

St Matthias Newsletter



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Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Don't forget the clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday 26th October to end British Summer Time (BST)

School Photographs

Our school photographer worked incredibly hard on Monday to complete individual and family photographs. The children were super and thank you to parents who came in early to have whole family photos, for being prompt and efficient! We will hopefully get the proofs soon and then you have a short period of time to order the prints; they will make super Christmas presents!



Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you found the evening informative and encouraging. If you attended the meeting in person you should have taken home the paperwork shared with you during the consultation. If you were unable to attend then after half term we will send home the information sheet for you to read. Please remember to contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo if you would like to discuss anything related to your child.

The next formal Parents' Evenings will be in the Spring Term, but please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you need to before that consultation.

Storytelling Festival

We have had another fun packed week and successful end to a busy half term by taking part in the brilliant Storytelling Festival in Great Malvern for Years 1-6 hosted by 'Boffy Events'. Thank you again to Mrs Maidens for organising this for us! Please remember to visit this weekend as it is a public event. The festival is being held in Great Malvern where there will be a variety of activities to explore in different locations throughout the town. Click on this link to find out more...



<https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/great-malvern-festival-of-stories-for-children/>

There promises to be music, puppets, story telling, illustrators, authors and so much more! Read on in this newsletter to see what the children experienced. See Page 7.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Meeting

Mrs James and the PTFA are holding a meeting on Monday 3rd November 3.20pm to discuss and plan the Christmas Fayre, ALL Parents are welcome to come along. In order for the event to be successful we need lots of willing volunteers so please do come along and support our school. If you are able to offer your help or want further information please come along or email Mrs James on finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk



Have a wonderful half term, we will see you all again on Monday 3rd November at 8.40am
 Mrs Beale.

ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

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Storytelling Festival

This week KS1 visited the Storytelling festival on Wednesday 22nd October and KS2 visited on Thursday 23rd October.

KS1 really enjoyed the Festival of Stories, firstly they watched a puppet show sharing the story of The Ugly Duckling. After that and a snack, they ventured into the Magical Marquee and listened to Chloe Inkpen read her own story 'Mrs Blackhat.' They were excited when she asked them to join in with the story too! Chloe also demonstrated how to draw animals and she always starts with the eyes! After lunch, they had their final session in the Big Red Top with Sal Tongue, who played the guitar and told her story and the children were able to join in with songs and movements!

KS2 also enjoyed their day, they saw Jenny McLachlan who entertained them with dragons! They heard stories and songs from Cath and enjoyed shadow puppets from India, telling the story of Rama and Sita.



Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week Monday 10th November - Friday 14th November 2025

This year, the theme for anti-bullying week is - '**Power for Good**' which aims to empower young people to use their Power for Good. To safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online. Children come together to have discussions about what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can come together to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. We want to empower children and young people to Power for Good!

The theme will be introduced to the whole school during an assembly and classes will complete activities throughout the week to raise awareness. We will have important discussions about what bullying behaviour is so that we can ensure that we all make a positive contribution to our school community.

On **MONDAY 10th November**, we would like to invite children to wear **odd socks**. This raises awareness and gives everyone the opportunity to express themselves, by celebrating their individuality and what makes us **all unique**, while also being respectful. 'Respect' is one of our school rules, so we are very familiar about how we can be considerate and show respect!



Parent and Carer Information

It is important for parents and carers to be able to start conversations with their children about bullying no matter the age of your child. [Click here](#) for a parent and carer resource pack to help bring Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks day to life at home.

This resource pack is not only a tool for parents to use during Anti-Bullying Week, but it is useful at any stage of a child's life and at any moment. It tells you what bullying is and there is a very useful part on advice to give your child if they need some help. There is also advice on how to approach school to discuss the matter in a calm and focused way aiming for a resolution.

Kidscape

Kidscape have a super website with advice for parents and children with leaflets.

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/>



Parent Advice Line: Open Mondays and Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm

Parent Advice Line: 0300 102 4481

WhatsApp: 07496 682785

Or you can email them via their website:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/parent-advice-line/>

Half-term Food Vouchers

I am very pleased to confirm that children eligible for Free School Meals from Reception to Year 6 (not universal free school meals) will receive a food voucher for half term. This will arrive to the email address you have given us and will be worth £15 per child for the week. The vouchers were sent to your email address this week **via Edenred**; please check your **JUNK/SPAM** box as sometimes they end up in there! You will need to download the voucher and select one of the supermarkets on the list. School does not have any control over lost vouchers, supermarket choice or anyone who has NOT applied for Free School Meals or is not eligible. There is also an expiry date on the vouchers so please use them within the specified period of 1 month.

There is additional support available via [Ready Steady Worcestershire](#) including support for food, financial support, activities and community assistance. The Holiday and Food Activity scheme will be available for children and families to access during the October Half term, providing free access to food and activities for those eligible for FSM.

