



# St Matthias Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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*Dear Parents, Carers and Children,*

## **Baby News! Congratulations Mrs Cottrell**

A huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Cottrell and big brother Finley on the birth of their beautiful son Hugo born on 25th April. Enjoy every moment with your beautiful boys and we hope to meet Hugo very soon.



## **WELL DRESSING – Our Traditional May Bank Holiday Event**

On the first bank holiday weekend in May, starting today, Friday 1st May, we have dressed ‘Lord Sandy’s Well’ in Spring Lane, Malvern. This is a yearly St Matthias Family tradition! We have had a very busy week finishing off the preparations for this weekend’s ‘Well Dressing.’ Every class has made a contribution to the Well, linked to the theme of “**Birds.**” We have thought about birds across the **continents, traditional tales and we have created our own birds.**

Year 6, with Mrs Maidens, Mrs Blundell, Miss Prince, Miss McCollum along with Miss Tomlin, from St Matthias Church, have dressed ‘Lord Sandys’ Spout’, in Spring Lane. The judging will commence for all the wells around Malvern on the morning of Saturday 2nd May. This is such a wonderful ‘real’ community event to take part in and show off our work. We really hope you are able to visit the Well this weekend with your family to admire our school family Well! We will let you know the result when it is announced. If you do visit the Well, please send a photo to Mrs Beale via ClassDojo for our next newsletter!



More information about Malvern Well Dressing can be found at this website  
<https://www.visitthemalverns.org/blog/malvern-well-dressing-festival-returns/>

## **PLEASE NOTE A NEW LOCATION DUE TO BUILDING WORK IN PRIORY PARK!**

This year the Water Festival and Well Dressing Festival 2026 will be held around Great Malvern due to the building work at the Theatre and Priory park click on this link to find out more. There are some free Family Fun Day activities on 4th May click here for more information <https://www.visitthemalverns.org/event/family-fun-day-malvern-water-well-dressing-festival-2026/>

## **The ceremony and prize giving will be held on Belle Vue Terrace Island near the Elgar Statue at 2pm.**

On Monday 4th May we are invited to collect our certificate celebrating our achievements. More information about Malvern Well Dressing can be found at this website  
<https://www.visitthemalverns.org/event/well-dressing-prize-giving-in-great-malvern/>

The Malvern Well Dressing Festival runs from Saturday 2nd May to Sunday 10th May and there are 56 Wells to visit across Malvern and the surrounding hills. If you would like to find out more and view the map of all the Wells, click on this link [Malvern Well Dressing information.](#)

**Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Beale.**

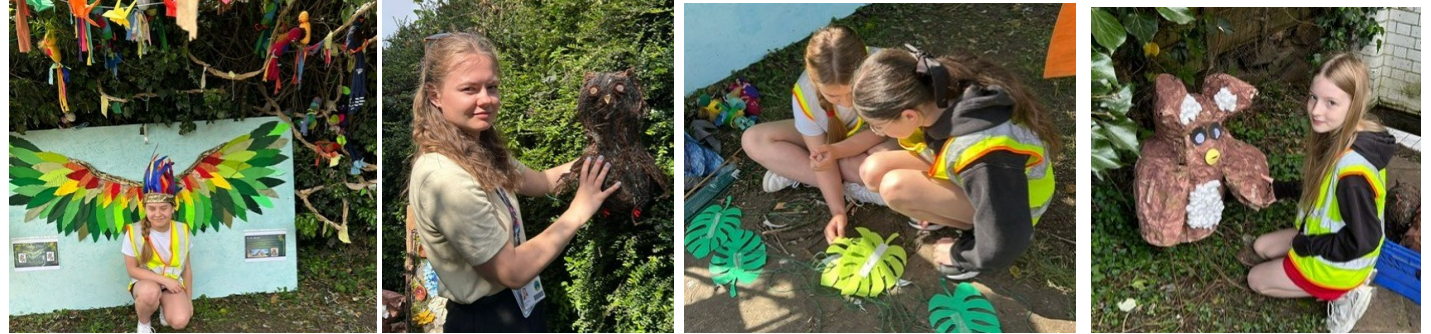
## ***ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE***

‘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.’



