



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back after the May half term break; we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to have lots of adventures with your families. I was quite grateful that the beautiful hot weather was in the half term rather than in school; it is certainly cooler this week.

Teacher Education Day

Through the academic year there are 5 TED days where our staff come together to develop professionally while the children are at home. During the TED on Monday 1st June, our English Lead, Mrs Maidens organised and delivered a packed day of learning linked to developing children's oracy, writing and handwriting across the school. The research-led developments in all these areas is vital for developing children's foundational skills. We will be implementing new approaches in September so this TED day was important to enable staff to begin to prepare for some new strategies. We are always striving to make improvements to the curriculum and the delivery of the curriculum to enable your children to flourish academically, emotionally and socially. Thank you Mrs Maidens and all staff for embracing our TED day.

Reports and SEN Reviews

Every St Matthias parent will receive an End of Year report in July as an overview of their child's progress over this academic year.

In addition to this we are also inviting parents of children on our SEND register for a one to one 15 minute meeting to review and set new targets for the next academic year. These meetings will be held during the week beginning 22nd June. Due to the number of appointments needed we will be allocating parents a time and date and unfortunately there will be little option to change it. These appointment letters will be sent home next week with your child. Please complete and return the slip to indicate whether or not you are able to attend.

Dyson Year 10 students

It was lovely to welcome ten Dyson Perrins students for work experience this week. Eight of the children were past pupils. The students helped in classes across the school, they read with the children, helped with admin tasks and supported children with work. They were very helpful and respectful. I hope some of them will consider future careers in education or working with children. Hopefully it will inspire some of our young students to come back to St Matthias for work experience when they are in Year 10!

Class Photographs

This week, all classes had their group photographs taken and Year 6 had their individual photos for their leavers packs. We will let parents know when the proofs come back and you can order the photograph online using the order form which will be sent home.

**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; 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.'



Developing an Early Years Sensory Garden.

Last month we were lucky enough to win a mud kitchen which had been designed and built by N-Hance a training academy who offer young adults a practical way into education, training and employment. We approached them to see if they would be willing and able to redesign an area in Early Years to incorporate a sensory garden and space for our youngest learners. The space will have areas where children can use all their senses through touch, smell, sight and hearing. We will have low planters and high planters which are wheelchair accessible, paths with different textures, a range of plants to stimulate senses and wildlife and so much more!

They were very willing to take on the challenge which also gives young people in their academy an opportunity to develop their skills in design and wood work who may face barriers to engagement, progression and confidence. We are delighted that we can also give them this opportunity and benefit from their skills. The academy pride themselves on working closely with the learners, schools and other local partners to help young people move forward with confidence towards employment, apprenticeships or further education. They are developing life-long skills and hands-on practical learning. We will take photographs and share them with you as the project progresses. <https://n-hanceworchester.co.uk/>

We do have a wish list of resources so if you know anyone/ company who would be willing to donate a few items we would be very grateful...

Large pebbles, sand, wood chip (lots), thin sliced rounds/stepping logs, artificial grass (astroturf), rolls of turf/grass, round fence posts and any plants.

National Book Tokens – WIN £1000 for our school library.

You can nominate our school to receive prizes to continue to develop our library. Click on this link to find out more information or scan the QR code on the next page of our newsletter <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

We promote reading for pleasure every day with our children and encourage a love of reading. Our library has been developed over the last few years, however we don't miss an opportunity to gain more books for children to enjoy in class and in our library.

Research says reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children – boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills like empathy.

What's more, reading for pleasure is likely to play a vital role in helping our nation's children recover from the as yet unquantified impact that Covid-19 has had on their education, their social development, mental health and overall well-being.

National Book Tokens charity prize draw is back and there is a chance for us to enhance our library through being nominated.

If we are one of the 5 schools who might win the prize then there is also a chance that someone will win themselves £100 book token too!



[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate our school– please!

HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY

Nominate us and you could win a £100 gift card!

nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize



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#rebuildthelibrary

National
Year of
Reading
2028

Summer Holiday Craft Box give away!

