

St Matthias Newsletter



St Matthias Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Virginia Beale

Cromwell Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire, WR14 1NA.

Telephone or Facsimile 01684 574984

Email: head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Website: www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk



Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

World Book Day 2024 turns into more than a week!

I want to thank everyone who has taken part this week in so many amazing activities linked to World Book Day and promoting the value of reading for pleasure and 'reading your way!' I want to especially thank Mrs Maidens for organising such a fabulous week full of authors, story telling, sharing stories, reading with our families, dressing up creative arts, online workshops, writing and illustrating. It has been such an inspirational event! **Every** child even got to take home a free World Book Day book to keep and enjoy, plus a token to use to purchase another WBD book.

Here is a summary of our World Book Day celebrations.

Last Friday, Years 5 and 6 walked to Malvern Cube to see the author Onjali Q. Rauf. She was very inspiring and told us that each of her stories feature a main character who asks lots of questions. Many children were able to meet her and have their books signed!



On Monday, Years 2-6 took part in an online session about fairy stories and traditional tales. Authors Michael Rosen and Jasbinder Bilan told stories and gave writing tips, while illustrator Allen Fatimaharan drew amazing pictures as they spoke!



On Tuesday, we welcomed author of *Granny Magic*, Elka Evalds to St Matthias. She worked with EVERY pupil, leading inspiring lessons about 'Heroes and Villains' in Years 5 & 6, a metaphor poem in Year 3 & 4, Magical beasts in Year 2, Magical Grannies in Reception and Year 1 and finally, sharing a story in Nursery. Elka was thrilled that so many children bought a book and she happily signed them.



**Have a lovely weekend and a very happy Mothering Sunday to everyone who 'mothers' and cares for us.
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.'



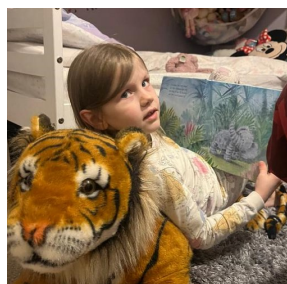
World Book Day 2024 ... continued

Thursday was World Book Day and the theme this year was 'Read Your Way'. There was plenty of opportunity to enjoy reading, discuss books, create our own stories and listen to our teachers read to us. As a whole school, we shared the book *'Happy: A Children's Book of Mindfulness'*, which is a beautiful poem about taking time to breathe, slow down, notice and appreciate the world around us. I was also invited as a special visitor to Nursery class where they all read their own creative stories to me, there were some super illustrations!



'Read your way'

We had some amazing 'Read your way' photographs sent in during the WBD event! I even spotted someone at 'Lord Sandy's Spout Well' reading! We will be dressing this well soon! I loved the reading in the snow and seeing lots of children reading Elkas's book!



Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome so many families to our Reading Café today. Children enjoyed a biscuit and shared books with their loved ones.



Encouraging a **love of books** and developing a habit of **reading for pleasure** is a primary aim at St Matthias.

What we do every day:

Listen to a story: Each class has a 'special box' with a range of high-quality books. Every day, the class teacher will read one of these books to the children in Class Novel time. We also use texts recommended by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education in our English lessons, so our children experience rich language through a wide range of books.



Independent reading: Our reading areas in each classroom are well stocked with 'interest boxes' so children can choose from a range of genres: from newspapers and magazines to non-fiction books and poetry.



Reading at home: Children take a book home every week from our bookshelves (matched to their reading ability). We also encourage children to take home additional books that interest them to share with an adult at home. Additionally, we run a 'Book Swap Library', which is located in the reception area, so your child should never be short of a new book to enjoy!



Celebrating reading: We promote reading every week in our celebration assembly. Children are selected each week if they have read at home or gained 100% in their comprehension quiz and they receive a new book as a prize.

Library Project: We have been working on a long term project to update the school library and reading areas in each classroom. We have completed an audit, removing 'out of date' and tatty books, identifying areas of need and applying for grants. Mrs James has secured a large donation from a local councillor, so we are now in a position to begin buying new titles for our children to enjoy! We will keep you updated regularly on this exciting project.

Bikeability

Well done to everyone who took part in Bikeability this week, the weather was very kind to us! The bikeability teachers were very complimentary about our school and are keen to come back next year! The Year 6 children practised their skills of observation, balance and road safety and went out on the road to be assessed. Our Year 5 pupils learned about bike safety whilst on the playground. They will build on these skills next year when they complete their level 2. We are proud of everyone who was able to take part.

Please remember to always wear your bicycle helmet when riding your bike, it is a safety necessity rather than a fashion statement; remember it is there to protect you, should you fall off or from a bike whilst riding.



Nursery September 2024

Children join our Nursery in the term after they become 3 years old. Therefore, a child can join our Nursery from September 2024, if they were born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. We cater for 15 or 30 hours; we are flexible with parents' working hours; we have wrap around care from 7.45am to 5.20pm/6pm. If you have not completed an application form please ask for one at the school office and return it to Mrs Kazerooni asap.

St Matthias Church of England Primary School

Nursery to Year 6

'ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE'



Starting school in September 2024 or 2025?

Visits to St Matthias are warmly welcomed!

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

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.

Listen to what our parents say about us....

Our School Vision

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.'

'Educational trips and enhanced experiences complement learning'

'The teachers are all really approachable and genuinely care about your child's wellbeing.'

