



### **Gymnastic Club Showcase!**

This term, our KS2 Gymnastics Club has flourished under the expert coaching of Lucy, who choreographed a stunning floor routine to 'This is Me' from The Greatest Showman soundtrack. The children worked incredibly hard to perfect solos, duets and group movements, demonstrating skills including forward rolls, cartwheels, leaps and backward rolls – all carefully timed to the music. While many were initially nervous about performing to a live audience, their commitment and determination shone through. Lucy and Mrs O'Connor were immensely proud to see every child showcase their abilities with such confidence. It was wonderful to watch the children's skills develop and their self-assurance grow throughout the term. Well done to all our gymnasts! Thank you to Lucy O'Connor who gave up her time to share her expertise in Gymnastics with our children enabling them to flourish and progress in their skills!



### **Year 1 Anzac Day**

Even in the heatwave last Friday, Year One continued with their Australian Themed Day. They had a jam-packed adventure exploring Australia! The children arrived and went on a virtual flight to Oz, where they made their own passports so they could be 'allowed into the country'.

Once there, they visited the Great Barrier Reef and swam with Nemo and Mr Ray. Then they went on a trip to Uluru, a sacred rock in Australia – we learnt that it is an incredible 348m tall!

Next, they visited Sydney and saw a bird's eye view of the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. After an exhausting but fascinating exploration of famous landmarks, they enjoyed a traditional Aussie snack – fairy bread! This is buttered bread with sprinkles on top.

The children then had the opportunity to play the didgeridoo and learn all about Aboriginal Australians – how they tell stories through dance and have lived in Australia for thousands of years. The children completed some beautiful Aboriginal dot paintings, which they proudly displayed in the classroom.

They also made Anzac biscuits, which are traditionally eaten on 25th April. This is Australia and New Zealand's national occasion when they remember those who fought and died in the war.

To end their trip, the children played a traditional Australian game – 'Thong Throwing' – where you have to stand in a line and kick your flip flop (Australians call flip flops 'thongs') off as far as you can!

What a fun packed Australian Day you had! Well done Year One!



### Reception Trip to All Things Wild

On Wednesday, Reception Class went on the train to All Things Wild, I am so pleased they took me with them – it was great fun! The class were amazing travelling by train. Dylan had First Class travel facilities with British Rail being super with accessible transport! We all walked from Honeybourne train station to All Things Wild. We had the best weather to explore the indoor and outdoor fun. There were animals, dinosaurs, hands on experiences with the little animals and so many play areas inside and outside! If you would like to see the facilities click here <https://www.allthingswild.co.uk/>

The adventure didn't stop at All Things Wild when we left. The children were amazing on the way back when we found that our train was running late and then terminated at Shrub Hill instead of Malvern Link. So we all waited patiently, then got off the train to quickly get the next train from Shrub Hill to Malvern Link. This train was very busy. Eventually after a long day we arrived back at Malvern Link train station to find our parents and carers only being about half an hour late! I was so proud of the class for being amazing and very patient!



### **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](http://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](mailto:freeschoolmeals@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## Peter Pan Performances

The rescheduled performance dates are as follows:-

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2pm (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2pm tickets are valid for this performance)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2pm (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2pm tickets are valid for this performance)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 4.15pm (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 4.15pm tickets are valid for this performance)

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

## 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.

**Florence Y1** for being invested into 2nd Malvern Beavers! I love your uniform you are certainly ready to have fun and start gaining some badges! Well done we are proud of you!

**Marlee-Mae Y5** for attending a jujitsu event last weekend and earning 3 points towards her next belt and also winning 2 out of 3 matches to gain a medal! Well done we are very proud of you!



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."*

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Emma





# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

**PARENTS Craft Demonstration** See page 5  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>am</sup>  
**SEND Coffee Morning** support transition  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>am</sup>  
**School Moving Up Morning** 9.30 –11.30<sup>am</sup>  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

### CLASS EVENTS

**Year 6 Dysons Induction Day**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
**Year 3 Seeds for Life Trip**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
**Year 6 Hanley High Induction Day**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
**Year 4 Boundless Outdoor Trip**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
**Nursery Stay & Play for Parents**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1.30<sup>pm</sup>  
**Year 6 Leavers Service in Church**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>am</sup>

### 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**

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 on our website [www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk](http://www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk)



This is an Anxiety Thermometer.

A useful strategy to help children deal with anxiety is for them to become aware of what is the level of their anxiety. If they can develop an understanding of their anxiety or worries, then this is the first step in learning strategies to manage or cope better.

Anxiety can be triggered by different situations, and so using this tool can also help children recognise what situations make them feel more anxious or worried than others.

### Supporting Children with Anxiety

Here is a very useful website for parents who would like to help their child with anxiety. Anxiety can appear at any time and at times can feel overwhelming. It is normal to feel worried or nervous about a new situation or something that is happening, but sometimes we need help to lower the overwhelming feeling. Try this website for ideas on how you can support.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/anxiety/>

# Squirrels

The youngest Scout section for girls and boys  
aged 4 to 6 years  
Welcome to the Adventure!

## Can You Help Us Get Squirrels Underway?



## Squirrel Scouts help young people:

- Build confidence and independence
- Make new friends
- Get creative through crafts and games
- Explore nature and the outdoors
- Learn teamwork, kindness and respect
- Try new skills and earn exciting badges
- Have fun in a safe, inclusive environment

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help launch a new Squirrel Scouts Drey. No previous Scouting experience is needed -training and support are provided. Interested in finding out more? Get in touch today for a chat about joining the team and helping local young people start their Squirrel Scouts adventure!



**Scouts**  
1st Malvern Link

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Malvern, WR14 1LY

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