



NEWSLETTER 11 – 23rd May 2025

Well, that was a short half-term and it really has whizzed by! As always, it has been busy with Class Photos, Year 6 SATs and much more. I am grateful, as always, to the dedicated staff team here at St Matthew's and the hard work they put in each and every day to try and help the children to learn and achieve the best that they can. A reminder that we are only part of the process, it is **vital** that you listen to your children read, help them to learn their times tables and talk to them about what they have been learning about in school. You would be amazed at how much more progress children make when there is active interest from home.

On behalf of everyone here, we hope the children have a lovely rest and you are able to all spend some quality time together at some point!



Mr Mackley
Headteacher

A reminder that we close today at the normal time of 3:15pm and re-open on Monday 2nd June at 8:45am

Uniform

Can we please remind again that 'joggers' are not uniform and should not be worn as such. Trainers are also not school uniform, plain black shoes only.

PE kit is to be brought into school to change into, children should not be coming to school ready changed.

Punctuality

Following some questions from some parents, I would like to explain the two different late codes.

If a child arrives after bell but before the register is officially closed for the session (this is a legal requirement from the Government) then they are simply marked as 'Late'.

However, if they arrive after the register is officially closed then they are marked as 'Late, register closed' and we are legally required to mark this as an absence.

So, please be on time! If there is a problem, then contact the office as soon as you can.

Stars of the Week & Values Award

Week ending 9th May

| Year | Star of the Week | Values Award |
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| Rec | Noor & Rishi | Acacia & Fathima |
| Y1 | Amyra & Jayram | Zaviyar & Sallem |
| Y2 | Brianne & Anaya | Raihan |
| Y3 | Noorun & Divine | Vihana & Areesha |
| Y4 | Usman & David | Halima & Humairah |
| Y5 | Michael & Erum | Aamiah & Sienna |
| Y6 | Freya & Hamdan | Owais & Abhiram |

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| KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden) | Britney - Y3 |
| KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton) | Darius - Y2 |
| Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton) | Y6! Hamzah P = MVP |
| Numbots (Mrs Gretton) | 1st - Bhavik (Y2); 2nd - Menaal (Y2); 3rd - Rayyan (Y2) |

Week ending 16th May

| Year | Star of the Week | Values Award |
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| Rec | Antonio & Ishika | Khadijah & Dragos |
| Y1 | Aamina & Hoorain | Safiya & Hadiya |
| Y2 | Anees & Anthony | Jakub & Muhammad Bin |
| Y3 | Zainab & DEnton | Nelly & Ruhan |
| Y4 | Ishaq & Yasmina | Daria & Yusra |
| Y5 | Kainaat & Abdullah | Adam B & Yakub |
| Y6 | 6R & 6W | 6R -Mr Mills! |

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| KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton) | Musa - Y1 |
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| Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton) | Y3 - Ahmed = MVP |
| Numbots (Mrs Gretton) | 1st - Charlotte (Y1); 2nd - Hannah (Y1); 3rd - Aryan (Y1) |

Reflection & Prayer

As well as looking at another of Jesus' parables (The Workers in the Vineyard, <https://stmatthewspreston.co.uk/blog/2025-05-19-05-30-00-the-workers-in-the-vineyard> if you want to watch it) we also looked back at Operation Dynamo from World War 2.

You might ask why we looked at this? Next week will be 85 years since the very dramatic and brave rescue of nearly 340,000 British Troops from the beach at Dunkirk. Hundreds of ordinary boats, steered by hundreds of ordinary men and women bravely made trips to and from the beach to get the soldiers safely off.

It is important that we remember not only their bravery but their example that shows when we all pull together and help each other then we can achieve great things.

Almighty God, we remember today the desperate situation of our soldiers at Dunkirk and the miraculous rescue known as Operation Dynamo. We thank you for the bravery and resilience of those who risked their lives to save others, and for the courage of the men and women who helped in the evacuation. We pray for peace and healing for all those who were affected by the war. May your grace continue to guide us as we strive to build a more just and compassionate world.

Amen

All our worships can be viewed online here <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/blog/category/worship>

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If you need to translate this newsletter into your own language, please feel free to use [Google Translate](#). It's not perfect but better than nothing!

Class Dojo only translates into a limited number of languages and we are aware of at least 31 languages other than English which are spoken here at St Matt's!



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