



St Matthew's

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★	Star of the week W/E 3/2 Reception Faris & Joshua Year 1 Hashir A & Hoor Year 2 Annum & David I Year 3 Broagan & Fabian Year 4 Zara & Izzah Year 5 Alina & Zahra Year 6 Khadijah & Ruh	★	★	Values Award W/E 3/2 Reception Tasneem & Isa Year 1 Maira & Shazain Year 2 Zakariya, Zayd & Daria Year 3 Siraaj & David Year 4 Anabia & Massimo Year 5 Pola & Saif Year 6 6S & L'taya, Aisha	★	★	Attendance data (W/e 3/2/2023) Punctuality Year 4 Attendance Year 6 (Year 3, you were very close behind!) <i>Well done everybody!</i>	★																							
Weekly attendance by year group: Attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great! Attendance below the target of 96% - a concern Attendance of 90% or below - a great concern. <i>Let's try and get 96% or better and get some green!</i>						<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Previous attendance figures</th> <th>Latest figures</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td style="background-color: red;">89.5%</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">92.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td style="background-color: red;">87.8%</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">91.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td style="background-color: green;">96.4%</td> <td style="background-color: red;">89.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td style="background-color: green;">95.8%</td> <td style="background-color: green;">97.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4</td> <td style="background-color: green;">97.2%</td> <td style="background-color: red;">89.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">93.4%</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">94.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">95%</td> <td style="background-color: green;">98.8%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Previous attendance figures	Latest figures	Reception	89.5%	92.6%	Year 1	87.8%	91.4%	Year 2	96.4%	89.3%	Year 3	95.8%	97.1%	Year 4	97.2%	89.6%	Year 5	93.4%	94.1%	Year 6	95%	98.8%
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Another good week of attendance for some classes, well done for the improvements being made, let's keep going and get **everyone on green!**

Maths Challenge	Shareef 5B correctly identified the 2 markers on different number lines would total more than 250.
TTRS	Izzah Baig- Most valuable player.
Numbots	Zayd 2G- Most improved score.

Dear all,

Half-term break already! It has been a very quick 6 weeks since we came back from Christmas and when we come back it will be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent looking ahead to Easter. I am aware that there are other festivals taking place over February and March for our Hindu, Muslim and Sikh families and we hope that these are times of great blessing for you all.

Thank you once again for the support you give to us and we look forward to seeing everyone again after the half term break, we re-open on Monday 20th February at the normal time.

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”

Front Entrance

Works to the entrance have now been completed and from after half-term the front door will be locked at all times. If you need to gain entrance to the school, you will need to press the button to the side and speak to someone in the office in order to gain access. This is all part of our system of keeping everyone in our building safe.

End of the school day

Thank you to all for working with us on our routines, they are running smoothly and we are able to ensure that children are safely handed over.

Cars - there are still a lot using Derby Square at this very busy time, please avoid unless you really have to bring your vehicle here. We are aware of the children with mobility issues and it is right and proper that their parents can park closely to assist, please make life easier for them by avoiding vehicles on Derby Square at the end of the day.

Can we remind you that the use of Mobile Phones on school grounds is not permitted, especially taking photos, videos or even on a video call. Staff will ask you to put phones away if they are seen in use. This is not because we are anti-phones, we all use them and they are great tools, but we have a duty of safeguarding which overrides everything else.

Thank you.

New Hall Lane

We are still getting reports of people not using the crossing on New Hall Lane. The safest place to cross is at the lights with the crossing patrol, it only takes a few seconds more to cross here and you can do so safely.

Reading Challenge!

At St Matthew's we value the importance of reading. As a child grows up, **being able to read well not only enables them to discover new facts and to learn at school, but also opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories and opportunities.** Research shows children who read for pleasure will achieve more than those that don't in later life.

To encourage the children to read at home we have relaunched our reading challenge; children can now collect a **'Golden Ticket'** for every 10 times they read. Please sign your child's reading diary to show us they have read. All tickets will go into a prize draw to win a Kindle at the end of term.

Reflection & Prayer

Our theme in my worship this week was 'Don't give up!' It can be so easy to get disheartened when faced with a challenge and think that you will never succeed but 'sticking at it' and being resilient can eventually bring rewards. We learnt about the award winning author and former Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman who had her manuscripts rejected 82 times (!) before finally getting a publishing deal. She could so easily have given up and not bothered but she persisted and eventually got the rewards that she deserved.

Dear God,

Thank you for Malorie Blackman, and for all those who inspire us with their stories of perseverance.

Please help us to keep going, and never to give up.

Please help us to encourage others to keep going too.

Amen.

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