

St Matthias Newsletter



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Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back after the half term break we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to have more adventures outside with your families now the weather is a warmer and drier!

We have had a very busy week in school, with even some impromptu walks in the area to start new topics! Our Nursery children started their new topic of 'Transport and Travel' and were fascinated by a book on trains. As our school is so close to a train station, it meant that the children could go and look for trains; they made a little snack of a jam sandwich, took a little stroll, found the train station, waited for some trains to wave to and then made their way back to school stopping off for a little snack on the common! How lucky are we to have such amazing surroundings!

Reception Class also went for a walk to explore their local area starting their topic called 'Where shall we go?' They will learn about their local area of Malvern and what they can do in Malvern, before travelling further afield to explore different countries such as Africa and Australia! I'm not sure our budget will stretch to an overseas school trip!



Year One have been exploring, designing and making shelters for small creatures. They needed to make sure that the creature would stay dry but also be able to get out and have air inside the shelter! They used all sorts of different construction materials to make their shelters and were very pleased with their outcomes! Year Two have been using water colours in their art lessons. Year Three have been taste testing ready to design and make their own healthy dishes! Year 5 have been exploring the effects of gravity on objects of different sizes and mass. They had to make sure the test was fair and record the results accurately!



Year 4 and Year 6 took to the water in Upton Upon Severn on Monday to learn about Bell Boating. These are really stable crafts made from two narrow, canoe-like boats that are attached together with a platform in the middle. Bell boats are great for practising teamwork, as they are paddled by up to 12 people. The better the team work the faster and further you move! They had a wonderful day and were very exhausted by the end!



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Beale.



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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.'



Sports Day - Monday 10th July 2023

On Monday 10th July, at 10am, we will be holding our Sports Day for Years 1-6. This year we are holding the Sports Day at Dyson Perrins High School. It is wonderful to have strong links with our local High School and be able to use their large grounds. Parents are able to attend and watch their children take part in the Sports Day, however due to safeguarding procedures parents will not be able to use their toilet facilities. Our Sports Day will only last for a maximum of 1.5- 2 hours so we are hoping that parents will be able to last that long without needing the toilet or going off site for any other reasons. Smoking and vaping will also not be permitted whilst on their premises. Children will be able to use their facilities as normal but chaperoned by school staff.



The Sports Day will consist of team games, activities and competitive style races. Dyson Perrins Young Leaders will be creating a number of activities for each group to complete to collect points for their teams. The school will be organised into 4 coloured houses and each house team will collect points for their coloured house. Each house will have 3 teams. If you have more than one child in Years 1-6 then they will be in the same coloured house so you can follow them at Sports Day and support each child. The first part of the Sports Day will be carousel type activities. After that we will have a short break, drink and healthy snack. The last part of the Sports Day will be traditional style races where you will see, running, skipping, egg and spoon etc. The children will complete these with their classes. Once these races are finished the children will be able to say goodbye to parents who have attended and we will walk back to school for lunch.

We hope you are able to attend our Sports Day on 10th July. Parents can arrive at Dyson Perrins High School from 9.45am. Once on the field, the main gates will be locked until we leave at lunchtime. Therefore, please make sure you are able to stay the whole time without needing to leave for any reason. We will not have any codes or keys to let you out. This is for safeguarding reasons for both our school and Dyson Perrins children.

Nursery and Reception Sports Day will be held on our school field on Thursday 29th June at 10.45am. Parents of children who attend Nursery and Reception are welcome to attend and encourage. Please look out for more details on ClassDojo.

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!

Jake Y2, for starting a new club and really enjoying taking part in the teamwork. We are very proud of you joining 'All Stars Cricket Club' in Malvern and can't wait to hear about your amazing achievements!

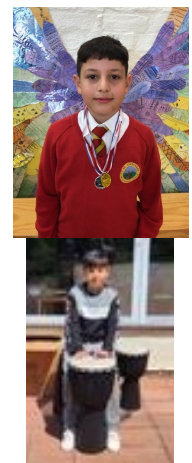
Alumie Y5, during the half term holiday you took part in a drumming workshop and gained medals for your efforts! We are very impressed!

Alice YR, for nurturing and caring for your sunflower seeds, which you planted all by yourself at Webbs in February half term. They have grown into beautiful flowers because you have looked after them, watered them and cared for them! We are very proud of you Alice!

Kayleigh Y5, for competing in a novice regional gymnastics competition. Well done we are very proud of you!

Libby Y1, for completing a home Maths book independently during the half term holiday which enabled her to gain a certificate. We are very proud of you!

Anisia Y5, for achieving her Level 6 swimming certificate. We are very proud of you!



Invitation to Midlands Air Ambulance Charity's Strensham Airbase!

Charley Burke, who visited our school to promote 'Wear it Red Day' contacted me this week to invite our children, families and staff to their Open Day on Sunday 20th August 2023 (wearing red if you can!)

The open day is from 10am-4pm and the event is FREE to attend. There will be activities for all the family to enjoy including demonstrations of the life saving treatment their crew provide on scene, merchandise stalls, refreshments and a raffle.

There will be other local emergency services there too including the police, ambulance service and fire and rescue, You might even be able to look inside the vehicles. Parking and entry is FREE, other activities may have a cost involved. To find out more click on this link

<https://www.midlandsairambulance.com/events/strensham-airbase-open-day-2023/>

Join us at our Strensham Airbase for our annual Open Day

Location: Strensham Airbase, M5 Northbound Strensham Service Area, Worcestershire WR8 0BZ

Date and time: Aug 20, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 2023

Contact: Jo Bailey (0800 8 40 20 40/jo.bailey@midlandsairambulance.com)



Our Neighbourhood - Please can I remind everyone to be considerate of our neighbours; please do not... block drives, smoke outside school or neighbour's homes, play loud music or sit on walls. Also please remember not to pull up on the zig-zags, for the safety of our pupils. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Speech and Language – Attention and Listening

Year 1 are working on their listening skills using the 'Teaching Children to Listen' programme. Here are some tips to support listening skills at home:



ALL children are more affected by background noise than adults. We screen it out. They don't. Turn off or turn down when you talk and play together.

