



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had some lovely weather this week, with potential warm weather next week too. Can we remind parents to provide children with a named hat, named refillable water bottle and apply long lasting suncream before school.

It has been another busy week in school with lots of excitement within the children's learning.

Nursery Adventures!

On Tuesday, as part of their curiosity approach and taking the lead from the children they went on a special adventure. Our school hall was set up like an airport, with baggage checks, passport control and important flight information. Nursery class took along their own suitcases with a few holiday items which were discussed preciously, left their class walked through the playground and entered the 'airport.' They checked in their luggage, completed passport control and then were shown to their seats on the aeroplane where they watched very important safety procedures! After that they flew to Africa. They watched a real plane take off to show them what it was like, then had some entertainment and refreshments! Their adventure carried on through the week with checking into the hotel and going on safari! They even experienced dipping their feet into a pool!



A surprise visitor to Year One!

Year One have been learning about Australia and reading non-fiction books. As they were reading and sharing their learning, the local cat, who often visits the children in the playground, snuck into the classroom! The children found it very funny – he was very friendly and ushered back outside after he had listened to a few facts about Australia!

Year One have a themed Australian Day on Friday 26th June.



Reading for Pleasure in Reception Class.

Reception class love visiting our school library to share and listen to stories being read to them. They love to share books together, read books independently and also listen to adults reading stories. The children select the books carefully looking at the illustrations, reading the title and reading the blurb. Sometimes they vote on their favourite book. This week we had another expupil visit St Matthias as part of his work experience at Worcester Sixth form. Micah spent his primary school years here and it has been really special to welcome him back as a young adult wanting a career in education. He read stories to the children in our library. We are so pleased that he is aspiring to become a teacher in the future– we wish you all the best Micah!



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



Year 5/6 Peter Pan Production

Year 5&6 are practising very hard for their end of year show with the help of the Y3 children as backing singers! This year Mrs Maidens decided to do something slightly different in putting on a bit of a show with her class. Children in Reception to Year 4 will watch the dress-rehearsal on Monday 29th June and tickets have been purchased for Tuesday and Wednesday the same week. The children are a little nervous but they are developing their skills linked to being resilient, giving something a go that they haven't tried before and encouraging each other. It has been super to see the team effort in making staging and costumes. We are even trying the stage next week. I can't wait to see the show in full swing in a week or so time!



Dates for your Diary

Sports Day (Reception to Y6) Friday 3rd July.

Weather permitting, we will be holding our annual Sports Day on Friday 3rd July. We will be holding the event on our school field during the morning.

The event will be split into two sessions.

9.15am-10.30am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

10.45-12.15pm Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5/6.

Parents from the corresponding classes can watch the event and there will be an area where you can bring some camping chairs/rugs if you wish to sit. If you have children in both sessions you may stay for the morning. There will be a no smoking policy at the event. More information will follow to give details of the Sports Day event.



Nursery Stay and Play

Nursery Class will hold a special Stay and Play session with graduation for children and parents on Monday 13th July 1.30pm

Free School Meals – Check if you are eligible

The Department for Education has recently updated the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals.

This means some families may now qualify, even if they have not been eligible in the past.

If you receive Universal Credit, you should apply. We strongly encourage all families to check their eligibility and submit an application.

To apply, you will need:

- Your name
- Your National Insurance number
- Your date of birth

Find out more and apply online here: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Please note: the application system will be unavailable from 9 July to 15 July.

Free School Meals team

freeschoolmeals@worcestershire.gov.uk

SEND Reviews

We look forward to seeing parents of children on our SEND register for their review meeting to set new targets for the next academic year, on 22nd June or 23rd June.

Please do let us know if you are **unable** to make your allocated time and we will send the targets home to you on paper



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.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Don't forget...



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

- 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!

The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week and this year so far.

