

St Matthias Newsletter



St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a very busy week and a lot of rain dodging! We welcomed our 'Open The Book Team' back on Monday afternoon and our Y5/6 class helped act out the bible story of 'The Lost Sheep and Zaccheaus the Tax Collector'. The message was that even if we get things wrong God's unconditional love, forgiveness and repentance shines through; it also teaches us about the importance of changing our behaviour and making better choices even if we have made mistakes, often starting with a 'sorry.' The whole school joined in with parts of the story, acting out the shepherd looking left, right, up and down for his lost sheep. They acted out being hot and exhausted from looking. But I was most impressed with the way they managed to stay calm and continue to listen to the story through some really loud claps of thunder and lightening just as we were together in the hall! At the end of the story we sang a 'Thankful' song linked to our value this term and drowned out the sounds of the weather. Well done everyone, loud claps of thunder can be a bit scary at times but the children were wonderful – as usual and really understood the key message from our Worship.



I wonder if there has ever been a time when you have had to say 'sorry' or seek forgiveness? I wonder if you have ever forgiven someone who may have made a wrong choice and it has been hard to forgive?

Our School Priorities

Our priorities are to maintain high expectations to ensure your children continue to make progress across the curriculum. We will achieve this by continuing to provide an engaging and a well sequenced curriculum that meets the needs of all learners, ensuring that the children build on prior learning and retain lots of new knowledge and skills. We are particularly focusing on high quality writing across the curriculum and continuing to develop a reading culture.



Parents, you can help us achieve our priorities by supporting your child to read at home every day, complete all homework set, talk about words and their meanings and also by enabling your child to have an excellent school attendance (above 96%). Please avoid booking holidays in term time as we have a duty report low attendance to the Local Authority and they may issue a fine if the absence is persistent. If possible general medical appointments should be booked outside school hours. Every hour, every day, every half day and every lesson counts towards giving your child the best chance of success and making as much progress as they can. Please support us in educating your child. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Beale.

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Polite Parking and Respect for our Resident Neighbours request

This week our local neighbours visited St Matthias School to attend a meeting with myself, Mr Thompson and our Chair of Governors Mrs Bessant. They emailed me at the start of term with some genuine concerns for the safety of our children coming to school but also concerns about parking illegally. I embraced them talking to us to highlight safety of our children and would like us as a whole school to work together for the safety of our children. It also enables us to have positive relationships in the community which is so important. Our school rules are **Ready, Respectful and Safe** and this meeting covered all of those rules and values which we as a school teach your children too!



I also explained to the neighbours how difficult it was for parents to access school as we are in a residential area and one of their requests was to not use the access to school along the alleyway. I shared that this was not possible as children walk to and from school and it was safer to use 3 gates rather than one to enter and exit. Which they agreed with in the end. It was a really useful discussion with both school and residents listening and compromising with each other, very positively. They have also campaigned to the council about the amount of dog faeces along the alleyway and have managed to get signs and a patrol going. This has benefited us as a school too, for which I was grateful!

Their main concerns were mostly linked to Hampden Road and Cromwell Road and I am sure some of you may have understand their worries. Hampden road is a very small residential street with no through road. There is a turning space at the end with double yellow lines. Hampden Road leads to the bottom of our playground by the alleyway.

Cromwell Road is where our main entrance is to school, it is a one way system and also a residential area.

The concerns raised I have to say I agree with and could also affect the safety of our pupils and any other pedestrians and pets in the area. I have told the residents that I would share the key messages with you so you can help too...

