



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well Dressing 'Gold' Award and Lionel Shorstone's Trophy!

Well Dressing Success!

As you all know we decorated Lord Sandys' Spout Well last weekend as part of the May Bank Holiday, Water Festival celebrations. Year 6 pupils, Mrs Maidens, Mrs Blundell, Miss Prince, Miss McCollum and Miss Tomlin dressed the well and luckily the weather was very kind to us during the day and Saturday morning! On Saturday the judges made their way around all 56 wells across Malvern, then on Monday morning, we were told that our well was awarded a 'GOLD' certificate! We were absolutely thrilled with this achievement especially as we know that the standard across all the wells is very high! On Bank Holiday Monday, I was delighted to see so many St Matthias families at Bell Vue Island in Great Malvern celebrating our achievement; the announcement was very quick as they had so many to get through. We were also surprised with being awarded the Lionel Shorstone Trophy for the favourite Children's Well. Well done to all the children who were in the area and managed to help collect and celebrate our 'GOLD' award and trophy! So a massive congratulations to all the children and staff again for creating such an amazingly dressed well, which was enjoyed by so many people during last weekend and this week! Thank you for all the photographs that were sent of children visiting our well and for those who were able to attend the presentation!

I have even received emails from members of the public congratulating us and sharing their enjoyment visiting our well which makes me so proud!



All the Best – Year 6! I want to wish all our Year 6 pupils all the best for their Statutory Tests next week. Make sure you rest this weekend and re-energise yourself ready for being the 'very best version of yourself' enabling yourself to 'achieve' and 'flourish' as we 'believe' in you! This is your time to shine as you have worked so hard through Year 6 and your primary years. You can do this! I am sure you will all join me in wishing our wonderful Year 6's all the success for next week so they can aspire, believe and achieve the very best they can. **Year 6 are invited to an 8am 'SATs Breakfast' from Monday to Thursday next week see your individual invitation from Mrs Maidens.**

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.'



Wonderful photographs from our families visiting Lord Sandy's Spout well over the weekend!



West Worcestershire Y1 Cricket Festival

After a lovely walk from school to Barnards Green Cricket Club, we were welcomed by Worcestershire Cricket Foundation and the Young Leaders from Dyson Perrins High School to the West Worcestershire Y1 Cricket Festival. The event consisted of a carousel of 'All Stars Cricket' activity stations. Each station was led by a pupil leader, who explained the activity and supported delivery. The leaders were very impressed with our skills as well as our manners when taking part in activities that developed our batting, bowling, catching and fielding skills. Well done to all of our children for walking sensibly and taking part brilliantly. Thank you Mr Salmon for organising the trip!



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.

Floss YR for raising money for our local firefighters by making and selling cakes with her sister Tilly. When she donated the money she was able to look round the fire engines! Well done we are proud of you!

Luna Y1 for a super example of courageous advocacy when Luna spotted some unwanted litter in the community so she decided to complete a litter pick and filled a recycling bag and a general waste bag! Thank you for looking after our planet and community!

Reggie W Y2 For completing his 25 metre swim and gaining a certificate! Well done we are so proud of you making so much progress in swimming lessons!

Sienna Y4, has been nominated by her dad for all the emotional support she has given him through a tough time. She has taken a very mature attitude and has also focused on a self portrait which impressed her family. We are all proud of you Sienna. Sometimes it is the little things that make a big difference.

Dexter Y4 For achieving his Level 3 swimming badge and certificate! We are very proud of you Dexter! Keep up the super swimming!

Adam Y6 For achieving the Sportsmanship award at the end of his football season. The coaches have commended his exemplary behaviour and his positivity within the team! Well done we are very proud of you!



Thank you Mrs James!

We are always very grateful for the donations of money and fundraising events that the PTA and Mrs James Organise, as the money always goes back to the children and enhances their provision. Recently we have noticed that some of the toys have become tired or broken so we have been gathering children's ideas for what they would like. We have started with KS1 and Mrs James has been spending her own time ordering, visiting charity shops and online market places to source a range of good quality toys. Our KS1 playground is now full of exciting things for the children to do! KS2 you are next and Mrs James has some wonderful ideas! Thank you Mrs James for putting the children first and going above and beyond to source some wonderful things with our fundraising money! We have also been encouraging the children to share, take turns and look after the new toys as this helps develop their social skills and respect for equipment.



NOTICE — 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.

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.**

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. Ella-Jade , 1. Bella, 2. Bella, 3. Ellie, 4. Dexter, 5/6. Ortensia.

Value Leaf for showing "WISDOM": R. Eden-Rose, 1. Ivy, 2. Ruben, 3. Heidi, 4. Albie, 5/6. Jacob B.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Thea, 1. Aurora, 2. Cooper, 3. Bradley, 4. Eva, 5/6. Pippa.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Libby Yr 4

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Heidi Yr 3

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



Happy 100th Birthday Sir David Attenborough.