01684 574984

Cromwell Rd, Malvern, WR14 1NA

admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Website:

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

Easter Fund Raiser

For our Easter Fund Raiser we are going to be holding our usual **Easter Egg raffle** where you can buy a 'brick' to be put into a draw to win an Easter Egg. Every brick bought will be put into a box and during our last Worship the named bricks will be pulled out and that person will win an egg. The more bricks you buy the more chance you have of winning Easter Eggs; you could win more than one!



We are also looking for Easter Eggs to be donated to school for the competition.

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!

Look out for the Easter Wall bricks which can be purchased outside school in the mornings for the next 2 weeks. Each brick will cost £1.

Outside Achievements

We have already started to celebrate our outside achievements 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!

Oakley Y5, for gaining 'Player of the Match' at his football match where he supported his team and they were very proud of him. We are very proud of you!

Oliver Y5, for supporting his team to win their football match. Oliver usually plays in goal however he also played in a different role and scored a goal. Well done, we are proud of you!



Black Pepper School Lunches

Please remember you are responsible for ordering meals for your children during the Easter holiday; please order the meals on or before midnight on 5th April.

You need to choose your child's meal options whether your child is entitled to free meals or whether you pay.

Remember all pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to free meals (UFSM) regardless of your income.

Plus all children from low income families are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).

<https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

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. Amelia, 1. Ella D, 2. Elsie, 3/4. Jacob, 5. Brooke, 6. Connor.

Value Leaf for showing HOPE: R. Ayra, 1. Gabriel, 2. Esmae, 3/4. Ella H, 5. Oakley, 6. Sam.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Scarlett, 1. Rio, 2. Dexter, 3/4. Kai, 5. Tyler, 6. Molly.

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

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

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



ATTENDANCE

Every second, every minute, every hour and every day of learning counts towards your child's education and their future. Please encourage them not to miss out!

Don't forget...

at the end of every month all children with 100% have their names put into a hat and one lucky child wins a voucher.

and ...

at the end of every full term (ie. 3 times a year) all children with 100% have their names put into a hat and one lucky child wins a voucher.

and ...

at the end of every full year all children with 100% are rewarded with a voucher.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance The table below shows class attendance statistics for **this week**. The certificate will be given next Friday.

	Percentage	Days missed		Percentage	Days Missed
Nursery	86.2%	4.5	Year 3/4	96.7%	5
Reception	90.4%	11.5	Year 5	90.3%	15
Year 1	96.6%	3.5	Year 6	93.2%	8
Year 2	94.0%	8	Whole School	93.0%	55.5
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

We are pleased that two classes, Years 1 and 3/4 are at or above our target of 96% - Well done to you!

Congratulations to Year 3/4 for the best attendance again this week.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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

Mothering Sunday Service

St Matthias Church Sunday 10th
March at 10.25am

Each Class will have an individual Lent experience in church.

11th—14th March

Easter Service in Church

Wednesday 20th March

Preparations for Well Dressing

29th April to 2nd May

Well Dressing

Friday 3rd May

CLASS EVENTS

Yrs R and 6 School Nurse to do Heights & Weights

Monday 15th April

Yrs R & 1 Dental checks for 5yr olds.

Wednesday 24th April.

Year 2 SAT's

During May

Year 6 SAT's

13th—16th May

WHO TO CONTACT IN SCHOOL

MRS KAZEROONI (Mon, Tue, Thu + Fri) 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 (Mon - Thu) for finance issues ie:- Whizz Kids or Nursery bookings, paying any bills or invoices, trips, music lessons, purchasing PE kit or 2nd hand Uniform; 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>

HELPFUL INFORMATION



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.

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

Spring Term 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

Friday 22nd March 2024 at 3.15pm.

Summer Term 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

Monday 8th April 2024 at 8.40am.

MAY DAY (School Closed)

Monday 6th May 2024 - School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

Friday 24th May at 3.15pm

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024

Staff Development

Monday 3rd June 2024 – School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

Tuesday 4th June at 8.40am

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Friday 19th July 2024 at 3.15pm

Term Dates for Next Year are on Newsletter 17 on our website.



Hop into Easter with us!

JOIN OUR FREE EASTER FAMILY CRAFT WORKSHOP

*Primary School aged children with their
families are all welcome to join us for Easter
craft*

*Drinks and snacks included
Thursday March 28th 10:30-12:00*

The Ascension Hall, Somers Park Avenue

For more detail email - schools@mlwc.church



HEREFORD & WORCESTER
HWFR
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



PREVENTION

HOW SAFE ARE YOU?

Complete your **FREE** online Home Fire Safety Check now!

www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc

For further information about a **FREE**
Home Fire Safety Visit call us on

0800 032 1155



Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**
THURSDAY MARCH 7th. 7-9PM £24
Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Are you or your children struggling
to get a decent night's sleep?



Supporting Healthy Sleep

5th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE
giving a two hour online talk on what interferes with
healthy sleep and how we can make small changes to
reduce insomnia and sleep disturbances.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



March 2024

Newsletter

FACE it!



The CPD Standards Office
CPD PROVIDER: 22640
2024-2025
www.cpdstandards.com

Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who
works with children or teenagers.

**National Standards CPD accredited
with certificate**

Monday
18 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge
improvements with your ability to
communicate with someone on the
spectrum.

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance and
Commitment Therapy
A different approach to supporting
Anxiety, Anger, OCD & Neurodiversity

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and
giving practical advice