

# St Matthias Newsletter



## St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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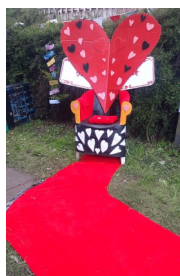


**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a very busy week preparing for this weekend's 'Well Dressing'. Every class has made a contribution to the Well, linked to the theme 'Kings and Queens.' We have thought about Kings and Queens in many different ways including; Nursery Rhymes, around the world, our Royal Family, traditional tales, Egyptians, pop music and in games! I am so impressed with the efforts once again; our Well is going to look amazing!

Year 6, with staff and Miss Tomlin, from St Matthias Church, have dressed 'Lord Sandy's Well' in Spring Lane. The judging will commence for all the Wells around Malvern on the morning of Saturday 29th April. We really hope you are able to visit the Well this weekend with your family to admire our work!



### Malvern Water Festival

Don't forget to visit Priory Park on **Bank Holiday Monday on 1st May** for a family fun day with lots of entertainment from 10am. Then **at 2pm** they will announce the prizes awarded to the Wells. There is a children's category and St Matthias will be part of that. We will be there to take part in the Prize giving and if there are any St Matthias pupils at the prize giving event they can help collect any prizes we might achieve.

The Malvern Well Dressing Festival runs from Friday 29th April to Sunday 7th May and there are 56 Wells to visit across Malvern and the surrounding hills. If you would like to find out more click on this link [Malvern Well Dressing information](#).



### Polite Reminders

Please can I remind parents not to block driveways or access to houses when you are parking at the start and the end of the day. The residents must have access to their driveways at all times. Thank you.

May I also remind children and parents that ANY type of scooter, whether a push scooter or electric scooter, that they **MUST NOT** be ridden in the playground; they **MUST** be pushed until you reach the public pathway. Thank you.

This is also a message that we have received about e-scooters from the police: *'The difference between an E-scooter and an E-bike is that E-bike motors only work whilst the pedals are being turned by the rider. If the rider stops pedalling then the motor also stops. On an E-scooter, the motor propels the scooter without any pedalling. These scooters are legal in some towns where they have specific bi-laws in place to allow their usage. Malvern is not one of those towns, so you risk having your E-scooter seized and destroyed if you are caught riding it around Malvern.'*

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.'



### Reception Trip to Morrison's Malvern

This half-term our Reception Class are learning all about the people who help them in their community. They have already visited the fire station to learn about fire safety and this week they walked to Morrison's Supermarket for a Food keepers and Shopkeepers tour.

The children had a great time learning all about what a florist does as well as watching the butcher and fishmonger in action. They got to sample some of the produce on offer as well as watch a bouquet of flowers being created.

A highlight was learning where all of the different meats come from as well as smelling the different cheeses!! They had a fabulous time and learned a lot. We would like to thank Antony, the Morrison's Champion, for organising the tour around the supermarket and allowing them to see so many different people who help the customers! What an interesting morning!

Over the next few weeks the children will be visiting the local church, opticians and Malvern Library to further deepen their understanding of our local community.



### King's Coronation Celebration

Don't forget as part of our King's Coronation celebrations next Friday, 5th **May**, Black Pepper are providing a **special Coronation lunch** for children who normally order a hot dinner. The children will receive a special packed lunch of delicious food in a Union Jack Box.

Please log onto your Black Pepper account and you can choose a ham (meat option), cheese (vegetarian option) or jam (third option) to go in their Special Coronation boxes. If your child is in KS1, then your lunch will be free as part of 'Universal Free School Meals. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals in KS2 then the packed lunch will be free. If you normally pay for the lunch it will be £2.53.



**If your child does NOT normally have a Black Pepper lunch and they would like to have one on that day**, then you are welcome to order a special lunch by going onto their website. <https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php> **Please order by Monday 1st May.**

IF your child does not want a Black Pepper afternoon tea lunch, then parents can provide their child with their own 'special' lunch with some extra treats on that day.



## Speech and Language Article

### Speech and Language – Sharing

Sharing can be a tricky skill for children to master! Here are five tips to encourage children to share – these strategies are useful to use consistently over time.

#### 5 ways to encourage children to share..

**Model sharing yourself and use the word when you do it!**  
“let’s SHARE this apple..”



**Encourage perspective - how they would feel if someone wouldn’t share with them?**

**Tell them when you expect them to share – right before a friend comes is a good time!**

**Stress the VALUE of sharing – tell them when they have made someone happy!**

**Praise them when they share well. Look for it and comment on it!**

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)



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### 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 all!

**Tiffany, Lola, Gracie, Y6** we are very proud of you all working together, supporting and encouraging each other as part of a local Malvern girls’ football team which has contributed to a number of matches where your team have won! The team has really developed and your skills have improved greatly, we are very proud of you! Keep up the great work!

