

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Flourishing in the Community.

After all our hard work last week creating items for the Well Dressing and decorating Lord Sandy's Spout, our well in Spring Lane, we received an amazing 'GOLD' award. The weather was kind to us on Saturday during the judging of the wells and I was very excited to hear our results. I was even more excited to hear that St Matthias had also been given a special award called the 'Lionel Shorestone' trophy.

The late Lionel Shorestone was very enthusiastic about Malvern, the Hills, ecology, the wells and local history. He took over the well-dressing festival when Rose Garrad left the area and developed it into the festival it is now by telling people about it, promoting the idea and especially encouraging schools and young people to take part. He ran the festival, energetically and enthusiastically for about eight years, until he became ill. He asked that a trophy be produced for children's well-dressing and this therefore took his name and was given by his widow Barbara. It's given to the children's entry at the judges' discretion for the well-dressing with the greatest 'WOW' factor! The last time St Matthias was awarded this trophy was in 2017. What makes it even more special is that fact that Lionel Shorestone is the late great-grandfather of two pupils at St Matthias, so we are even more proud to be able to share this with them in memory of him. I know many visitors have been to our well during the May Bank Holiday and this week. The dressed well will be taken down this weekend.

Thank you for the photographs that families have sent in of the well as you visited. It is lovely to have so much support. We were also overwhelmed at how many families joined us at The Water Festival on Monday to receive our awards; I loved watching the children's faces and how proud they all looked of their achievements. Priceless! We certainly do live up to our School Vision of 'Aspire, Believe, Achieve!'



Good Luck with your SATs Year 6.

Next week, Year 6 are completing their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). I would like to wish them all the very best as they have worked so hard, particularly this year, in revising and preparing for next week. We know you will aspire to do the very best you can, believe in yourselves as we believe in you and you will achieve your goal. To make sure you feel settled, calm and as relaxed as you can be, remember to attend the special SATs breakfast club, Monday -Thursday from 8am.

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; **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.'



Outside Achievements

We have more outside achievements to celebrate this week. They were shared in our Worship this morning and we hope to inspire lots of you to share your outside achievements with us in school! Well done, we are very proud of you !

Logan Y3 & Ollie Y5 have been following in their father's footsteps in their new hobby of fishing, their patience paid off when they caught a large fish! Once their photograph had been taken the fish was put back into the lake to swim off happily! Well done boys!



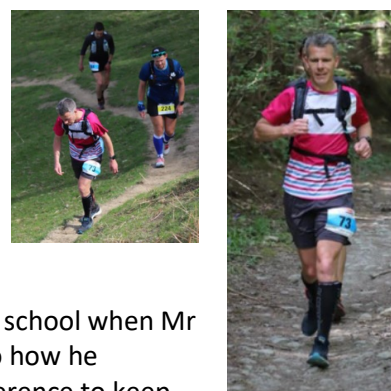
Adam Y2, has completed his level 4 swimming award. Well done, keep up the good work!



Evie, Y2, has been awarded a gymnastics medal. We are so proud of you.

Mr Salmon keeps wanting to beat his own personal bests and challenge himself so...

...On Saturday he competed his first Ultra Marathon race called 'The Malvern Hills Ultra'. It started at The British Camp car park, went over the Malvern Hills and then followed the Worcestershire trail pathway through Suckley, over Ankerdine Hill and to Abberley. Mr Salmon then turned around and ran back to finish the 45 mile course in 8 hours 40 minutes to come 4th place. (He actually ran 47 miles after getting lost!!) He climbed a total of 8000ft and was very thankful for the extra Bank Holiday day off to rest his legs!!



It was lovely to hear how our vision and values thread through in our lives outside of school when Mr Salmon described how he didn't give up, even when the challenge got tough but also how he supported and motivated others around him in the race to keep going, making a difference to keep them positive and enabling them to flourish and achieve their best too. Well done, Mr Salmon!

Life at school this week!