**Dressing Lord Sandy's Spout Well**



**Donation of keyboards and mice**

Thank you to Floss's mum and friend for donating a box of keyboards and mice for the children to play with. Malvern Instruments in Tewkesbury were shutting down and they wondered if we would benefit from their spare IT equipment. They have gone down a storm in Reception as they pretended to work and game using the equipment. They used super imaginative play and oracy skills as they talked to each other through their play.



**PE in the Sunshine**

Year practising their aiming at targets developing their throwing and catching skills. Super efforts which will be useful when they go to a cricket festival soon!



# Water' Festival Family Fun Day 4 May 2026 in Great Malvern, Belle vue Island

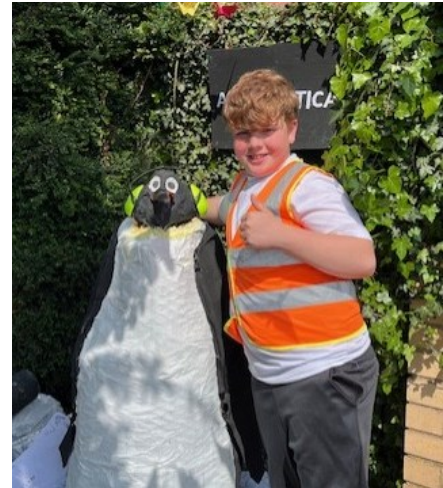
**Live Music and Ceremonies:**

11am String Box Duo	2pm Well Dressing Prize Giving Ceremony
12pm Nothin' But Dust	
1pm Molly Gone Mad	2.45pm Nothin' But Dust

**Free Activities:**

- ✦ Malvern Museum 'Bird Spotting' Trail 10am - 4pm
- ✦ Little Olive's Taster Sessions (pre-book online) 10am-11am, 11.30am-12.30pm, 1pm-2pm, 2.30pm-3.30pm
- ✦ Art Therapy Centre fancy Birds' Drop-in Workshop 10am-4pm
- ✦ Creative Clay - 'Clay Bird Workshop' 10am-10.30am, 11am-11.30am, 12pm-12.30pm, 1.30pm - 2pm, 2.30pm-3pm, 3.30pm - 4pm
- ✦ Creatives Connect (50 local Artists and Makers) Exhibition 10am-4pm in Studio One at Malvern Theatres
- ✦ Malvern Theatre Players at The Lyttelton Well Theatre Three weeks in Wet Sheets 2.45pm and 3.30pm
- ✦ Malvern Museum of Fashion
- ✦ Aetheria Gallery and Studio 10.30am-3.30pm Drop in Workshops £5 for children, £15 for adults
- ✦ Malvern Spa Association 4pm Restoring Ancient Wells by Charlotte Emily Rose at Malvern Cube £5

[www.visitthemaalverns.org/welldressing](http://www.visitthemaalverns.org/welldressing)  
Malvern Tourist Information Centre, The Lyttelton Well Courtyard, 6 Church St, Malvern WR14 2RY



YOU'RE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL IN THE MALVERNS

## THE MALVERN WATER & WELL DRESSING FESTIVAL

2 - 10 May 2026

Every year, our communities come together to dress up to 60 wells, springs and spouts from across the hills and the town of Malvern with over 800+ people taking part in creating artistic designs celebrating Malvern Spring water.