The summer holidays can be daunting for many of us having to entertain children for 6 weeks. We have a Play Therapist, Emma, who works at St Matthias and she, along with Malvern Hills District Council have offered to create and give away, FREE of charge, a box of arts and crafts to every child at St Matthias ready for the summer holidays. Inside there will be ideas of what to create and how to use them as a family. On Tuesday 14th July at 9am there will be a drop in for parents to view what is in the box and gather top tips and tricks on what to do with the FREE resources. Any parent joining the session on the 14th July will get a £5 The Works voucher to buy extra top up resources. If you would like to join the session please let the office know.



Wondering how to fill
the long summer
holidays?

In the last week of term, Time to Play with the generous support of Malvern Hills District Council, will be giving away a box of arts and crafts materials for every child in school.

For tips, tricks and ideas on how to use them, join Emma, from 9am on Tuesday 14th July



We have
the answer



£5

Voucher to spend at
The Works for every
parent who drops in

www.timetoplay.org.uk
timetoplay.office@mail.com

Time to play is a registered charity in England and Wales
(1209537)



As a church school, 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 focus on what the values mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.



Our Value this half term is "Community"

Romans 12.16 "Live in harmony with one another."

Colossians 3:13-14 "Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"

Romans 12:4-5 "Community is life-giving and essential to following Christ. Scripture says that's because we're better together than we are alone"

Helen Keller ""Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Gandhi "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others".

Coretta Scott-King "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Ours is a wonderful school, nurturing and flourishing; showing great depths of community.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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!



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. Dante , 1. Silus, 2. Reggie, 3. Leo, 4. Leo, 5/6. Harlem.

Value Leaf for showing "WISDOM": R. Cayson, 1. Archer, 2. Ayla, 3. Ella N, 4. Mia-Rose, 5/6. Ted.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Eden-Rose, 1. Ross-Joseph, 2. Caelyn, 3. Lyla, 4. Lexi, 5/6. Senuk.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Eva S. Yr 2

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.

Oliver N, for being a courageous advocate and raising money for the Woodland Trust by doing a litter picking project. He is completing the litter picks in the local area between 18th May and 20th July (when we break up). If you would like to sponsor Oliver here [click here](#) He has already raised over £300. We are proud of you!

Eva Y2 for completing stage 6 Swimming award and gaining a certificate. We are proud of you.

Louis Y3 for being so brave whilst having his tonsillectomy a few weeks ago. Louis had to be very patient waiting for his operation but it was made easier as Hunter his class friend also had a tonsillectomy on the same day in the same ward! Imagine that!

Hunter Y3 for also being brave having your tonsillectomy in hospital and being a great ward roomie to Louis! Well done boys we are very proud of you!

Dylan and Daisy YR & Y4 for gaining certificates for completing lots of adventurous activities during an accessible holiday, which included climbing, abseiling, archery, caving, biking, a massive tube slide and a huge sensory swing. We are so proud of you what an incredible holiday!

Marlee Mae Y5 for being issued with her Jujitsu uniform and looking forward her first grading. We are proud of you.





NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Whole School Moving Up Morning

CLASS EVENTS

Year 6 Hanley High School Induction
Tuesday 9th June

Year 5/6 Lifepath Trip
Monday 22nd June

Meeting for future Nursery Parents
Wednesday 24th June 3.30_{pm}

Year 6 Chase Induction Day
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Year 6 Hanley High Induction
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Year 6 Dysons Induction Day
Thursday 25th June 2026

Year 1 Worcester Cathedral
Thursday 25th June

Reception All Things Wild Trip
Wednesday 1st July

Year 6 John Masefield Induction Day
Thursday 2nd July

Year 3 Seeds for Life Trip
Tuesday 7th July

Year 4 Boundless Outdoor Trip
Monday 13th July

Year 6 Leavers Service in Church
Wednesday 15th July 9_{am}

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

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.

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**

