

# St Matthias Newsletter



## St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### ***Dear Parents, Carers and Children,***

Thank you to everyone who took part in St Matthias Mothering Sunday Church service. We were delighted to see you all and I want to say a special thank you to the children who read so beautifully during the service. It was a lovely service celebrating all of our loved ones who we wanted to think about and thank for 'mothering' us in our lives. During the service we sang songs, listened to readings, created playdough people or symbols representing someone who looked after us and wrote messages on leaves to hang on the community tree. I was so proud of our school and church community. It was certainly a service to remember.



### **Easter Service**

Our Easter service will be held in St Matthias Church on Wednesday 29th March at 9.15am. The children will arrive as usual and register in their classrooms then head straight to the church. Each class has a special part to play during the service in amongst the Easter Songs which all children will sing. We hope you are able to join us.

Our Nursery class are staying at school for this service as they have planned special Easter story activities which are very age appropriate and will allow them to explore this event in an active way.

**Reception** will model the Palm Sunday Parade.

**Year 1** have designed a Celebration Dance

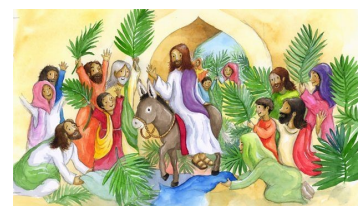
**Year 2** are re-enacting The Last Supper

**Year 3** representatives will share Easter Prayers

**Year 4** explain 'What is Salvation?'

**Year 5** representatives are reading the story through the service

**Year 6** have made Stained Glass windows showing the Easter story



### **Easter Fund Raiser**

Thank you for the donations so far towards our Easter Egg Wall. We are also grateful to the Morrisons Champion for donating a number of eggs to our fund raiser.

The drawer will be held on Friday 31st March and the last bricks to be sold will be on Thursday 30th March in the afternoon. The more bricks you buy the more chance you have of winning Easter Eggs; you may win more than one! The Easter Wall bricks are sold outside school at 8.45am and 3.15pm. **Each brick will cost £1.**

Please remember to donate Easter Eggs to school for the Easter Egg Raffle. 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!



### **Easter Food Vouchers.**

Edenred Food Vouchers will be issued next week by Wednesday 29th March. If you are eligible, then please check you have received them by Thursday 30th March and always check your 'junk/spam' email box. We cannot sort any voucher problems during the Easter break.



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; **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.'



## Learning across the school

**Early Years** have been learning about Road Safety this week. They have thought about how to be safe when walking, by holding an adults hand or the handle of a pushchair or pram. They have discussed different types of crossing and learned how to 'Stop, Look and Listen.' They practised these skills whilst in the safety of their own playground.



After thinking about prayer in **Reception**, Zoya brought in a prayer she had written independently at home. This inspired a few others in Mr Salmon's class to go home and write their own prayers independently. Mr Salmon was so proud of them I thought I would share them on this newsletter. Well done!

**Zoya**– Dear God, Why do things happen? Amen.

**Heidi**– Dear God, Thank you for our things, Amen

**Albie**– Dear God, Thank you for giving me the best mum and dad, Amen.

**Imogen**– Dear God, Thank you for the Easter happy days, Amen



**Year 1** have been exploring gymnastics—balancing, climbing, problem solving, concentration, safety, persistence and agility. Looks like great fun Year 1!



**Year 2** have been looking for signs of new life and Spring around school! This helped them understand why Easter is celebrated in Spring time.



**Year 3** have been writing their Easter prayers in collaboration, in preparation for the church service and also perfecting their computing projects creating green screen animations and adding sound and effects to their creations.



**Year 5** have been exploring the Easter story in RE through symbols, actions and pictures. They have also been learning to read the story 'Goldlocks and the Three Bears' in French!





## Speech and Language Article

### Speech and Language – Language Games

Games can be used to build language skills including vocabulary and telling a story. They can be great during car rides on long trips – or on the way home from school!

#### 5 talking games on the go



**I spy!** An old favourite. Try rhyming I spy for a change... "I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with..."