This year's theme is 'BIRDS'

**What's On**

<p>Tour the wells, springs and spouts on a self-guided walk - maps available at Malvern TIC or via website.</p> <p>2 May 8am-9pm Mayor's Peaks Challenge</p> <p>2 May 10am-4pm Boffy Arts Market</p> <p>2 May 10:30am Great Malvern Heritage Walk</p>	<p>2 May 12pm SongSPACE (family singers with Julia at Rose Bank Gardens)</p> <p>3 May 10am Malvern Hills Springs and Wells Guided Walk</p> <p>3 May Malvern Spa Association - Malvern Water: 1 Billion Years talk at Malvern Cube</p>
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**Well Blessings**

<p>2 May 4.45am Dawn ceremony at Dripping Well with Janajhan Penley</p> <p>2 May 9am Blessing at St. James's Church Spring with Revd. Nicholas Menon</p> <p>2 May 4pm Blessing at Malvhina on Belle vue Island with Revd. Roger Latham (Malvern Priory)</p>	<p>3 May 3pm Blessing with the Druids at Hayslad Well</p> <p>3 May 11am Beautiful music with Roy Mytton, St. Ann's Well</p> <p>9 May 11am The Song of Now CIC at St. Ann's</p> <p>10 May 3pm Buddhist Ceremony at The Clock Tower</p>
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[www.visitthemaalverns.org/welldressing](http://www.visitthemaalverns.org/welldressing)

**Hot Weather Advice**

Please remember to apply long lasting sun cream to your children before they come to school during the summer months.



Always send them with plenty of fresh drinking water or weak squash. We encourage them to top up their water bottles throughout the day.

Please send them in with a NAMED sunhat for playtimes and outside PE.



If they suffer from light sensitivity please send them with UV approved sunglasses. **Please name all items.**

**School Lunches**

As a school we aim to promote healthier food at lunch and break times.

We actively encourage children to bring a healthy lunch to school:-

a sandwich, wrap, sausage roll, or pasta salad,

a bag of crisps or similar savoury snack,

a piece of cheese,

a piece of fruit, or yoghurt or cake

and a drink of water or weak squash

**Children should not bring chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks to school. No glass bottles are allowed.**

All children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free piece of fruit every day at morning playtime.

We encourage Key Stage 2 children to bring their own fruit or piece of cheese to eat at break-time.

We also encourage all children to bring a water bottle containing water or weak lemon squash to school and to have regular drinks during the day.

St Matthias is fortunate to have Black Pepper, a local catering company, which prepares and delivers delicious hot or cold lunches to our school every day. **Black Pepper meals are free for all pupils in Yrs R, 1 and 2; these meals are called Universal Free School Meals - UFSM. Meals are also free to families on low incomes; these are called Free School Meals - FSM.**

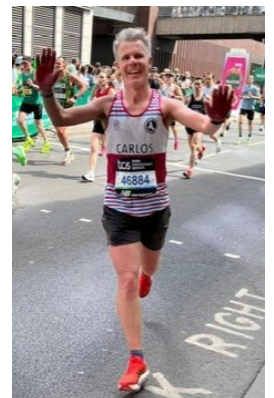
A new menu is available every half term. The menu has a three week rotation. You do not have to have Black Pepper meals every day, just on the days your child likes what is on the menu. All meals (even free meals) must be ordered in advance by the parents every half term; so six times per year.

**Meals for Nursery and Years 3 to 6 should be ordered and paid for in advance.**

**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.

**Mr Salmon** Last Sunday lots of our St Matthias families encouraged and tracked Mr Salmon through the London Marathon. We are very proud of him as he completed the marathon in under 2 hours 51 minutes and enjoyed every moment! It was a lovely day and the atmosphere was incredible! He wants to say thank you to everyone for the support and encouragement!



I have lots of outside achievements ready for next week as we are well dressing today so have postponed our celebrations until next week!



**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	4	1	1	10	2	8	2	28
Total Number of Sessions Missed	16	4	2	39	6	23	11	105
Class Percentage	92.7	96.7	98.8	86.5	96.8	90.8	96.7	93.7%
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 R, 1, 3 and 5/6 had over 96% 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 4<sup>th</sup> June

### CLASS EVENTS

Year 1 Jewish Culture Day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Nursery Garden Trip  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 4 Think Tank Science Trip  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
Letter emailed today.

### 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

#### SUMMER TERM

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

HALF TERM BREAK Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

**Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 9-11 am

**Location:** St Matthias C Of E Primary School

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