

St Matthias Newsletter



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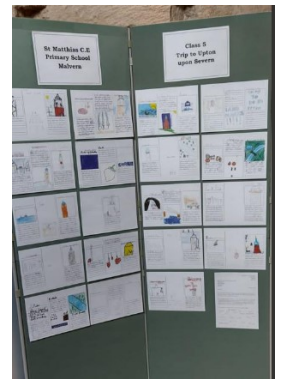
Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Firstly, I wanted to say a huge well done to our **Year 2 children** who completed their Statutory Assessment Tests last Friday. You deserve a formal congratulations as you have worked so hard, read the questions carefully and concentrated on doing your best! It was lovely to see how much progress you have made and some of you wanted to complete more!

Year 5 Writing in Upton Upon Severn

In February, you might have remembered reading about Year 5's trip to Upton as part of their Geography learning and field work study. They identified landmarks, planned walking routes and thought about how to attract tourists to the area. Following their trip, Year 5 designed and made leaflets promoting Upton; this persuasive writing was fantastic and the leaflets were of a very high standard in presentation, design, content and quality of writing. Mrs Maidens decided to send them to the Upton Tourist Information Office to thank them for their time when Year 5 visited them, but to also show how much they had learned. They were so impressed that the Year 5 leaflets are now on display in the Upton Tourist Information Office, based at the Pepperpot. The leaflets are there for all the public to view so if you would like to go and see those leaflets on display then take a visit to Upton this half term! We are hoping that the leaflets will be on display until the end of the summer!! Well done Year 5! Great writing for a purpose!



Year 6 Swimming Gala

Some of our Year 6 pupils attended a local swimming gala this week. This is the first time that St Matthias has taken part in a gala like this so we were very proud to have been able to go. It was held at Malvern College and there were eight other schools involved. The children were incredibly nervous but were raring to take part. There were a number of races including girls, boys and mixed relay races, freestyle swimming races and specific stroke races such as front crawl. The children did not give up and took part with pride. Although we didn't win any of the races we were very impressed with the determination and team effort that the children gave! We couldn't have asked for more! So well done, we are proud of you!



Support for Parents and Families

On our website there is a helpful section under the 'Parents' tab called 'Support for Parents and Families.' [Click here.](#) Within this section parents can find useful self help websites and links to support for finances, mental health, medical needs, family advice, online safety, bereavement and much more. Many of the support links can access self help advice and support, or complete self referrals or if you need help then please ask us and we can also refer for support. Support for parents and families is also known as Early Help. We understand the challenges of bringing up families and there might be times when extra help and support is needed. Please come and talk to us if you need support.

Have a lovely half term, see you on Monday 5th June at 8.45am.
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.'



Years 3 & 4 History Man Visit

This week, the fantastic History Man came in to entertain and extend the history learning for our Years 3 and 4.

Year 3 explored the Ancient Greeks, they listened to the information, tried on clothing, held artefacts and played games. They were so excited and interested in their learning.

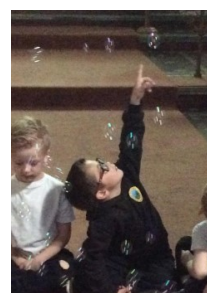


Year 4 learned all about the Romans, they tried on gladiator armour and found out about how the Roman cities were run. It is always exciting to be able to touch, hold and explore historical items to bring history to life!



St Matthias Church Visits

This week, some classes visited the church to take part in a number of workshops to explore and learn about what happened after Easter. They explored the colour white and its significance at Easter, how bubbles rise up just like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost and what helps them have confidence. They planted a seed to represent how Christians grow and have fruits of the Spirit such as love, joy, peace and generosity. They learned about the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. At the final workshop they learned about how Christians think about Jesus throughout the whole year and to remember how to 'treat others as you would like to be treated.' Thank you St Matthias Church Team for organising this learning.



Speech and Language – Reading for Meaning

As well as being able to read text it is important to make sure that children understand and think about what they have read. Here are some tips to support children to read for meaning:

5 ways to support reading for meaning 😊

Don't rush through reading book stages. Children like repetition! Where's the fun in a book they can read but not understand 😊



Play 'find the new word' in every book. Where is it and what does it mean?

Talk about what characters might be thinking and feeling.

Stop and guess what happens next. Which one of you was right? Can you think of a better ending?

Can they retell the story in their OWN words?



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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)

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!

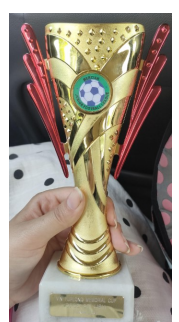
Mr Salmon, for completing a personal best time of 2 hours 49 mins and coming second place in the Worcester Marathon last Saturday. Wow that was amazing! We are very proud of you!

Dexter Y1, for joining a cricket club and persevering during each session, we love your commitment and drive to do well at cricket! Keep up the good work!

Brae Y4, for gaining his stage 4 swimming certificate and badge. Well done Brae, keep up the good work!

Ollie Y4, for gaining two awards at a football presentation one of which was the 'Manager's Player' we are very proud of your achievement and team work.

Tyler Y4, for being awarded a trophy for your team coming second place in the football league which is an amazing achievement out of 32 teams! We are proud of you and your team mates.



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. Millicent, 1. Mila, 2. Charlie 3. Damian, 4. Oliver, 5. Bonnie, 6. Mayzee.

Value Leaf for showing Wisdom: R. Gabriel, 1. Ryan, 2. Pippa, 3. Jacob B, 4. Izabela, 5. Jake, 6. Orkida.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Kendall, 1. Sofia, 2. Edward-Noah, 3. Jacob M, 4. Lily, 5. Anisia, 6. Gracie.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Sophie Yr 5

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

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

Monthly Attendance Award for May 2023 Congratulations to the amazing **88** children who had 100% attendance in May 2023. The May prize winner will be drawn after the holiday.

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	89.0%	19	Year 3	88.5%	24
Reception	88.0%	24	Year 4	92.9%	22
Year 1	93.1%	18	Year 5	80.0%	54
Year 2	95.4%	6	Year 6	91.1%	23
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 2 for the best attendance this week with 95.4% .

Well done to Yr 2 for the least amount of absent sessions 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

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

Summer Fayre 11am to 2pm
Saturday 24th June 2023

Nursery & Reception Sports Day
Thursday 29th June
Information to follow.

St Matthias Open Morning
Tuesday 4th July 2023 9.30-11.30am.

Sports Day for Years 1 to 6
Monday 10th July
Information to follow.

Whole School Transition Day
All children move into their new class
to spend day with their future teacher
on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

CLASS EVENTS

Years 4 + 6 Bell Boating
Monday 5th June.

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 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 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 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>

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/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](#))
Report Scam Emails - forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

Summer 2023

HALF TERM Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June
SCHOOL & NURSERY open at 8.45am on Monday 5th June 2023
SCHOOL & NURSERY close for summer at 3.15pm on Friday 21st July 2023
Staff Professional Development Monday 24th July 2023 + Tuesday 25th July 2023

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