**I went to the shop and bought...** an apple, a banana... Players take it in turns to repeat the original item, and add a new one of their own – see how far you can get!



**Fortunately - Unfortunately**  
Take it in turns to tell a story one line at a time swapping between 'fortunately' and 'unfortunately'

**Pick a topic** – everyone has to name something in the category – if you repeat or hesitate you are OUT!

**Who am I?** Everyone has a post-it note on their forehead with the name of a celebrity. Players have to ask 'yes/no' questions until they find out who they are.



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If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills please phone or email the school office (admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk), and I will call you back on my next visit into school. You can also contact me directly on **01562 714700**. Jasmin Jacks (Speech and Language Therapist)

### New Website Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association

Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association (HWDA) have recently launched their new website – [www.hwda.org.uk](http://www.hwda.org.uk)

With their new website they are hoping to increase awareness of Dyslexia. In addition, they aim to make people aware of HWDA and how they support children and young people with dyslexia and related difficulties. On their website they now have free resources and links for further support to families.



The HWDA updated website is more accessible than previously as they have added videos and spoken text. They will keep updating it regularly so put it in your favourites.

### Autism West Midlands Courses

Autism West Midlands are the leading charity in the West Midlands for supporting autistic people. It is their aim to provide specialist support and advice to autistic people of all ages and their families who are living in the West Midlands and surrounding areas, enabling them to meet their full potential.



Autism West Midlands have a wide range of courses which are always being updated. They have the following courses coming up soon:

- ◆ Dads Support Group – 30<sup>th</sup> March & 27<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm-9pm
- ◆ Autism and Sensory Differences Webinar – for Herefordshire and Worcestershire Parents and Carers – 17<sup>th</sup> April – 9:30am – 11am
- ◆ Autistic Parents – Virtual Support Group – 17<sup>th</sup> April – 6pm-7:30pm
- ◆ The Annual Review of an EHC Plan – Online Parent Workshop – 18<sup>th</sup> April 6pm
- ◆ Autism and the Teenage Brain – Webinar for West Midlands Parents and Carers – 28<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am-10:30am
- ◆ Autism and Communication Webinar – On-line Training for Herefordshire and Worcestershire Parents and Carers – 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 9:30am-11am

These courses can be booked, and further courses found on their website: [www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk](http://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

## 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 !

**Libby Y1**, For persisting and completing a 250 piece jigsaw, independently. This is a brilliant achievement as I know how long puzzles can take and it is very easy to give up! So we are very proud of you!

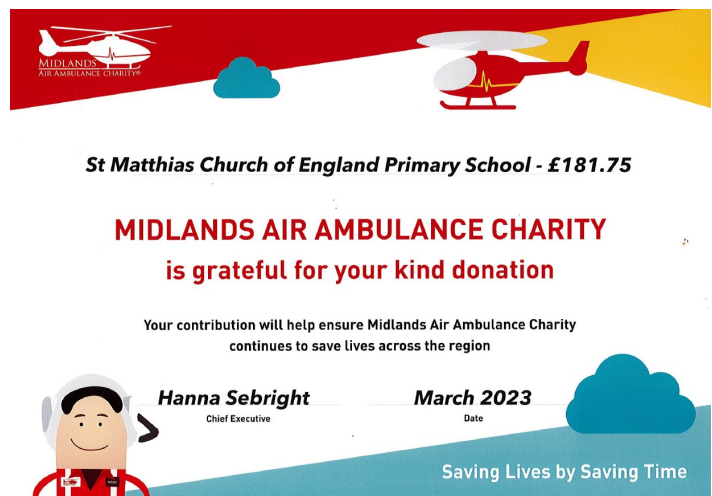
**Charlotte Y3**, for challenging herself to complete her stage 4 swimming badge and she achieved it! Well done Charlotte we are very proud of you!

**Kayleigh Y5**, for achieving her personal targets and being awarded a stage 5 medal for gymnastics! We are very proud of you keep up the great focus.

**Chase Y6**, For achieving his Stage 5 swimming award and a 50 metre swim challenge. We are very proud of your persistence and your belief in yourself to complete these awards. Well done.