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. Albie, 1. Logan, 2. Sienna, 3. Summer, 4. Jayla, 5. Ollie, 6. Demi

Value Leaf for showing Hope: R. Mason, 1. Amelia, 2. Harlem, 3. Brae, 4. Archie, 5. Gracie, 6. Martha.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Elsie, 1. Jake, 2. Charlotte, 3. Lily P, 4. Sophie, 5. Jessica, 6. Maisie.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Gracie Yr 5

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REMINDER

All children need a bottle of fresh water in school every day.

Thank you.

**Attendance** The table below shows class attendance statistics for **this week**.

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	86.6%	14	Year 3	98.3%	4
Reception	93.7%	12	Year 4	96.5%	6
Year 1	82.2%	17	Year 5	90.6%	21
Year 2	97.5%	4	Year 6	96.5%	8

There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.

Well done to **Year 3** for the best attendance this week & for the least missing sessions & **Yrs 2, 3, 4 & 6** for above 96% attendance - well done!



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.

**Our Value this half term is "Wisdom"**

Matthew 7:24–27 Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practise is like the wise man who built his house upon the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practise is like the foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Proverbs 4:6-7, "Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

Dalai Lama "A spoon cannot taste of the food it carries. Likewise, a foolish person cannot understand the wise man's wisdom even if he associates with a sage."

Gandhi "Even as wisdom often comes from the mouths of babes, so does it often come from the mouths of old people. The golden rule is to test everything in the light of reason and experience, no matter from where it comes."



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Summer Fair

Saturday 2nd July

Sports Day (to be confirmed)

Leavers Service (to be confirmed)

Class Events

Yr 6 SATs Week + Breakfast Club

9th to 12th May

History Man Yrs 3 & 4

Friday 13th May

Young Voices Concert

Tuesday 17th May

Years 5 & 6 Oakerwood Trip

(For those who have paid)

Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th May.

Yrs 5 & 6 Bikeability

13th to 17th June (Details to follow)

Yr 6 Lifepath

20th June (Details to follow)

Yr 6 Chase Induction Day

Wednesday 22nd June 8.40am to 2.45pm. For all Yr6 pupils who are going to Chase in September.

Yr 3 Seeds for Life (Details to follow)

29th June

Yr 6 Dysons Induction Day

Thursday 30th June All Day
For all Yr6 pupils who are going to Dysons in September.

Yr 4 Seeds for Life (Details to follow)

13th July.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who to contact in school

MRS KAZEROONI for:- Attendance issues, reasons for absences, 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 Telephone **01684 574984**

MRS JAMES (Works Mon - Thu) for finance issues ie:- Whizz Kids or nursery bookings, paying any bills or invoices, trips, music lessons, PE kit etc please email finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Phone **01684 574984** ask to speak to Mrs James.

CLASS TEACHER for:- classroom issues, learning or behaviour related, use ClassDojo or Tapestry. 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 on 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>

Severn Trent Water - Big Difference

Help that is available from **Severn Trent Water** for reducing water bills for families with low household incomes. If eligible for the scheme, you could receive a discount of up to 90% off your water bill and potentially suspend any arrears. Please click here for more information.

<https://bigdiff.co.uk/login.php>

Platform Housing customers only

Platform Housing have launched a 'Wellbeing Fund' for all customers to access in order to help cover the cost of food, essential items such as school uniforms, energy and utility costs as well as helping to bridge the gap between a benefit application and first payment. You can apply following this link. <https://www.platformhg.com/wellbeing-fund>

Covid 19

COVID-19 symptom check ([click here](#))

Book an NHS COVID test ([click here](#)) or ring **119**

Book a COVID-19 Vaccine ([click here](#))

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

Domestic Abuse 24 hour Helpline for Women and Men - 0800 980 333

School Nurse – 01684 612668

Family Front Door - 01905 822666 to request help or to 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

SUMMER TERM 2022

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

SCHOOL CLOSSES for SUMMER

Thursday 21st July at 3.15pm

Extra Day off for Queens Jubilee

Friday 22nd July

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Teacher Education Days

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September

SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 7th September at 8.45am