



# St Matthias Newsletter



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**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

We have had a lovely week to end our first half of the Summer term. We break up today for our half term holiday and I want to remind you all that there is a **TED day on Monday 1st June** for Staff Professional Development so children will return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June at 8.40am.**

## **Governor Learning Walk**

This week, two of our governors visited our school and completed a learning walk with Mrs Maidens with a focus on Oracy. In our Early Years we develop oracy through daily routines and interactions ensuring that children develop their language and vocabulary across all areas of learning and development. We also encourage the children to communicate and manage their thoughts and feelings. Our staff engage children in high-quality interactions to develop their knowledge and vocabulary. Children articulate what they know and understand and our staff model by repeating back their words in full sentences or extending and developing their ideas in a supported and age appropriate way.

Parent and carers can also do this at home.

In Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children are encouraged to have meaningful interactions where the rules of conversation are discussed. It is important to teach children the art of listening to the person talking and recalling what they say and then responding in full sentences. We model this in the classroom through children recalling and repeating facts, explaining concepts or answering questions in a structured way to deepen understanding. You can support at home by modelling answering questions in full sentences and encouraging your child to answer in full sentences rather than one word.

Oracy can help pupils:

- Increase self-confidence
- Deepen their self-awareness
- Improve resilience
- Boost children's wellbeing
- Increase their academic achievement.



## **Sensory Toys**

A number of children are bringing sensory toys in from home. We have a wealth of sensory toys to support children with known needs in school to support them with their learning. However lots of children are bringing them in as toys to play with at breaktimes. This is starting to cause some upset as they are being swapped, or broken, or mis placed. If your child needs a sensory item for supporting learning, we provide this as a school so we would appreciate your children leaving their personal sensory toys at home so there is less upset.



Parents we would appreciate your support with this, thank you.

## **Warmer Weather**

Please remember to apply long lasting sun cream before school and send your child in with a sun hat for the warmer days after half term. Thank you!

**Have a lovely half term**

**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; we **believe** 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.'



### **Year 4 Think Tank Trip**

On Wednesday Y4 had a fantastic trip to Thinktank in Birmingham. They loved exploring the amazing bikes, cars, planes, trains and trams from Birmingham's history. They enjoyed seeing the Spitfire and learning how aircraft fly. The highlight of the day was the Planetarium show, where we journeyed through space, learned about the night sky and discovered fascinating facts about astronomy. We also enjoyed the hands-on exhibits in the Science garden. It was a fun and memorable day full of learning and discovery!



## **Black Pepper School Lunches**

Please remember to order meals for your children on or before midnight 1st June for our last half of the summer term. There is also a packed lunch option, these need to be ordered 48 hours in advance.

Remember all pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to free meals (UFSM) regardless of your income. Plus families eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Please use the link below to choose your options.

If your child is not KS1 nor eligible for FSM you are welcome to book meals but you will need to order and pay in advance. Thank you

<https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

**Campaign for a Pedestrian Crossing** outside St Matthias Church to enable children to safely cross Church Road. Some parents and Governors of St Matthias C of E Primary School have been on a mission to keep St Matthias children safe due to increasing traffic and no crossing patrol. We are hoping by petitioning that we will be able to convince the Local Authority Highways Authority that this is an important addition to Church Road which would benefit not only St Matthias pupils but also other children and adults in the area to safely cross an increasingly busy road. Please support by scanning the link and adding your name to the petition. Or clicking this link [Support our campaign](#)



**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT  
OUR CAMPAIGN TO GET A  
SAFE PEDESTRIAN  
CROSSING FOR OUR  
CHILDREN**





**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 This Week	N	R	1	2	3	4	5/6	School
Number of Pupils who have been absent	6	4	5	11	5	7	7	45
Total Number of Sessions Missed	24	13	25	25	25	18	35	165
Class Percentage	88.1	89.6	85.2	91.4	86.8	92.9	87.8	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.								

**Year 4 had the best attendance this week. Well Done.**

**No years had over 96% this week! We hope for improved attendance next half term.**

### 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): -**

**N. Paisley & Cienna, R. Imogen , 1. Florence, 2. Poppy, 3. Kendall, 4. Oakley, 5/6. Isabella.**

**Value Leaf for showing "WISDOM": R. Chloe, 1. Nathan, 2. Sienna, 3. Millicent, 4. Theo, 5/6. Addison.**

**Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Keira, 1. Sonny, 2. Hallie, 3. Maddie, 4. Sienna, 5/6. Heidi.**

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

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

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.

**Bertie Y3 and Florence Y1** for completing a 2km fun run as part of the Suckley Quarter Marathon. Well done both of you and Mum for completing the half marathon!

**Bertie Y3** for completing his stage 7 swimming – you have smashed swimming Bertie! Fantastic achievement!

**Pippa Y5** for following her dreams and creating bead bracelets to sell to people. A real entrepreneur! We are proud of you!

**Charlie and Ella Y5 & 6** congratulations to your family on the birth of baby Everley. Ella you are a pro at helping with feeding and being a super big sister! You too Charlie!





# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

School Photographer in to do  
Class Groups and Leavers Packs  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

### CLASS EVENTS

Meeting for future Reception Parents  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 4.00pm

Year 6 Hanley High School Induction  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5/6 Lifepath Trip  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Meeting for future Nursery Parents  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm

Year 6 Chase Induction Day  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Year 6 Hanley High Induction  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Year 6 Dysons Induction Day  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Year 1 Worcester Cathedral  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Reception All Things Wild Trip  
 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Year 6 John Masefield Induction Day  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 3 Seeds for Life Trip  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Service in Church  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9am

### 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

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Staff Training Day

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

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

# HALF-TERM EVENTS

## 23RD - 31ST MAY



### Scala Festival of Play

Saturday 23rd May, 10am - 5pm (free & drop-in)



### Lego® Club:

Every Saturday, 10 - 11:30am (free & drop-in)



### Elmer Day:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 11:30am - 3pm (free & drop-in)



### Rat-a-tat Tales:

Every Saturday & Sunday, 11am & 3pm (free & drop-in)



### Wacky Wednesday:

Every Wednesday, 1:30 - 3pm (free & drop-in)



### Family Film:

Wednesday 27th May, 10am & 1pm (free & drop-in)



### Author Storytimes - Daisy Merle

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10am & 11:30am (free & drop-in)



### Story Carousel

Thursday 29th May, 2pm-2:45pm (free & drop-in)




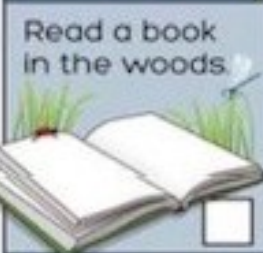
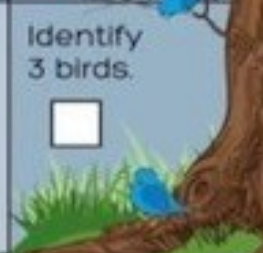

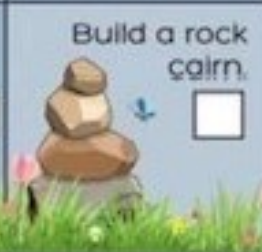
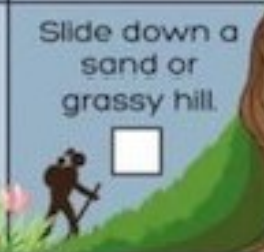


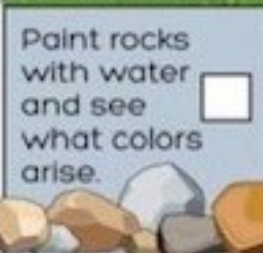




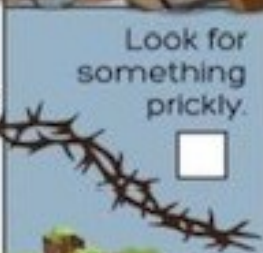




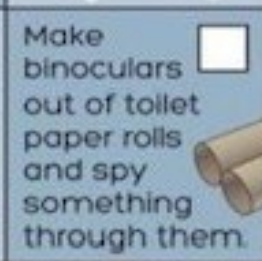

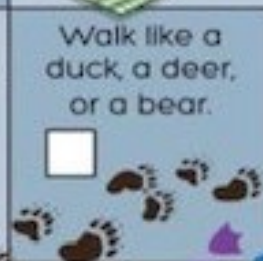



The **Hive**

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# 30 THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS OUTSIDE

<p>Look at a cloud and say what you think it looks like. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Make a wish on a dandelion. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Explore a cobweb and make spiders cool. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Hug a tree. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Build a house for fairies. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Read a book in the woods. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Fill a basket with nuts, leaves, and sticks that have fallen from trees. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Pick up 3 pieces of trash from outside. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Identify 3 birds. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Throw rocks in a river, pond, or puddle. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Plant wildflowers. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Build a rock cairn. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Slide down a sand or grassy hill. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Explore a trail you have never been down. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Draw pictures in the dirt. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 
<p>Paint rocks with water and see what colors arise. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Splash in a big puddle. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Put bugs in a bowl and observe them. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Work in a garden or explore a public garden. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Pick out how many shades of green you see on a trail. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 
<p>Look for something prickly. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Sing in the rain. <input type="checkbox"/> no rain?? stick your head in a fountain or waterfall and sing!</p> 	<p>Plant a seed that you find on the trail. <input type="checkbox"/> ie. acorn, pine cone, willow fuzz.</p> 	<p>Have a picnic. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Find a trail with a creek and look for the animals that live in it. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>My Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Name a trail with your own special name.</p> 	<p>Make binoculars out of toilet paper rolls and spy something through them. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Make a new friend. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Walk like a duck, a deer, or a bear. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 	<p>Find different items that are your child's favorite color. <input type="checkbox"/></p> 



## June 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](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Recordings available for 48 hours**

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm

## **Eat Well, Meet Friends, Feel Welcome!**



**Freshly cooked family supper  
for local families with children**

**Mondays 4:30-5:30pm,  
at the Octagon Centre, Poolbrook  
& Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm  
at St Mary's, Pickersleigh**

**ALL WELCOME  
Adults £1, Children Free**