His most recent Plant Earth film 'Ocean' was released this time last year– this is the trailer which has such an important message... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIZAdCtKT_g

Who is he?

Sir David Attenborough is a famous TV presenter and conservationist, who has spent his life exploring and explaining the natural world.

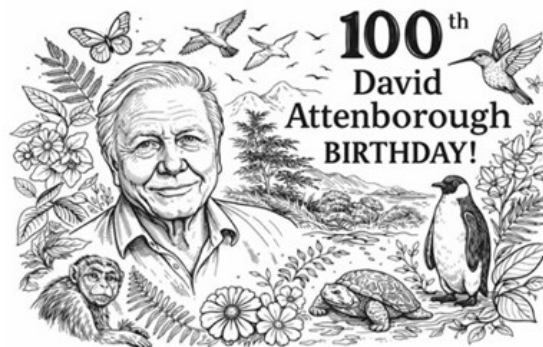
What has he done?

Sir David has made nature programmes for over 70 years!

He has created famous series like Planet Earth and Blue Planet, travelling all over the world to film animals and habitats.

**Sir David Attenborough is 100!**

Sir David aims to help people understand how the planet works, showing the beauty of nature and explaining why it's important to protect the environment.



Above: A graphic to commemorate Sir David's special birthday.
Source: Nathan Burns/Mrmetacognition

What are some of Sir David's key messages?

1. Humans need to take care of the Earth.
2. Small actions can make a big difference.

**Interesting facts!**

- Sir David has visited every continent!
- He has filmed some of the rarest animals on Earth.
- He's helped millions of people learn about wildlife.



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."

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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!

105 amazing pupils had 100% in April. An extra 9 children had above 95%.

So out of 166 pupils 114 attained our target. Well done to those children!

The £10 gift voucher prize winner for April 2026 will be announced soon — Watch this space!

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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	3	2	7	3	7	3	32
Total Number of Sessions Missed	16	15	3	15	14	19	8	90
Class Percentage	89.7	87.5	97.8	93.5	90.8	90.5	96.9	92.8%
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 again for the best attendance this week.

Years 1 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 4th June

CLASS EVENTS

Year 6 SAT's Week
& Breakfast Club
11th to 14th May.

Year 1 Jewish Culture Day
Monday 11th May.

Nursery Garden Trip
Tuesday 12th May.

Year 4 Think Tank Science Trip
Wednesday 20th May.
Letter emailed today.

Meeting for future Reception
Parents
Thursday 4th June 4.00pm

Meeting for future Nursery
Parents
Wednesday 24th June 3.30pm

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

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 23rd May to Monday 1st June

Staff Training Day

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 the next academic year are on Newsletter 27 page 4.



Understanding additional needs workshops available

Online Sensory Processing workshop

Thursday 4th June 2026

9:30-11:30am

Link to secure place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-processing-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988823118485?aff=oddtcreator>

Online All kind of minds

Monday 15th June 2026

1-3pm

Link to secure place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-kinds-of-minds-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988824057293?aff=oddtcreator>

Online Emotion Regulation workshop

Friday 26th June 2026

9:30-11:30am

Link to secure place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-regulation-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988825134515?aff=oddtcreator>

Dealing with challenging behaviour

Monday 30th June 2026

9:30-11:30am

Link to secure place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dealing-with-challenging-behaviour-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988825543739?aff=oddtcreator>

For further information please contact Rebecca Walton
Email: Rebecca.Walton@actionforchildren.org.uk

[Sensory processing workshop](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-processing-workshop-tickets-1986894618289?aff=oddtcreator)- Tuesday 12th May 1-3pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-processing-workshop-tickets-1986894618289?aff=oddtcreator>

[Sensory processing workshop](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-processing-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988823118485?aff=oddtcreator)- Thursday 4th June 9:30-11:30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-processing-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988823118485?aff=oddtcreator>

[Neurodiversity/All kind of minds Workshop](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neurodiversity-workshop-tickets-1986896488884?aff=oddtcreator)- Thursday 21st May 1-3pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neurodiversity-workshop-tickets-1986896488884?aff=oddtcreator>

[Neurodiversity/All kind of minds Workshop](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-kinds-of-minds-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988824057293?aff=oddtcreator)- Monday 15th June 1-3pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-kinds-of-minds-south-worcestershire-parents-tickets-1988824057293?aff=oddtcreator>

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Email sent to schools: As Children’s Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children’s surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That’s why I’m launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children’s voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils’ responses.

To support you to do this, I have created a pack of resources which include an introductory video, a lesson plan, and FAQs, which are available on [my website](#). I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school or college has taken part before the **deadline of Friday 23 October.**

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children’s Commissioner

