



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had another busy week learning in many different ways and demonstrating our value of Wisdom.

Mud Kitchen Winners

Over the Easter break, N-hance Training Academy carpentry students, who run a social enterprise called Young Crafters, ran a competition to win a mud kitchen. Mrs Cale put in an entry for our Nursery and was delighted to find out that we had been chosen as the winners. The mud kitchen was delivered this week and our early years children have already been putting it to good use, making mud pies and potions. Thank you so much N-Hance Training Academy and students, we are very grateful!



WELL DRESSING – Our Traditional May Bank Holiday Event

Over the week, 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. We hope you will visit our well over the bank holiday weekend and you are invited to the Water Festival in Priory Park on Monday 4th May where we will find out our results during the afternoon. There are lots of activities which go on through the day too.

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

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



Physical Education Guidance for wearing jewellery.

As per our Uniform Policy which is shared on our website <https://www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk/parents/uniform> this is a polite reminder regarding our uniform policy for Physical Education and jewellery including earrings. We have always stated that earrings must be removed for Physical Education lessons. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) advises that for maximum safety schools should adopt a 'no jewellery' approach and that taping over earrings provides a false sense of security and does not adequately remove the risk. Guidance also states that if a child cannot remove earrings from newly pierced ears then they should not take part in PE lessons. We always encourage parents not to take children to pierce ears within term time and encourage the longer 6 weeks holiday so they can be removed by the time they return to school in September. Children may take part in PE lessons in an adapted way if they cannot remove earrings due to the newness of piercing at the discretion of their class teacher risk assessing the lesson. This might include evaluating their peers work, giving verbal guidance to their peers on skills which happen in lessons, some non-contact if appropriate but this will be rare.

Therefore, please remove all earrings prior to PE lessons before school or your child can remove them before the lesson if they are able to. We cannot divert from this guidance and have investigated the guidance again recently following questions from parents. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe during PE lessons.

No Smoking OR Vaping Reminder

It has been reported that some parents are smoking and vaping outside the school gates (both front of school and alleyway) please can I remind you that it is a non-smoking area around school so please refrain from smoking around the perimeter of all gates. Thank you.

**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



History Man visits Year 3

What a fantastic morning Year 3 had on Wednesday when Mr Cadle aka 'The History Man' visited St Matthias. They learnt about Greek traditions and inventions, surmising that they were a very clever civilisation! They looked at the Geography of the Greek Islands and discovered what it was like to be a child during Greek times. They made replica clay staters (the Greek coin) showing the lion's head, dressed up in Greek soldier's costumes and played some of the board games they invented. All finished off with an Olympic class tug of war!



History Man - Romans

On Wednesday, Year 4 took part in an exciting Roman workshop with the 'History Man', where they explored life in Roman times. They learned about Roman buildings, how long the Romans ruled and what daily life was like for people during that period.

The workshop included a range of interactive activities such as dressing up and playing traditional Roman games. The children had so much fun while learning. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and engagement throughout the afternoon.



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. Chloe, 1. Stacey, 2. Danny, 3. Louie, 4. Mila, 5/6. Ralphee.

Value Leaf for showing "WISDOM": R. Dante, 1. Ross-Joseph, 2. Paula, 3. Ella D, 4. Daisy, 5/6. Harlem.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Cayson, 1. Lola, 2. Olivia, 3. Imogen, 4. Charlie, 5/6. Sienna.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Bertie Yr 3

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Ted Yr 5

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



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.

Millicent Y3 for receiving a medal for taking part in a dance performance with Dance in Motion at the Rose Theatre in Tewksbury. This included acrobatic dance and lyrical routine. Well done we are very proud of you!

Jacob Y6 for completing his Karate grading with an amazing 98% pass! He has gained his red belt. His sister and dad also completed the grading. We are very proud of you all!

Mr Salmon is preparing to take on the London Marathon this weekend. We wish him all the very best and know he is going to enjoy the occasion making the most of the day! The marathon is being held this Sunday, 26th April and if you would like to track Mr Salmon's progress then please do click on this link

Download the TCS London Marathon App to track Carl Salmon:

<https://event1avtr.eumarathon.tcsapps.com/share?bmFtZT1DYXJsIFNhbG1vbiZjaGlwY29kZT00Njg4NA==>





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 on Monday !

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 on Monday !



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	3	3	4	3	7	6	29
Total Number of Sessions Missed	14	20	8	7	10	17	16	92
Class Percentage	92.7	84.0	94.1	97.2	94.7	92.8	95.1	93.6%

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 2 for the best attendance this week.

Years 2 and 6 had over 95% this week! Fantastic well done!



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Activity Clubs

If your child is in Gym, Athletics or Cricket Clubs they should bring trainers, tee shirt and shorts/ leggings from home on that day.

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

CLASS EVENTS

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

Year 1 Jewish Culture Day
Monday 11th May.

Nursery Garden Trip
Tuesday 12th May.
Letter emailed today.

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 LUNCHESES 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.



Emotional Regulation workshop



Friendly, supportive session for parents and carers.

Learn about:

- Why we have emotions
- What happens when feelings feel too big
- How children learn emotional regulation
- Ways we can support our children with emotional regulation

Perfect for anyone wanting practical insights and a deeper understanding how to support their child with emotion regulation.

To book a place on this workshop please speak to school office at St Matthias C Of E Primary School or Dojo Mrs Beale

or email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Date: Tuesday 19th May

Time: 9-11 am

Location: St Matthias C Of E Primary School

Cromwell Rd,
Malvern
WR14 1NA



May 2026 Timetable

All regular 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

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm