

# St Matthias Newsletter



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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank you to everyone who took part in World Book Day this week and celebrated the importance of sharing a good book, listening to stories and talking about favourite books and authors. There were so many adjectives in school adding to a wealth of rich vocabulary and learning.

## World Book Day

We started the day with a vocabulary parade to show off our wonderful adjective costumes! Then headed to the hall to start the day together with a focus on sharing books, stories and vocabulary for fun! After that, we went to the classrooms to have 'breakfast and a book.' This was very special as Mrs Maidens gave some very decorative boxes with lots of lovely books to share with each other. Children could read individually, in pairs or groups, they could read wherever they wanted to in the classroom so they were comfy whilst reading for pleasure. After break, the school came back together in the hall for a very special 'poetry recital' from each class! During the day the children spent time with their house groups where the older children shared a favourite book with a younger child. It is an important skill for children to read aloud to an audience and it also a great skill to be able to listen to stories being read out loud.



## Parent Consultation Evenings – Week beginning 16th March

Parent Consultations will run over three evenings (16th, 17th and 18th March) and you will be allocated **one** out of the three evenings.

A booking text will come out later today, **Friday 6th March – please book your appointment by Friday 13th March**, if you struggle to book an appointment please call into the school office where Mrs Lewis will book one for you.

These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the progress and targets for your child. Parents of children on the SEND register will be able to discuss the SEND targets, interventions and provisions for your child. The Parent Consultations will be face to face and will be held in the school hall. This will give you the opportunity to meet the teacher, find out how your child is getting on and ask any questions you might have. If you have any worries or concerns it is important that you do not leave them until Parents' Evening. You can raise any worries you have or questions via ClassDojo or ask for a telephone appointment if you wish.

**Have a peaceful weekend.**

**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- Fun!



### **Mothering Sunday**

We would love as many St Matthias families as possible to attend the Mothering Sunday Service at St Matthias Church on Sunday 15th March at 10.30am. It will be a child friendly, active service where we celebrate anyone who 'mothers' us and cares for us. There will be a small bunch of daffodils for children in the congregation to give to a loved one or someone who mothers and cares for them, at the end of the service. Your child should receive an invitation card today telling you about the service.



### **Year 1 - Parents Phonics Workshop for Monday 23rd March 2.45pm**

Year 1 parents are invited to a Phonics Workshop ahead of the Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 children which happens in June. This is an important meeting during which we will share what happens during the test, and show you how you can help and support your child to do their very best on the day.

Learning phonics is essential as it helps your child to read and write. Without phonics knowledge your child will struggle to decode words. During the teaching of phonics not only will your child learn new sounds and graphemes but they will also learn to blend, decode and segment words for reading which also supports writing development; so please come along.



### **Year 6 - SATS Information Briefing**

Year Six parents are invited to a KS2 SATs Briefing **on Friday 13th March at 3pm**. This will be held in the school hall so please come to the office for this time. Mrs Maidens and Mr Thompson will present information regarding the KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests and how you can support your child during the assessment period. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### **High School Taster**

Last Friday, Year 5 visited Dyson Perrins for a Taster lesson in Science. They completed a practical lesson using Bunsen Burners whilst exploring chemical reactions within fireworks! It was amazing!



**Athletics Festival**

Last Friday, Year 6 had a very energetic morning at Hanley Castle High School as they took part in an athletics festival. There were some superb sporting performances and brilliant camaraderie, with children encouraging each other. We were very proud of our Year 6's as they demonstrated our vision – *Aspire, Believe and Achieve* during the morning!



**Year 3 Trip to Lower Smite Farm**

What a beautiful day Year 3 had yesterday at Lower Smite Farm. They continued their learning about rocks by classifying them through different tests. Ask your Yr3 child about the three types of rocks and how they are formed; sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. The children learned how to explain the different processes of how these types of rocks were formed and give some examples. They also looked closely at soil; what it is made from and how it is formed. They used an auger to dig down through the different soil layers on the farm and hunted for treasure (charcoal, brick and pebbles). Then they learnt how fossils were formed, the class were able to borrow a fossil making kit which we will be using to make their own fossils over the next couple of weeks. I can't wait to see your own fossils! What a super learning experience!