- ◆ **Speeding** – Please ensure your speed is appropriate for the time of day when there are a lot of very young people walking to school and crossing roads. Speeding is illegal and also could kill a child or pet if a car was unable to stop in time; especially in residential areas.
- ◆ **Parking on double yellow lines** – this is illegal and again the lines are there for the safety of road and path users. We need these areas clear so children can cross the road and have a clear view for crossing.
- ◆ **Parking in a turning area** – Hampden road has a turning space with double yellow lines. This is used for cars to turn safely so they can exit Hampden Road. If cars are parked in this area it can cause cars to be unable to turn and therefore could cause an accident.
- ◆ **Blocking driveways and parking on dropped curbs** – Please avoid blocking residents driveways and parking on dropped curbs even if it is for a few minutes. It can cause upset for the people living at the houses and they also need to have access to their driveways at all times.
- ◆ **Sitting in cars with engines running** – It is illegal under section 123 of the Highway Code to sit in a vehicle, even for a short space of time, with the engine running. It also adds to air pollution and can be noisy outside someone's home.
- ◆ **Anti-social behaviour** – It saddened me when they shared that a small number of parents had argued and sworn at our neighbours. I know it is very difficult when there is challenge to move a car but being respectful and responding politely is something we try to instil in your children and as adults we are role models to children.

Actions

- ◆ For me to share with my parents some of the concerns our neighbours had regarding the parking, the respect and the genuine worry that a child could get hurt if we don't work together.
- ◆ The neighbours understood that it was challenging for our school and also other schools parking in residential areas so as long as we are parked legally and act respectfully they are happy.
- ◆ We all agreed that the education and safety of the children at St Matthias C of E Primary School was paramount as was the education and safety of their own children.
- ◆ For both our school and neighbours to work together for a safer area and take on board concerns.
- ◆ For school to look into cutting back the hedges and trees along the alleyway near the church so the area is larger to stand in and safer for passers by.

Outside Achievements

It was lovely to celebrate so many outside achievements this week following the summer holidays. We always enjoy hearing about all the different activities and achievements your child has completed as it can inspire others.

Please let Mrs Beale know about the outside achievement and send a photograph via Class Dojo if you have one so we can also celebrate this on a Friday morning and in the weekly newsletter.

George N was a mascot for Malvern Town Football Club, he walked out with the players and even got to have a kick around on the pitch. What a super star you are George! Well done we are proud of you!

Flossy YR for completing her Level 1 swimming and gaining a certificate and badge. We are very proud of you, keep up the great work and good luck with Level 2!

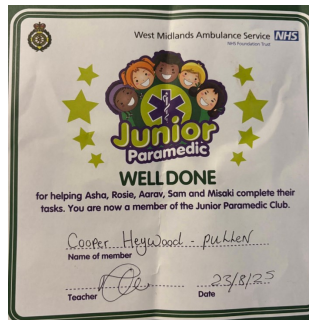
Florence Y1 for achieving her Stage 3 swimming badge and certificate; well done we are proud of you! You also received a medal for taking part in a training session with the under 8's team at Malvern Cricket Club! Well done, keep up the super work!

Bella Y2 for completing her summer cricket season and without any rest started her second season of Rugby at Malvern RFC. Good luck for your first match at the end of the month! We are very proud of you!

Cooper Y2 completed a Junior Paramedic West Midlands Ambulance Service course during the summer holidays! This is such an important life saving skill to have! We are very proud of you!

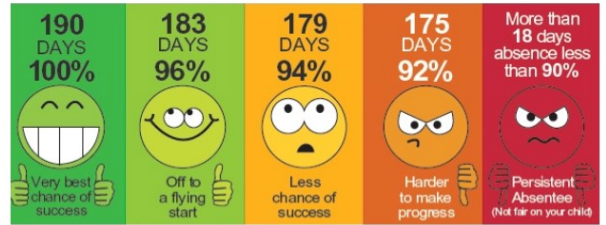
Bertie Y3 for winning the 'Batting Award' for the under 8's cricket team as well as a medal for taking part in the season. Your team won a super 10 out of 12 matches and are through to the regional finals! Good luck on 14th September!

Stanley Y6 helped his mum over the summer build a very special fairy garden for his little sister! It was very hard work and it looks amazing! Your little sister loves it and your mum and dad are very proud of you; so are we!



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance - The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week; the certificate will be given out next week.



	Percentage	Days missed		Percentage	Days Missed
Nursery	92.0%	5 days	Year 3	93.9%	5.5 days
Reception	91.3%	6 days	Year 4	99.2%	1 day
Year 1	95.6%	3.5 days	Year 5/6	94.4%	9 days
Year 2	91.8%	11.5 days	Whole School	94.25%	83 days

There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.