**Lily P Y4**, for being such a proud 'Brownie' and sharing your badge achievements so far, I am sure there will be many more to come with your positive attitude and aspirations.

### Whole School certificate for raising £181 for the Air Ambulance



**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. Kendall, 1. Sofia, 2. Logan, 3. Tommy, 4. Zach & Evie, 5. Rosie, 6. Gracie.

Value Leaf for showing Dignity: R. Hunter, 1. Mason, 2. Jake, 3. Jasmine, 4. Poppy F, 5. Athena, 6. Year 6.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Millicent, 1. Leonardo, 2. Shanti, 3. Ellis, 4. Summer, 5. Archie, 6. Chase.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Eva Yr 1

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

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	85.1%	26	Year 3	91.9%	17
Reception	88.1%	25	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 1	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>8</b>	Year 5	90.7%	24
Year 2	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>2</b>
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to **Yr 6** for the best attendance this week at **99.2%**.

Congratulations to **Yr 6** for only having **2 absence sessions** and Year 2 for only having 4 absence sessions this week.

Well done to **Years 1, 2, 4 and 6** for above **96%** attendance this week. Fantastic! Things are improving in all Years.

**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"

**Christians see their hope in God's promise, "that love and goodness have and will ultimately overcome all evil"**

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."

**Gandhi "Only he can be a leader who never loses hope"**

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.



# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

#### Easter Service

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am in church.

Easter Bonnet Making (pupils only) in school for Nursery & Years R, 1 + 2 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> + Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Easter Bonnet Parade

9am on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9am

### CLASS EVENTS

#### Year 2 Safari Trip

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### Year 6 Black Country Museum

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

#### Reception Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Infant Agility trip to The School Games.

#### Year 6 SAT's

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

#### Year 5 Oakerwood Residential Trip

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Who to contact in school

**MRS KAZEROONI** for:- Attendance issues, (reasons for absences if possible contact us before 9.15am), 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](mailto: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, purchasing PE kit etc . please email [finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk) to ask for an appointment.

**MRS BEALE** Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on  
[head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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 directly 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 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

#### Spring 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY close for Easter at 3.15pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3.15pm

#### Summer 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY BEGIN

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 8.45am

**MAY DAY**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 - School Closed**

**King Charles Coronation Holiday**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - School Closed**

**HALF TERM**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

SCHOOL & NURSERY close for summer at 3.15pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**Staff Professional Development Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 + Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Dates for the Academic Year 2023 to 2024 are on Page 5 of today's newsletter.**



**2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC TERM DATES for St Matthias of The Spire Learning Trust****SPRING TERM**

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE FOR EASTER at 3.15pm Friday 31st March 2023

**SUMMER TERM**

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.45am Monday 17th April 2023

MAY DAY Monday 1st May 2023 School Closed

King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023 School Closed

HALF TERM Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 21st July 2023

Staff Professional Development Monday 24th July 2023 – School Closed

Staff Professional Development Tuesday 25th July 2023 – School Closed

The children attend school each year for 190 days. The staff work for 195 days per year.

The five Staff Professional development days are for staff training, the dates vary each year and are often held at other venues or online.

**2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC TERM DATES for St Matthias of The Spire Learning Trust****AUTUMN TERM**

Staff Professional Development Monday 4th September 2023 – School Closed

Staff Professional Development Tuesday 5th September 2023 – School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.45am Wednesday 6th September 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 27th October 2023

HALF TERM Saturday 28th October to Sunday 5th November 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.45am Monday 6th November 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Thursday 21st December 2023

Staff Professional Development Friday 22nd December 2023 – School Closed

**SPRING TERM**

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.45am Monday 8th January 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 9th February 2024

HALF TERM BREAK Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th February 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.45am Monday 19th February 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 22nd March 2024

**SUMMER TERM**

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.45am Monday 8th April 2024

MAY DAY (School Closed) Monday 6th May 2024 - School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 24th May

HALF TERM Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024

Staff Professional Development Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY END at 3.15pm Friday 19th July 2024

Staff Professional Development Monday 22nd July 2024 – School Closed

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# Malvern Library needs YOU!