**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"

**Gandhi "What is true of the individual will be tomorrow true of the whole nation if individuals refuse to lose heart and hope."**

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."

**Mother Teresa "Never lose hope. Never lose faith. The living has a great hope, we have life to bounce back from any difficulty"."**

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.

**ATTENDANCE WINNER**

89 amazing pupils had 100% in February. An extra 8 children had above 96%. So out of 165 pupils 97 attained our target. Well done to those children!  
The £10 gift voucher prize winner for February 2026 will be drawn next week ! Congratulations



**Absences**

**Mrs Lewis** is the person responsible for keeping our registers up to date & is the one who needs to know. Please remember to let Mrs Lewis know by email or phone **before 9am** if your child is going to be absent. Thank you.

At St Matthias we continue to aim for our school new target of 100% attendance.

**Our school gates open at 8.40am and learning starts immediately at 8.45am.**



The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week the winning class certificate will be given out next Friday in the award assembly.



Attendance Statistics <u>This Week</u>	N	R	1	2	3	4	5/6	School
Number of Pupils who have been absent	7	2	1	4	5	6	6	31
Total Number of Sessions Missed	12	3	4	8	13	19	19	56
Class Percentage	93.0	<b>97.9</b>	97.6	97.2	93.1	92.4	94.2	95.5%

There are two sessions per day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week and Nursery children are expected to attend all of their booked sessions.

**Congratulations to Year R for the best attendance this week. Well done!**

**Three classes had over 96% this week! Well Done everyone; keep it up!**



# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Mothering Sunday Service  
St Matthias Church 10am  
Sunday 15th March.

Parent Evenings  
16, 17th & 18th March  
**No activity clubs this week.**

Easter Service in Church  
Wednesday 25th March at 9am

Activity Clubs end at Easter.

### CLASS EVENTS

Year 5/6 Hartlebury Castle Trip  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting  
Friday 13th March 3pm

Years 3 + 5/6 Stranger Futures  
Afternoon at the Cube  
Thursday 19th March.

Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop  
Monday 23rd March 2.45pm

Year 2 Safari Park Trip  
Tuesday 24th March.

### Who to contact in school

MRS LEWIS Works Mon, Tue, Thu + Fri for:- Attendance issues, (reasons for absences if possible contact us **before 9.00am**), medical issues, to request forms, change 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](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk) or phone 01684 574984

MRS JAMES Works Mon, Tue, 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 phone 01684 574984 and ask to be put through to her, or email [finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

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](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk) to ask for an appointment.

MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters  
[head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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>

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 of 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](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

### TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

#### SPRING TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 for Easter

#### SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN **at 8.40am** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**HALF TERM BREAK** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Staff Training** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 - School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN **at 8.40am** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

#### AUTUMN TERM (New Academic Year)

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN **at 8.40am** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026



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# Webinars Schedule

Can't attend live? Catch up with a recording available for two weeks following the event. This webinar is open to parents and carers in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire area with an extended invite to professionals. Webinars start 10am and run between 1.5 and 2 hours.

<p>JUN <b>17</b></p>	<p><b>Autism &amp; Anxiety</b> What is Anxiety?, Autism &amp; Anxiety, the circle of Anxiety and managing Anxiety</p>	
<p>JUN <b>24</b></p>	<p><b>Autism &amp; Communication</b> What is communication, Autism &amp; communication differences and strategies that may help</p>	
<p>JUL <b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Autism &amp; Sensory differences</b> Autism and sensory differences, children's differences, addressing sensory differences, and useful resources</p>	
<p>JUL <b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Autism and Behaviour</b> What behaviour is &amp; why it may happen, ways we can analyse behaviour and develop emotional understanding</p>	
<p>JUL <b>15</b></p>	<p><b>Navigating the system</b> Educational issues, online safety, employment and further education, disclosure and benefits</p>	
<p>JUL <b>22</b></p>	<p><b>Autism and the Teenage Brain</b> How the brain changes, how growing up and Autism interact, how to support your teen and useful resources</p>	
<p>JUL <b>29</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting your Autistic Teen</b> How to support your teen and resources.</p>	

For more information or to book a place:

Email - [herefandwocrs@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:herefandwocrs@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

Scan the above QR codes or visit the Autism West Midlands Events page on our website to sign up.