date of birth

Find out more and apply online here: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Please note: the application system will be unavailable from 9 July to 15 July.

Regards,

Free School Meals team

freeschoolmeals@worcestershire.gov.uk

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Beale.

ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

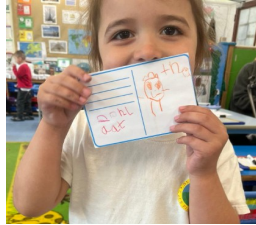
'Our school family values us all as unique individuals and children of God.

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.'



Amazing Moments this Week.

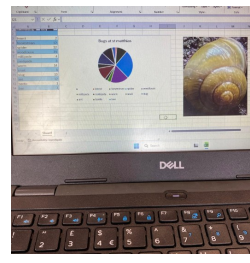
Reception have been learning about all things Australian. They have learned about animals such as Emus, Echidnas, Possums, Kangaroos and Koalas. They have been exploring aboriginal music through instruments and had fun with a didgeridoo. They have written postcards and recreated Aboriginal dot painting. Mr Salmon especially enjoyed Aboriginal Bushtucker food and making Damper bread! This is bread without yeast.



Year 1 have been exploring numbers to 100. They have been ordering numbers to 100, partitioning the numbers into tens and ones, counting forwards and backwards including finding one more and one less. Well done Year 1!



Year 2 started their computing lesson by going on a bug hunt to collect data! They used a tally chart to collect the data, took photographs of bugs found and where they were found and then they input the data into excel data sheets on the computer! Well done Year 2!



Year 3 Meeting Baby Hugo was an Amazing Moment



Mrs Cottrell popped in to visit us all again with baby Hugo! He is beautiful and very well behaved! He slept most of the time and made a few little squeaky sounds when visiting Y3! They enjoyed saying hello to both Mrs Cottrell and Hugo! Thank you for visiting!

Whizz Kids

This week Whizz Kids made their own fruity desserts! Crushed biscuits, yoghurt, chopped fruit and some squirty cream! Delicious!





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 the values mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.



Our Value this half term is "Community"

Romans 12.16 "Live in harmony with one another."

Colossians 3:13-14 "Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"

Romans 12:4-5 "Community is life-giving and essential to following Christ. Scripture says that's because we're better together than we are alone"

Helen Keller ""Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Gandhi "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others".

Coretta Scott-King "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Ours is a wonderful school, nurturing and flourishing; showing great depths of community.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Don't forget...



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

- 1, at the end of every month all children with 100% have their names put into a hat and one lucky child wins a gift voucher.
- 2, at the end of every full term (ie. 3 times a year) all children with 100% have their names put into a hat and one lucky child wins a gift voucher.
- 3, at the end of every full year ALL children with 100% are rewarded with a gift voucher!

The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week and this year so far.

The winning class certificate will be given out next Friday in the award assembly.

| | N | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Attendance Percentage <u>This Week</u> | 91.4 | 95.3 | 94.1 | 93.1 | 91.6 | 94.2 | 93.6 |
| Attendance Percentage <u>This Year so far</u> | 89.9 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 93.4 | 91.4 | 93.7 | 94.5 |

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.

Year R had the best attendance this week. Well Done.

Only Year R had over 95% this week!

Year 6 has the best attendance so far this year - can any other classes catch them?

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. Dylan, 1. Aurora, 2. Gracie, 3. Albie, 4. Nicolas, 5/6. Charlie H.

Value Leaf for showing "COMMUNITY": R. Thea, 1. Lila, 2. Paisley, 3. Kyra, 4. Ava, 5/6. Isabelle.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Ella-Jade, 1. Luna, 2. Teddy, 3. Millicent, 4. Isaac, 5/6. Stanley.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Ivy Yr 1

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Louie Yr 3

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



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.

Mia Y3 for completing her Level 1 swimming certificate. Fantastic start to your swimming lessons! We are proud of you.



Dates for your Diary

Sports Day (Reception to Y6) Friday 3rd July.

Weather permitting, we will be holding our annual Sports Day on Friday 3rd July.

We will be holding the event on our school field during the morning.

The event will be split into two sessions.

9.15am-10.30am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

10.45-12.15pm Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5/6.

Parents from the corresponding classes can watch the event and there will be an area where you can bring some camping chairs/rugs if you wish to sit. If you have children in both sessions you may stay for the morning. There will be a no smoking policy at the event. More information will follow to give details of the Sports Day event.



Nursery Stay and Play

Nursery Class will hold a special Stay and Play session with graduation for children and parents on Monday 13th July 1.30pm

Staffing Next Year

We are just finalising the details for next year and parents will be informed in our newsletter of the teachers for each class in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Sports Day Yrs R - 6
Friday 3rd July (See Page 2)
School Moving Up Morning
Tuesday 14th July

CLASS EVENTS

Year 5/6 Lifepath Trip
Monday 22nd June

Meeting for future Nursery Parents
Wednesday 24th June 3.30^{pm}

Year 6 Chase Induction Day
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Year 6 Hanley High Induction
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Year 6 Dysons Induction Day
Thursday 25th June 2026

Year 1 Worcester Cathedral
Thursday 25th June

Reception All Things Wild Trip
Wednesday 1st July

Year 6 John Masefield Induction Day
Thursday 2nd July

Year 3 Seeds for Life Trip
Tuesday 7th July

Year 4 Boundless Outdoor Trip
Monday 13th July

Nursery Stay & Play for Parents
Monday 13th July 1.30^{pm}

Year 6 Leavers Service in Church
Wednesday 15th July 9^{am}

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

SUMMER TERM

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

The full dates for the next academic year are on Newsletter 27 page 4.

All our past newsletters are on our website.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Summer Holiday Craft Box give away!

The summer holidays can be daunting for many of us having to entertain children for 6 weeks. We have a Play Therapist, Emma, who works at St Matthias and she, along with Malvern Hills District Council have offered to create and give away, FREE of charge, a box of arts and crafts to every child at St Matthias ready for the summer holidays. Inside there will be ideas of what to create and how to use them as a family. On Tuesday 14th July at 9am there will be a drop in for parents to view what is in the box and gather top tips and tricks on what to do with the FREE resources. Any parent joining the session on the 14th July will get a £5 The Works voucher to buy extra top up resources. If you would like to join the session please let the office know.



Wondering how to fill
the long summer
holidays?

In the last week of term, Time to Play with the generous support of Malvern Hills District Council, will be giving away a box of arts and crafts materials for every child in school.

For tips, tricks and ideas on how to use them, join Emma, from 9am on Tuesday 14th July



We have
the answer



£5

Voucher to spend at
The Works for every
parent who drops in

www.timetoplay.org.uk

timetoplay.office@mail.com

Time to play is a registered charity in England and Wales
(1209537)

Campaign for a Pedestrian Crossing outside St Matthias Church to enable children to safely cross Church Road. Some parents and Governors of St Matthias C of E Primary School have been on a mission to keep St Matthias children safe due to increasing traffic and no crossing patrol. We are hoping by petitioning that we will be able to convince the Local Authority Highways Authority that this is an important addition to Church Road which would benefit not only St Matthias pupils but also other children and adults in the area to safely cross an increasingly busy road. Please support by scanning the link and adding your name to the petition. Or clicking this link [Support our campaign](#)



**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT
OUR CAMPAIGN TO GET A
SAFE PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING FOR OUR
CHILDREN**