**Do you love exploring the past?**

**Then join us for a special 'Their Finest Hour'  
Family History Event  
at Malvern Library on Saturday, 1st April  
from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**THEIR  
FINEST  
HOUR**

**Aimed at primary school-aged children and their families:**

- discover how you can get involved in our 'Their Finest Hour' Digital Collection Day in partnership with Oxford University in May 2023.
- learn how to find your WW2 ancestors on Ancestry.
- handle genuine WW2 artefacts, photographs and documents.
- make your own model Spitfire!
- discover a range of books on WW2 to borrow and find out more!

Malvern Library will host it's 'Their Finest Hour' Digital Collection Day on Saturday, 13th May from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To find out more contact Malvern Library:

- Email: [MALib@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:MALib@worcestershire.gov.uk)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MalvernLib>
- Telephone: (01905) 822722



For latest updates visit **Worcestershire Libraries** at:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)



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# 'Their Finest Hour'

## Digital Collection Day



**Saturday, 13th May 2023,  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**THEIR  
FINEST  
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Malvern Library is looking for local people to bring their stories and objects relating to the Second World War to our **'Their Finest Hour'** Digital Collection Day.

As part of a national campaign organised by **'Their Finest Hour'** and Oxford University, this is an opportunity for stories fast fading from living memory, and the wartime objects that often accompany them, to be preserved for future generations as part of a national digital archive

Join us for Second World War-style refreshments, an exhibition of the lives of Second World War casualties and much more! All welcome!



For latest updates visit **Worcestershire Libraries** at:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

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## Easter Junior Tennis Camps 2023

**Booking is now open on our Clubspark booking system for our morning 4-day camps**

Venue: Manor Park Club, Albert Road North, Malvern WR14 2TL

### **MINI PLAYERS aged 4 – 7 years 9.30 – 10.30**

MINI CAMP 1 MONDAY 3 APRIL – THURSDAY 6 APRIL

[Booking Link](#)

MINI CAMP 2 TUESDAY 11 APRIL – FRIDAY 14 APRIL

[Booking link Mini 2](#)

### **ORANGE/GREEN & YELLOW BALL PLAYERS aged 8 – 16 years 10.30–12.30**

JUNIOR CAMP 1 MONDAY 3 APRIL – THURSDAY 6 APRIL

[Booking Link Junior 1](#)

JUNIOR CAMP 2 TUESDAY 11 APRIL – FRIDAY 14 APRIL

[Booking Link Junior 2](#)

### **COURSE FEES:**

**Blue/Red Mini Players aged 4 – 7 years 1 hour per day**

**Daily fee £12 or Full 4-day fee £46**

**Orange/Green/Yellow Players aged 8 – 16 years 2 hours per day**

**Daily fee £24 or Full 4-day fee £92.00**



Note: A 10% discount is applied to Manor Park members when booking.

**Click on the links by each course for the online booking system to secure your place on whichever camp you choose.**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL CAMPS**

**AIMS:** *The camps are held to help players keep up and improve their tennis in an enjoyable environment, which includes both technical and tactical coaching and competitions. Full course attendance is recommended although if this is impossible applications will be accepted for a shorter number of sessions.*

**COACHES:** *We are fortunate in having a team of excellent, keen, enthusiastic, and competent qualified LTA Accredited+/Accredited Coaches and LTA Tennis Assistants all holding a current DBS Enhanced Disclosure certificate and who will ensure that pupils get the maximum benefit and enjoyment from the camps whatever their age or experience.*

**WET WEATHER:** *The Camps will take place whatever the weather. Access to the Indoor Courts may be possible but not guaranteed.*

**CLOTHES:** *Recognised tennis clothing, where possible, should be worn. Non marking soled shoes are required on the acrylic courts.*

**EQUIPMENT:** *We do supply HEAD sports equipment and are pleased to advise pupils when selecting a new racket. Course members receive a discount. Rackets are not provided except for MINI TENNIS RACKETS.*

**CONTACT:** [tennis@malverntennisacademy.com](mailto:tennis@malverntennisacademy.com) Tel: 01684 574435 Mob: 07831 553130 or 07813 071937