



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to the Summer Term; what a mixed week of weather! We hope you had a fulfilling Easter holiday. We are always impressed with how the children come back after a break ready to learn with amazingly positive attitudes. Their focus and readiness for learning enables the children to flourish in everything that they do to achieve the very best they can. This half term is especially vital for our Year 6 pupils as they complete their Statutory Tests week beginning Monday 11th May. The other classes will also complete important assessments during May and June as we analyse their progress and prepare them for their transition in July.

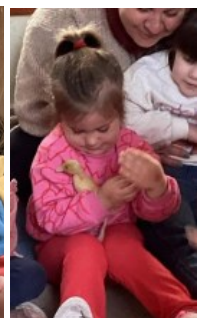
In order for the children to achieve their very best, attendance is key and absence, including lateness must be kept to a minimum as we promote throughout the year.

Maternity Leave – Mrs Cottrell

We wish Mrs Cottrell all the best as she completed her last week and starts her maternity leave. Miss Earle will be the class teacher for the summer term on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Page will continue to teach Y3 on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Special Visitors to Nursery Class

What a super and exciting morning Nursery had on Tuesday this week. Mrs Walwyn, a parent, has been hatching ducklings at the Windor Court care home, where she works and offered to bring them in. Of course Nursery said yes! The children all sat so well and quietly and absolutely loved the opportunity to cuddle a duckling (as did the staff). We had 3 ducklings visiting, Billy, Sunny and Shelly. Thank you so much for bringing them in and letting the children have such a special experience.



Re-

spect in the Graveyard

Please could I ask very politely for parents to ensure their children do not walk on the graves in the churchyard. It has been reported that St Matthias pupils have been running and walking on the graves and this is very upsetting for many people especially those with loved ones who are buried there. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Have a lovely 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.'



WELL DRESSING – Our Traditional May Bank Holiday Event

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on our traditional Well Dressing for May Bank Holiday weekend. The theme this year is ‘Birds.’ This is a very broad topic so we have already started thinking about how we can fill the space at Lord Sandy’s Spout in Spring Lane.

More information about Malvern Well Dressing can be found at this website

<https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/malvern-well-dressing-festival-returns/>

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP WITH DONATIONS, we are looking for some donations to help us with our designs. The classes will need: colourful material, green fabric, sheets, brightly coloured socks, small plastic bottles (500ml), large plastic bottles(1-2l), cardboard boxes, plastic bottle lids, plastic bags, egg boxes, brightly coloured feathers, tissue paper, newspaper, magazines, old wrapping paper, fabric scraps or old clothing, natural materials, like twigs, leaves, blue and white flower petals, moss etc, chicken wire and a garden fork !!!

We would be most grateful .

Scouts– Skills for Life

During our Thursday Worship this week we had a visitor called Julie who explained and promoted Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. There are lots of groups in the area for both girls and boys where there is lots of fun to be had!

She explained what the groups do and where they meet. She showed a very exciting video for the children to watch. These groups enable children to build skills for life through fun, friendship and adventure. Everyone is welcome and they work hard to make the group is accessible to all and supportive where everyone can thrive.

They offer a 4 week FREE taster as a trial. The information is on the leaflet shown here and you can phone or email.

They are also starting a new Squirrels group for 4-6 year olds and the information will be shared with us soon, but the number to contact regarding this will be the same!

BEAVERS

Ages 6 - 8 Mondays 5.00 - 6.15pm

cubs

Ages 8 - 10 Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm

SCOUTS

Ages 10 - 14 Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm

At Scouts 1st Malvern Link, Rodway Hall, Redland Road, Malvern, WR14 1LY

To arrange your taster sessions just call us on 07774 667074 or email heretohelp@scoutshw.org.uk

Come and meet us, see what we get up to and join in!
We'll give you 4 FREE Taster sessions to find your feet and start your Scouts adventure.

Then Subs are £13 per month.

No young person should miss out on Scouting.

If cost is ever a barrier, please come and talk to us — we can help.



#SkillsForLife



Scouts
1st Malvern Link

Join The Adventure at Scouts 1st Malvern Link!

For Young People Aged 6 - 18 Years
Beavers - Cubs - Scouts - Explorers

We help young people gain skills for life through fun, friendship and adventure.

From camp fires to crafts, hiking to helping the community, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Everyone is welcome at Scouts, and we work hard to make sure our group is accessible, supportive and a place where every child can thrive.



Why Join?

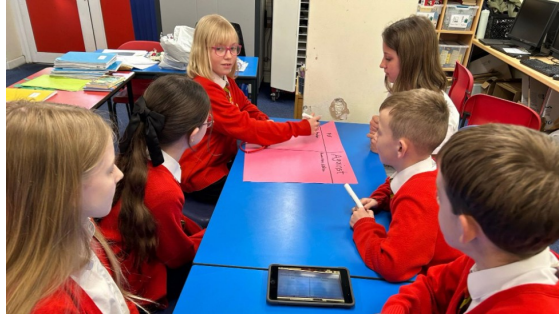
- Build confidence and independence
- Make new friends
- Try new skills and challenges
- Enjoy the outdoors

AND be part of a positive, supportive community.



Year 5/6 Demonstrating the value of WISDOM

This week Year 5 & 6 used their wisdom linked to oracy and collaboration to plan a 'balanced argument' in their English lesson. Their topical debate 'Should we bring back Victorian teaching methods' is linked to their learning on 'Victorians'. Earlier this week they learned about a balanced argument through the questions 'Should dogs be kept on leads at parks?' and 'Should children have mobile phones?' We will see how the children develop their oracy and debating skills along with their use of the value Wisdom.



