



St Matthias Newsletter



Friday 10th July 2026

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another hot week and I want to say how proud I am of the staff and the children for making as many adaptations as they can to keep as cool as possible– it has been very challenging!

Transition Day

On Tuesday 14th July, we are holding a '**Moving Up Morning**' where your children will have some time with their new teacher in their new classroom. The children will arrive as normal, they will go to their current classrooms. Then they will go to their new classrooms at the appropriate times. During these sessions they will build relationships, finding out about their teacher, routines, curriculum and have lots of opportunities to ask questions. They will return to their current teachers and classrooms once the session has finished! Your child will be directed during the morning so they don't need to worry.

School Reports 2026

Your children should have come home with their school reports this week. We are very proud of all the children for their efforts and hard work. Each child has made progress and flourished academically and socially. They are now ready for the next part of their journey, be that in the next class or the next school.

Within the school reports you will find information about your child's attendance with a leaflet, a transition leaflet about their next class and any statutory test results if appropriate. We always welcome comments and feedback, so after you have read your child's report, please click on this link to leave us a message [End of Year Report Parent Feedback Form 2026 – Fill in form](#) Thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to discuss your child's school report please request a telephone appointment via ClassDojo directly to the teacher, or phone the school office.

If your child has not come home with a school report or they have been absent please ask the class teacher or contact the office and we will be able to get the report to you.

Mrs Staniforth

I want to say a big thank you to Mrs Staniforth who has been our swimming teacher for a while now. She has been offered more swimming contracts outside of our school so will not be the main swimming teacher, however she will cover swimming lessons when we need her to and Teaching Assistant absences. So we are not saying goodbye just see you soon!

Summer reading challenge:

The Summer Reading Challenge Has Officially Begun!

Children across Worcestershire are invited to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat**.

The challenge is simple: **read six library books during the summer holidays**. For every book read, children will receive a sticker for their **Read to the Beat** sticker book, as well as the chance to earn some exciting bonus rewards along the way.

Reading over the summer is a great way for children to relax, have fun, and keep their minds active during the school break. Regular reading helps maintain skills and can make the transition back to school in September much easier. Research shows that children who read regularly often achieve higher academic attainment, while also developing their creativity, imagination and confidence. Reading can also support positive mental wellbeing, providing a relaxing and enjoyable escape into new worlds and adventures.

Visit your local Worcestershire Library to sign up and start your **Read to the Beat** journey today!



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.'



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, I'm 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.

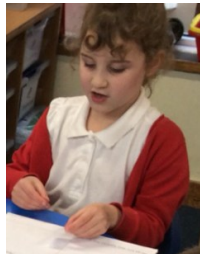
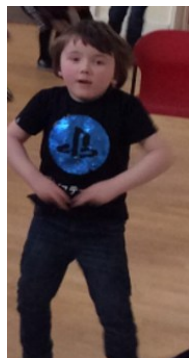
To book a place and receive a £5 voucher for The Works, sign up at reception.

Looking forward to seeing you on 14th July.

Emma



We all want to wish Year 6 an enjoyable last week at St Matthias and a fond farewell as they embark on their new journey to High School. Many of you started your school journey at St Matthias Nursery and some of you joined part way through your Primary School years. At whatever point you started with us, we have been very proud of what you have achieved. We have enjoyed watching you grow and flourish along the way, making progress in your learning, developing your independence, forming lasting friendships, creating memories and joining in your fun and laughter. Please remember to stop and talk to us when we see you in the street; we love hearing about past pupil achievements. We will hold you dear in our memories. Remember to **Aspire** to be what you want to be, **Believe** in yourself and you will **Achieve** what you want. Remember to **AIM HIGH!** Here are some of your best times... **GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!** You never know you might be part of our school family again in the future as a member of staff!

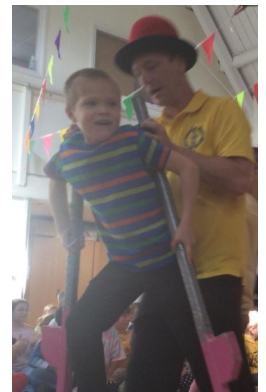


Aspire





Achieve



Sports Day and Break the Rules day.

Thank you to Mr Salmon for organising a cooler day for sports day and all the activities last Friday! It was a very successful event and everyone enjoyed the occasion. I was so impressed with how the children encouraged each other to be successful! Thank you parents and carers for supporting the children and being so encouraging on the day. Our Year 6 helpers were amazing—we will miss you next year!

Break the rules day was also combined with our sports day! Thank you school council and Mrs Philgence for organising this event for their chosen charity— Cancer Research. Again thank you parents and carers for supporting our chosen charity and all the donations of cakes and taking part in this event.