**Bertie, Yr R**, for achieving your level 1 swimming award, this is a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of you.

**Tyler M Y4**, For being a super team player with your Malvern Football team and achieving a 5-1 score! You even set up a goal perfectly for your team mate! Well done! We are very proud.

**Oliver Y4**, for supporting his football team and working together to win their match, Oliver also saved a number of goals! Well done.

**Coby Y4**, For supporting his football team and winning their match. We are proud of the effort and team work you contribute to the matches you play.

**Suzie Y4**, for overcoming her fear of spiders when there was one above her bed and moving the spider to a safe place outside!

**Millicent and Harrison Yr R**, for winning a £10 book voucher each when they were entered into a class competition as part of World Book Day and were picked out of many other children and schools. Well Done.





Is your child  
0 – 4 years old?

Are you worried about  
your child's talking or  
understanding?

Would you like some advice  
from a speech and  
language therapist?



## ‘Drop in’ to a Talking Walk-In Sunshine Family Hub

Bluebell Close, Malvern, WR14 3SW

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 11:30 – 12:30

Your chance to talk to a speech and language therapist about any  
concerns you may have. No appointment necessary.

**ACTIVITY CLUBS - All clubs started well this week.**

We still have a few places available in some activity clubs. Activity clubs are **£10 for the whole term**, April to July. Clubs are timetabled for 11 weeks this term. So due to the Bank holidays, Mondays Dance club still has 8 weeks/hours to run, for £10 (This is still a bargain!) and the other clubs still have 10 hours/weeks to run for £10. Please contact Mrs Kazerooni if you would like your child to join a club. Homework Clubs are all free of charge.

**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. Mia, 1. Ryan, 2. Marlee-Mae 3. Charlotte, 4. Lily P, 5. Kaede, 6. Arlo.

**Value Leaf for showing Wisdom:** R. Albie, 1. Eva, 2. Kai, 3. David B, 4. Brae, 5. Darcey, 6. Hashim.

**Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing):** R. Anastasia, 1. Kyle, 2. Edward-Noah, 3. Sienna, 4. Lilly, 5. Jayla, 6. Elizabeth.

**Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times ):** Jacob M Yr 3

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

**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	88.7%	19	Year 3	88.1%	25
Reception	94.0%	12	Year 4	97.4%	8
Year 1	93.1%	18	Year 5	88.1%	31
Year 2	96.1%	5	Year 6	97.0%	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 **Yr 6** for the best attendance this week at **97.0%**.

Well done to **Yr 2** for the least amount of absent sessions (5) this week.

Congratulations to **Yrs 2, 4 and 6** over 96% attendance this week.

***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

**Coronation Celebration - All wear red white and blue. Friday 5th May**

**School Photographer taking Class Group photos & Yr6 Leavers Packs + New Staff at 9am on Wednesday 14th June 2023**

**Summer Fayre  
Saturday 24th June 2023**

**St Matthias Open Day – 4th July 2023  
9.30am-11.30am.**

**Whole School Transition Day – 18th July 2023**

### CLASS EVENTS

**Year 4 CLOSED Tuesday 2nd May**

**Year 2 SATs held over the month of May**

**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**

**Year 6 Induction Day The Chase  
Wednesday 21st June**

**Year 6 Transition Day Dyson Perrins  
Thursday 29th June**

## 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

### Summer 2023

**MAY DAY**

**King Charles Coronation Holiday**

**HALF TERM**

**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**

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

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

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

**Dates for Academic Year 2023 to 2024 are on Page 5 of Newsletter 23**

**ALL our newsletters can be found on our website.**



Please feel free to share the information about our Nursery and Reception and our Open Day on the next page with your family and friends.



# St Matthias CE Primary School



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***Nursery 15hr and 30hr funded places and Reception places available.***

Looking for a school with an exciting outdoor environment, staff who care about the development of your child, value high expectations alongside nurturing and social development?

Then apply for a Nursery or Reception place at St Matthias. Our team of dedicated practitioners plan a curriculum which is both exciting and stimulating based on your child's needs.

We value the importance of building strong relationships with both children and parents.

'Thank you for giving  
\*\*\* such a positive  
start to school life'

'My child talks about school constantly at home and plays schools at home. It is so lovely to stand back and listen to her being the teacher and it just goes to show what positive role models you are.'



'My child is coming out of her shell and joining in and making friends... this is so lovely to see'

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## Thank you

# St Matthias Church of England Primary School



Nursery to Year 6  
'ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE'



**Starting school in September 2023 or 2024?  
All welcome to our Open Morning!**

*Come and meet our amazing team  
and see our school in action!*

## OPEN MORNING

**Tuesday 4th July  
9.30am-11.30am**

01684 574984

Cromwell Rd, Malvern, WR14 1NA

admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Website:

<https://www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk/>

## Our School Vision

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