Reception Demonstrating the value of WISDOM

Reception class have been using and developing their wisdom linked to learning about 3D shapes and their properties. They drew on the faces of the 3D shapes to help them understand the meaning of "faces" on a 3D object. They also tried to build their own 3D shapes using sticks and play dough as well as using their knowledge of shape to build super towers (making sure they didn't fall down) and print shapes in play dough.



Outside Achievements

It was lovely to celebrate our outside achievements this week. We always enjoy hearing about all the different activities and achievements your children have completed as it will inspire others.

Florence Y1 for completing her first junior parkrun. Florence you are amazing and so determined! Well done!



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. Keira, 1. Lila, 2. Teddy, 3. Bradley, 4. Libby, 5/6. Adam.

Value Leaf for showing "WISDOM": R. Imogen, 1. Luna, 2. Eva, 3. Alice, 4. Nicolas, 5/6. Anya.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Ada, 1. Silus, 2. Amelia, 3. Kendall, 4. Kyle, 5/6. Shanti.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Myles Yr 2

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Heidi Yr 6

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



Term Dates for the remainder of This Year and all of Next Year

ACADEMIC TERM DATES for St Matthias of The Spire Learning Trust 2025 to 2026

SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Monday 13 th April 2026
MAY DAY (School Closed)	Monday 4 th May 2026 - School Closed
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE	at 3.15pm Friday 22 nd May 2026
HALF TERM BREAK	Saturday 23 rd May to Monday 1 st June 2026
Staff Professional Development	Monday 1 st June 2026 – School Closed
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
SCHOOL & NURSERY END	at 3.15pm Friday 17 th July 2026
Staff Professional Development	Monday 20 th July 2026 – School Closed

ACADEMIC TERM DATES for St Matthias of The Spire Learning Trust 2026 to 2027

AUTUMN TERM

Staff Professional Development	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 – School Closed
Staff Professional Development	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 – School Closed
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Thursday 3 rd September 2026
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE	at 3.15pm Friday 23 rd October 2026
HALF TERM BREAK	Saturday 24 th October to Sunday 1 st November 2026
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Monday 2 nd November 2026
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE	at 3.15pm Friday 18 th December 2026

SPRING TERM

Staff Professional Development	Monday 4 th January 2027 – School Closed
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Tuesday 5 th January 2027
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE	at 3.15pm Friday 12 th February 2027
HALF TERM BREAK	Saturday 13 th to Sunday 21 st February 2027
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Monday 22 nd February 2027
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE	at 3.15pm Thursday 25 th March 2027

SUMMER TERM

Staff Professional Development	Monday 12 th April 2027 – School Closed
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Tuesday 13 th April 2027
MAY DAY (School Closed)	Monday 3 rd May 2027 - School Closed
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE	at 3.15pm Friday 28 th May 2027
HALF TERM BREAK	Saturday 29 th May to Sunday 6 th June 2027
Staff Professional Development	Monday 7 th June 2027 – School Closed
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN	at 8.45am Tuesday 8 th June 2027
SCHOOL & NURSERY END	at 3.15pm Wednesday 21 st July 2027 last day of summer term



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.



Our Value this half term is “Wisdom”

Matthew 7:24–27 Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house upon the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like the foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Proverbs 4:6-7, "Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

Dalai Lama “A spoon cannot taste of the food it carries. Likewise, a foolish person cannot understand the wise man’s wisdom even if he associates with a sage.”

Gandhi “Even as wisdom often comes from the mouths of babes, so does it often come from the mouths of old people. The golden rule is to test everything in the light of reason and experience, no matter from where it comes.”

Don’t forget...

- 1,at the end of every month all children with 100% have their names put into a hat and one lucky child wins a gift voucher.
- 2,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 gift voucher.
- 3,at the end of every full year ALL children with 100% are rewarded with a gift voucher!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

67 amazing pupils had 100% in March. An extra 40 children had above 95%.

So out of 165 pupils 107 attained our target. Well done to those children!

The £10 gift voucher prize winner for March 2026 will be drawn next week !

32 amazing pupils had 100% in the Spring Term, from January to Easter. An extra 63 children had above 95%. So out of 165 pupils 95 children attained our target. Well done to those children!

The £10 gift voucher prize winner for the Spring Term 2026 will be drawn next week !



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	3	8	3	5	3	6	7	35
Total Number of Sessions Missed	23	42	10	15	32	26	26	174
Class Percentage	90.3	74.0	98.2	97.9	83.2	89.6	94.2	90.8%

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 1 for the best attendance this week.

Years 1 and 2 had over 95% this week! Fantastic well done!



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

New Activity Clubs start from Monday 20th April.

School Photographer in to do Class Groups and Leavers Packs Thursday 4th June

CLASS EVENTS

Year 3 History Man - Greeks Wednesday 22nd April

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Year 6 Dysons Yr 7 Headteacher to meet pupils going in Sept. Monday 27th April.

Year 1 Jewish Culture Monday 11th May

Year 4 Think Tank Science Trip Wednesday 20th May

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 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

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>

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

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN **at 8.40am** Monday 13th April 2026

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4th May 2026 - School Closed

HALF TERM BREAK Saturday 23rd May to Monday 1st June

Staff Training Monday 1st June 2026 - School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN **at 8.40am** Tuesday 2nd June 2026

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 3.15pm Friday 17th July 2026.

AUTUMN TERM (New Academic Year)

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN **at 8.40am** Thursday 3rd September 2026

The full dates for next academic year are on Newsletter 27 page 4.



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