



## NEWSLETTER 12 – 20th June 2025

Hello everyone, as I write this, we are well and truly into the heatwave that has been forecast for this weekend. It is very warm and please be assured that during the school day we keep a close eye on all the children and work to ensure that they are kept as cool as possible.

A good time to remind that one of the most important things is to keep hydrated and that water is by far and away the best liquid for this.

As we move towards the end of the academic year, there are a few key dates on this newsletter which I encourage you to take note of.

Mr Mackley  
Headteacher

### Mrs Bryden

After a lengthy career teaching in various Primary Schools, including 25 years here, Mrs Bryden is taking early retirement at the end of the summer term. We are all going to miss her around school and the massive contribution she makes to the life of St Matthew's; thankfully we still have a few more weeks to enjoy her daily company at school.

I know there are many families past and present who have benefitted from not only her teaching but also her pastoral care and if you would like to make a contribution to a retirement gift or sign our card, please contact the school office.

### Councillor Suleman Sarwar

This morning we were delighted to welcome Councillor Sarwar to school in his new role as Cabinet Member for Climate Change at Preston City Council. He very kindly brought in 100 seed growing kits for children at school which we have given to Reception and a few for each Year 1 class.



His visit was to raise awareness of World Localisation Day (which is tomorrow) and the seed kits are in recognition of this. We hope the children enjoy growing their plants and in a small way, help to bring more greenery to our locality. We look forward to working with him over the next months and years in improving our locality

### Sports Days

In the next few weeks we will be having our Sports Days and will hopefully be able to invite parents to watch (spaces will be **very** limited). As with all our events there will be **no** photography or video allowed. At the end of the event, parents will be allowed to take photos of their own children.



If people do not abide by this, we may have to stop the event and ask people to leave - clearly we don't want to have to do this but we have a duty to safeguard all the children.

### 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.

With the warm weather, summer uniform is more than acceptable (see our website for details). Shorts can be worn as long as they are grey and smart; PE shorts are **not** uniform and should not be worn as such.

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

### Medicines in school

We have had a growing number of parents asking us to administer medicine during the school day. Please note, we will only administer medicines which have been prescribed by a medical professional.

If your child will need this, parents **must** visit the school office and complete some forms to give consent and all such medicines **must** be clearly labeled with the child's name and dosage from the dispensing pharmacy and must be in date!



### Road Safety



Once again I am having to write to everyone to express my concern at the levels of traffic on Cuttle Street and Derby Square at the beginning and end of the school day.

With over 400 children and parents coming to and from school at these times, we want to keep the roads as safe as possible. A note to pedestrians as well, I regularly see people walking down the road with their children rather than using the pavements. Let's all work together to

keep each other safe. Thanks!

### Key Dates

Mon 7th July - Y2 trip to Lytham Hall

7th - 11th July, Top Up Swimming (Y6)

7th - 11th - Year Group Sports Days take place, class teachers will inform you via Dojo when each one takes place.

9th July - 'Move up morning' - children will meet their new teacher and spend time in their class (we will inform you which class they are going into before this).

9th July - Year 6 play for their parents (afternoon, time to be confirmed)

11th July - School reports will be sent home.

15th July - Y6 Leavers' Meal (4:30pm)

16th July - after school, opportunity to meet class teacher to discuss school report (3:15 - 4:15pm)

**18th July - School Closes for the Summer Holiday - 2:00pm**



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## Stars of the Week & Values Award

Week ending 23rd May

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Hareem & Sanaya	Khadijah & Rishi
Y1	Kornel & Hannah	Safiya & Hamdan
Y2	Brianne & Sofia	Safa & Eknoor
Y3	Sara & Hasnain	M. Arif & Geanina
Y4	Ibtesam & Anaya	Amardeep & Eeshmal
Y5	Romeo & Habiba	Fabian & Sienna
Y6	Owais & Andrei	Hamzah & Aalyan

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	Hajra - Y3; correctly worked out the time the test started
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Ayaan - Y2
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Y6 boys won - Most valued Player = Adam Hussain
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Tasneem, 2nd- Zainab, 3rd - Omar

Week ending 5th June

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Azhar & Rolland	Haris & Amina
Y1	Iqra, Abdul & Amira	Armeena & Mihael
Y2	Jaweria & Krishaa	Raihan & Musa
Y3	Ellie & 3M	3H & Ocean
Y4	Kehinde & Yusra	Abinoor & Taye
Y5	Eshaal & ranveer	Zainab & Loreta
Y6	Rares & Amna	Leila & Hamzah

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	3M v3H next week...
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Week ending 13th June

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Illiyen & Shavei	Kiara & Ronnie
Y1	Juvana & Saleem	Eliana & Sofia
Y2	Charlotte & Denis	Anais & Viktor
Y3	Zaynab & Hanifat	Dominic & Mehrun
Y4	Charlie & Peran	M. Master & Lyndon
Y5	Farhan & Loreta	Wiktor & Baqaruddin
Y6	Ibrahim & Adam	M. Hasnain & Hamdan

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	-
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Ayaan
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	3M won! Maryam Akhtar was the Most Valuable Player
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Charlotte, 2nd- Denis, 3rd - Jakub

Week ending 20th June

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Muhyuddin & Isabella	Florin & Dhruv
Y1	Horain & Khubaib	Aamina & Charlotte
Y2	Angel & Ivy	Izabella & David
Y3	3H & Aayat	Poppy & 3M
Y4	Anjali & Yusra	4C & Taye
Y5	Sophia & Habiba	Cosmin & Safa
Y6	Hamzah, Madiha & Ryan	Ofuje & 6W

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	Alexandra (Y6) Correctly calculated the correct number of fingers and toes.
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs)	Tasneem (Y2) correctly solved this week's challenge

Gretton)	
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	4C beat 4CH and Hasnain-Ali was the Most Valuable Player
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Mahammad K, 2nd- Sohiel, 3rd - Bhavik

## Reflection & Prayer

We continued our journey through the Parables of Jesus this week and learned all about the Unforgiving Servant. A servant who owed millions to the King had his debt cleared and was let off. A very generous act by the King who could have had him put in jail. You would have thought that the servant would be so grateful, he would have been as generous with someone who owed him just a small amount of money. Sadly, he wasn't and treated them very badly, completely different to how he had been treated.

When the King found out, he had that unforgiving servant thrown into jail for his wickedness. We learnt that God wants us to know that as He forgives us for the things we do wrong, we need to be generous with each other and forgive those who do wrong to us - just like it says in the Lord's Prayer.

Our prayer was one of the weekly prayers which all Blackburn Diocese Schools have been asked to share. This week's was thinking about our favourite places and thanking God for them.

*"Thank you God for all the different types of places I can visit. For mountains, and beaches, for woodlands and countryside. Thank you for places where I feel welcome and at home and for the people who make those places so nice to visit. Thank you for the beauty of your world, help me to keep on seeing beautiful places and giving you thanks."*

**Amen**

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

## Google Translate

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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