Model the behaviour that you want to see. Look at THEM when they are talking to you and wait for THEM to finish talking before you speak.

No-one can talk and listen at the same time so model really good turn taking with them. Wait for them to finish before you start talking and encourage them to do the same for you!

The less you talk the more likely they are to listen! Use short and simple sentences; say them slowly; use pauses and they are more likely to stay with you.

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM AND POSSESSIONS

We often have lots of clothing left over after school, clubs and playtimes. Sadly lots of items have no names on or the names have washed / rubbed off or fallen off. Below is one way to ensure that your child has their items of clothing named and therefore if lost, items will be easy to return to the owner.

Our Fundraising parent group has signed our school up to 'My Name Tags'. **All you need is the school ID 26764** and when you purchase your name labels 24% of the purchase price is donated to school by the company. They are not the cheapest but parents assure us that they are good quality and value for money.

You can use this link: <https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=26764> (you may need to copy the link and paste it in your browser) .

Or go to the website www.MyNametags.com once you have selected your design and come to the payment section, use the School ID number **26764**. **DO NOT use the school name. You must use the code 26764**. If this is the method you choose to name your children's clothing and other items we thank you for your support with not only naming items of clothing but raising money for the children. Thank you.

The Pollen Bomb – Friday 9th June and this weekend!

Many children are suffering with hay fever symptoms which can be uncomfortable and exhausting. The Met Office is predicting a high concentration of pollen in Worcestershire/ Herefordshire and Shropshire from Friday 9th June and covering this weekend.

The pollen levels are higher in one period in this year because the cold Spring weather has delayed the tree pollen to coincide with grass pollen production.

Hay fever medication can be taken today/tonight which will accumulate with a dose tomorrow and the weekend which may help alleviate symptoms. The pollen count tends to rise as the day progresses as warm air rising draws pollen up from ground level. The hot weather also exacerbates the effects upon the sufferer, so some children may benefit from staying inside.

This is what the NHS website suggests ...

Do

- ✓ put Vaseline around your nostrils to trap pollen
- ✓ wear wraparound sunglasses to stop pollen getting into your eyes
- ✓ shower and change your clothes after you have been outside to wash pollen off
- ✓ stay indoors whenever possible
- ✓ keep windows and doors shut as much as possible
- ✓ vacuum regularly and dust with a damp cloth
- ✓ buy a pollen filter for the air vents in your car and a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter
- ✓ try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you have a high temperature or you do not feel well enough to do your normal activities

Don't

- ✗ do not cut grass or walk on grass
- ✗ do not spend too much time outside
- ✗ do not keep fresh flowers in the house
- ✗ do not smoke or be around smoke – it makes your symptoms worse
- ✗ do not dry clothes outside – they can catch pollen
- ✗ do not let pets into the house if possible – they can carry pollen indoors

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. Kyra, 1. Mia, 2. Shanti 3. Charlotte, 4. Lilly, 5. Lily-Ann, 6. Lily.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Ellie, 1. Miriam, 2. Ortensia, 3. Tommy, 4. Logan C, 5. Sam, 6. Elizabeth.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Evie-Grace, 1. Albie, 2. Logan, 3. Jasmine, 4. Jamie, 5. Stuti, 6. Jessica.


Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Lily-May Yr 6

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

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

Monthly 100% 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 on Monday.

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	95.3%	8	Year 3	89.5%	22
Reception	93.0%	14	Year 4	92.2%	24
Year 1	97.7%	6	Year 5	87.8%	33
Year 2	100%	 0	Year 6	95.2%	13
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 perfect attendance this week with 100%.

Well done to Nursery for a massive improvement in their attendance. Well done Nursery!

Well done to Years 1 & 2 for achieving over our 96% target.



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 they 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"

Eisenhower "This world of ours must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect."

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

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

Our school library needs updating with NEW and up to date books as most of our books are now 10 years or older. Times change and the world changes and Mrs Maidens is on a mission to start to rebuild and revamp our school library over the next few years! This is a big project! Please scan the QR code below to help us be in with a chance of winning £1000 and a £500 grant to help kick start this project!!

HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY!

Help us rebuild our library and encourage reading for pleasure – nominate us today to win £1,000 of National Book Tokens plus a £500 grant to improve our library space.

If yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll win a £100 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop!



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nationalbooktokens.com/schools



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

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

Year 6 Induction Day The Chase
Wednesday 21st June.

Year 6 Transition Day Dyson Perrins
Thursday 29th June.

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

Year 3 Seeds for Life Trip
Wednesday 5th July (Letter soon)

Year 4 Seeds for Life Trip
Tuesday 11th July (Letter soon)

Y6 Leavers Service Wednesday 19th
July 9.15am– ONLY Year 6 Parents

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

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

ALL our newsletters can be found on our website.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MATTHIAS PRESENT

Beach Carnival

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE. 11AM - 2PM

CROMWELL ROAD - SCHOOL GROUNDS

BRING A DECK CHAIR OR A PICNIC BLANKET

COME JOIN THE FUN

RAFFLE BBQ Games

REFRESHMENTS

Ice creams Bric a Brac

outside stalls TOMBOLA

& much more

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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**

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