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	7/28	4/15	1/17	6/29	3/19	5/25	5/33	31/166
Total Number of Sessions Missed	28	20	1	14	8	18	11	100
Class Percentage	86.5	85.3	98.2	95.2	95.8	92.8	96.7	93.4%
There are two sessions per day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R – 6 attend 10 sessions per week. Nursery children are expected to attend all of their booked sessions.								

Year 1 had the best attendance this week. Well Done.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 5/6 had over 95% this week! Amazing!

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. Ada, 1. Ivy, 2. Noah, 3. Ella, 4. Kyle, 5/6. Jake.

Value Leaf for showing "COMMUNITY": R. Florence, 1. John, 2. Ayra, 3. Mia, 4. Ryan, 5/6. David.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Jaxon, 1. Stacey, 2. Neveah, 3. Alice, 4. Sofia, 5/6. Ella.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Evie Grace 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.

Reggie Y2 for completing his stage 4 swimming certificate and for being awarded 2 badges at Beavers, one for first aid and one for hiking. Amazing achievements Reggie we are very proud of you!

Mason Y4 for taking part in a show with Dance in Motion. He played a door knob, and a royal card for the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland. Well done Mason we are very proud of you!

Ralphee, Y5 for his team work and positive attitude in his football team's recent tournament. They got through to the finals and played the last game fantastically, but missed out by 0-1 we are really proud of you!

Isabella, Y5 for achieving her first grading and receiving a red tag for her white belt in jujitsu.





NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

SEN Parent Appointments Yr R,1,3,4+5/6.
Monday 22nd June

SEN Parent Appointments Yrs N + 2
Tuesday 23rd July

Sports Day Yrs R - 6
Friday 3rd July

School Moving Up Morning 9.30 -11.30am
Tuesday 14th July

Summer Craft Box give away demo
Tuesday 14th July 9am

SEND Coffee Morning support transition
Tuesday 14th July 9am

CLASS EVENTS

Year 5/6 Lifepath Trip
Monday 22nd June

Meeting for future Nursery Parents
Wednesday 24th June 3.30pm

Year 6 Chase Induction Day
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Year 6 Hanley High Induction Day
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Year 6 Dysons Induction Day
Thursday 25th June 2026

Year 1 Worcester Cathedral
Thursday 25th June

Year 1 Australian Day
Friday 26th 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

Nursery Stay & Play for Parents
Monday 13th July 1.30pm

Year 6 Leavers Service in Church
Wednesday 15th 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 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 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.

All our past newsletters are also on our website.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Transition Support Parent Drop-in Coffee Morning



I am very pleased to invite **all parents and carers** to a coffee morning on:

Tuesday 14th July 9am

Including the Time to Play parent drop in.

During the drop-in service, parents are invited to come and chat about supporting your child with their **transition** in September. This includes those starting Reception, those transitioning to their next year group and those who are leaving us to go on to start their secondary school journey.

There will be lots of **support and advice** on offer including lots of **resources and activity ideas** for you to take home to support your children with transition over the summer holidays.

Please do call in for a chat, coffee and cake or to collect some of the helpful resources.

I look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Mrs Joyce (SENCO)



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



Summer Holiday Craft Box Give Away!



Hi, Its Emma from Time to Play.

Some of you will know me as a play and creative arts therapist working with children in school on Tuesdays. What you might not know is that I work for a small charity that supports children and families in Malvern to play their way to positive mental health and well-being.

This summer, the charity has secured a grant from Malvern Town Council to provide a box of art and craft materials for every child at St Matthias to use at home during the summer holidays. Your child can choose to keep their artwork just for home, share photos via the Dojo, or bring their creations to school in September for an exhibition.

To help you to get the most out of your box, I am running a short workshop for parents and carers **9am on Tuesday 14th July**. You will get a preview of what is in the boxes and tips and tricks for how to use the resources. If you would like to, you can try out the resources for yourself and ask any questions. No artistic experience or ability is needed. The aim is to show how children can feel good about themselves when they use art and craft materials.

There are still places left.

To book a place and receive a £5 voucher for The Works, sign up at reception.

Looking forward to seeing you on 14th July.

Emma



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**