Outside Achievements

It was lovely to celebrate outside achievements this week. 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.

Millicent Y3 for completing the Summer Reading Challenge and gaining a certificate and also passing her Stage 4 swimming award and gaining a badge and certificate. We are very proud of you! Keep up the great work.

Logan Humphries Y5 for achieving his Level 3 swimming award to gain a badge and certificate! We are proud of you!

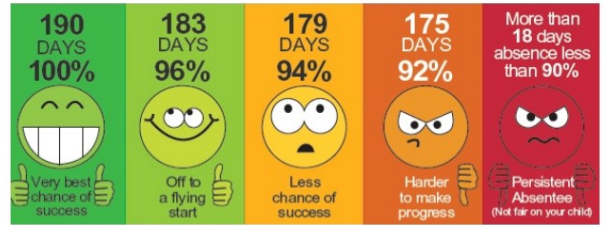
Jacob Bird Y6 for achieving his 11th Kyu in Karate, gaining his yellow belt and passing with 97.75% which is amazing! We are very proud of you!

Sonny Y1 and Scarlett Y2 for their courageous advocacy. The children decided that they wanted to purchase some Christmas gifts for children less fortunate than themselves. Dunelm in Worcester have an event in store called 'Delivering Joy at Christmas' <https://www.dunelm.com/info/delivering-joy-at-christmas> Sonny and Scarlett picked a tag each from the special Christmas Tree and on the tag was a suggested Christmas gift for a child. They have bought the items suggested, plus more and have wrapped the gifts ready to take back to Dunelm to spread their own Christmas cheer and send joy to two children who may not have received a gift this Christmas. This is so heart warming and generous! Thank you.



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	87.1%	7.5 days	Year 3	91.7%	7.5 days
Reception	89.9%	7.5 days	Year 4	96.2%	4.5 days
Year 1	92.9%	6 days	Year 5/6	93.6%	10.5 days
Year 2	93.8%	9 days	Whole School	92.9%	52.5 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 96.2%. Well Done!

Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements. On the last Friday of each month Nursery also join our Friday celebration worship.

Certificate for effort: N. Oliver & Carter, R. Ruby, 1. Florence, 2. Elsie-Ann, 3. Alice, 4. Mia-Rose, 5/6. Edward-Noah.

Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness: R. Thea, 1. Lila, 2. Logan, 3. Bradley, 4. Albie, 5/6. William.

Spotted for correcting Spellings & Grammar: R. Florence, 1. Alexander, 2. Scarlett, 3. Mia, 4. Esmae, 5/6. Ortensia.

Book Prize Draw Winner for children who have read five times this week: Sarada Yr 1

Lunchtime Award for children who have demonstrated our school values outside: Archer Yr 1



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.

NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Malvern Festival of Stories

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October
In Great Malvern

Anti Bullying Week

10th to 14th November

Odd Socks Day

Monday 10th November

School Open Morning

Tuesday 18th November 9.30-11.00am

CLASS EVENTS

Year 5/6 Cadbury World Trip

Friday 21st November

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 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

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd February

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

at 8.40am Monday 23rd February 2026

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

at 3.15pm Friday 27th March 2026 for Easter

<https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/great-malvern-festival-of-stories-for-children/>

25th & 26th October 2025

The Great Malvern Festival of Stories for Children returns for the 4th year with a fantastic programme of authors, storytellers, puppetry and much more!

What's on

Saturday

Aardman Animation Workshop

Children's Authors

Will Hughes
Lucy Strange
Eileen Brown
Andy Stanton

Storytellers

Tamar Eluned Williams
Bhangra Tots
Cath Little

Weekend Venues

Great Malvern Priory
Priory Ground Marquee
Priory Grounds Big Top
The Lyttelton Rooms
Malvern Library
The Theatre of Small Convenience

The weekend entertainment programme is accompanied by arts and crafts activities provided by Gail at Duck House Design along with local illustrator and author stalls in the Priory Grounds.

Sunday

Puppetry

Clive Chandler
Tallulah Swirls

Children's Authors

Kate Poels
Peter Bentley

Storytelling

Cath Little
Bhangra Tots

Illustrator

Kev Sutherland

For more information please visit www.visitthemaalverns.org/storyfest



With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025



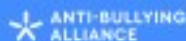
Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#PowerForGood



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MALVERN MAKERS

presents

MARVELLOUS MAKERS

HALLOWEEN ART & CRAFT FUN!



Childrens art & craft workshop ages 3 -11 yrs

Location: Guesten Room, The Lyttelton Well, Church Street, Malvern, WR14 2AY

Time: 10 -11.30 am **Date:** Thursday 30th October

Painting

Crafting


Ticket £12.50


1.5 hrs Session

All materials included

BOOK NOW



 07909810484

 malvernmakersinfo@gmail.com



November 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)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm



St Matthias C of E Primary School

Nursery to Year 6

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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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