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

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.

Ivy Y1 for learning to ride her bike without stabilisers and now she is ready to go shopping with dad on her bike! Well done for persisting we are very proud of you!

Sienna H Y2 for being brave having a very special cap with lots of wires attached to her head for a few days to monitor her epilepsy . It was very uncomfortable but very necessary. We are proud of you for carrying on with such dignity and strength.

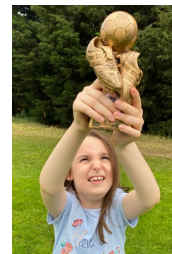
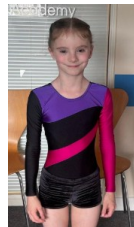
Leo H Y3 for overcoming lots of worries and fears with water and being able to go under the water and jump into the pool now. We are proud of you for being brave!

Alice Y3 for being presented with a football trophy for participation and the improvement she has made over the season including her first goal! Well done Alice we are proud of you!

Millicent Y3 for completing her grade 1 gymnastics dance exam. She worked incredibly hard on the routine, overcame her nerves and enjoyed her first experience of an exam. Well done we are very proud of you!

Paisley Y2 and Zara Y4 for passing their first grading in taekwondo “chon-ji” aka heaven and the earth; signifying a plant sprouting from earth and taking root. They overcame their nerves in front of the examiners to demonstrate their skills in walking stances, low blocks, rising blocks, middle blocks and front kicks. We are very proud of you both!

Marlee-Mae Y5– For gaining enough points to get her next belt in jujitsu. Well done we are 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.”

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. Keira, 1. Freddie, 2. Eva, 3. Hunter, 4. Rihanna, 5/6. Jacob.

Value Leaf for showing "COMMUNITY": R. Imogen, 1. Lola, 2. Myles, 3. Louie, 4. Mila, 5/6. Addison.

Spotted (Improve Handwriting & Editing): R. Dante, 1. Sonny, 2. Paisley, 3. Maddie, 4. Serafym, 5/6. Loki.

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



**JOIN US FOR
TOGETHER@10**

For those...
who have questions and want to explore faith more;
who are new to the idea of church or want to experience a
different style of worship.

For all ages.

Church done differently

NEXT GEN

Malvern Link with Cowleigh

Sunday 12th July 10am
St. Matthias Church
Church Road, Malvern



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

PARENTS Craft Demonstration See page 2

Tuesday 14th July 9^{am}

SEND Coffee Morning support transition

Tuesday 14th July 9^{am}

School Moving Up Morning 9.30 – 11.30^{am}

Tuesday 14th July

CLASS EVENTS

Year 4 Boundless Outdoor Trip

Monday 13th July

Nursery Stay & Play for Parents

Monday 13th July 1.30^{pm}

Peter Pan Performance

Tuesday 14th July 2pm **Ticket Only.**

Please arrive 1.45pm

Peter Pan Performance

Tuesday 14th 4.15pm **Ticket Only**

This performance is sold out.

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 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

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 in Newsletter 27 on page 4.

All our past newsletters are on our website www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS - EXTRA SESSIONS OFFERED!
- TAILORED FOR SEN CHILDREN.

PLAY DAYS

For children aged 5 to 10 years
10am - 12pm
£10 per session

WEEK 1
Thursday 30th July
Friday 31st July 2026

WEEK 2
Thursday 6th August
Friday 7th August 2026

HOLIDAY CLUB

For children aged 8 and over
10am - 2pm
£15 per day

WEEK 3
Wednesday 12th August
Thursday 13th August
Friday 14th August 2026

WEEK 4
Tuesday 25th August
Wednesday 26th August
Thursday 27th August 2026

IMPORTANT: Sessions cannot be booked individually.
Places must be booked for ALL sessions in a given week. Choose 1 week per child.

PLACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK NOW!
email smile@arcos.org.uk

Holiday Camp for Autistic Children

HATHERTON LODGE, AVENUE RD,
MALVERN WR14 3AG



ARCOS

skyautismsupport.com

arcos.org.uk

The camp will run for three consecutive days and will provide fun and friendship for children aged 8-14 with Autistic tendencies.

There are 3 weeks to choose from:

- a. 20th, 21st, 22nd July
- b. 3rd, 4th, 5th August
- c. 17th, 18th, 19th August

10am – 2pm
please bring your own lunch.

For further information please contact
ARCOS:

smile@arcos.org.uk
01684 576 795

Spaces are limited – please list your preferred weeks in order of preference (e.g. b, a, c).

A suggested donation of £10 per child.



ARCOS





Help your child
build confidence
over the summer
holidays.

NHS

Herefordshire
and Worcestershire

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