Congratulations to Year 4 for the best attendance this week with 99.2%, almost perfect. Well Done!
We are pleased with Years 1 and 4 for being above our 95%. Congratulations!

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. Ella-Jade, 1. Archer, 2. Neveah, 3. Bradley, 4. Eva, 5/6. Evie.

Value Leaf for showing WISDOM: R. Jaxon, 1. Florence, 2. Cooper, 3. Heidi, 4. Mila, 5/6. Heidi.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Ruby, 1. Sarada, 2. Myles, 3. Ella, 4. Esmae, 5/6. Charlie S.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Imogen in Yr3



Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Cooper Yr 2

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



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 Thankfulness

Colossians 2:7 Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness."

Psalms 118:2 "This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Dalai Lama "When you practise gratefulness, there is a sense of respect towards others"

Charles Shcwab "The way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and thanks. Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough. He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."

Adults in school will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be thankful and grateful for the good things in their lives.

We are thankful for the gifts God has given each and every one of us to enable us to be unique individuals and make a difference in our own ways.



St Matthias C of E Primary School

Nursery to Year 6

'ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE'



All welcome to our Open Morning!

Starting school in September 2026 or 2027 or interested in visiting our friendly and caring school?

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



ALL CURRENT PARENTS ARE WELCOME

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 18th November

9.30am-11am

No booking needed

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NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Nasal Flu Vaccine (Yrs R - 6)
Monday 22nd September am.

Harvest Festival Service
Wednesday 15th October 9am
In St Matthias Church

School Photographer
Monday 20th October (am.) to take every individual child plus sibling groups from within school. Siblings who don't attend the school can have family photographs from 8.20am. New staff will also be photographed.

Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 21st October or
Wednesday 22nd October

School Open Morning
Tuesday 18th November 9.30-11.30am

CLASS EVENTS

Storytelling Festival KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Wednesday 22nd October

Storytelling Festival KS2 (Yrs 3 to 6)
Thursday 23rd October

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who to contact in school

MRS LEWIS (Works Mon, Tue, Thu + Fri) for:- Attendance issues, (reasons for absences if possible contact us before 9.15am), medical issues, 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 to Wed + Thu am only) for finance matters :- 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 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 ME

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 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](#))

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

AUTUMN TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Wednesday 3rd September 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 24th October 2025

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN at 8.40am Monday 3rd November 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 19th December 2025

SPRING TERM

Staff Training

Monday 5th January 2026 – School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

at 8.40am Tuesday 6th January 2026

Fussy Eating Workshop



Wednesday 1st October 25
12:45 - 2:45pm
at Buttercup Family Hub,
Carnforth Drive, WR4 9HG



As parents or carers, we want our children to eat well and enjoy mealtimes together.

Come and join us to enable you to:

- Find out about child friendly foods that provide what they need to grow and be healthy
- Get support to help your child to enjoy new food
- Find out how to gain happier family mealtimes
- Get support and new ideas to encourage your child to try new foods



To book, please
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September Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 10am
Supporting A Child With ADHD	15 Sep 7pm
Improving Family Communication	16 Sep 10am
Autism Improving Communication	16 Sep 7pm
Facing Defiance	22 Sep 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	22 Sep 7pm
Understanding Anger	23 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	23 Sep 7pm
FREE Facing Defiance	25 Sep 7-8pm
Introduction To OCD	29 Sep 10am
What Is ACT?	29 Sep 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	30 Sep 10am
Anxiety Explained	30 Sep 7pm
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm

Understanding Your Teen's Behaviour workshop



WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS

Free online 2 hour workshop

Tuesday 23rd September 6 - 8pm



Would you like to know more about your Teens development and better understand their behaviour?

We all know being a parent can be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles you will ever take on as an adult, and sometimes we could all use a little extra help.

This relaxed and fun digital group will help you to explore topics like:

- Teen brain development
- Communication
- Sleep patterns
- Understanding teen behaviour

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Suitable for families with children aged 11 to 19 years

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