



## NEWSLETTER 17 – 22nd May 2026

Hello everyone, another half term has flown by and we break up today for the Whitsun Week half-term break. As always, thank you for your continued support of St Matthew's and all we are trying to achieve for your children and you; we wish you all a peaceful and restful half-term wherever possible and we re-open on Monday 1st June at the normal time!

Mr Mackley  
Headteacher

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### Holy Events

This weekend is Pentecost where Christians around the world celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which came after Jesus ascended back into heaven and will be a day of great joy!



Next week is also Eid-al-Adha and the culmination The Hajj for our Muslim families and we wish you all Eid Mubarak for your celebrations too.

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### St Matthew's Church Services

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have seen the large banner which has appeared on St Matthew's Church advertising their weekly service which now takes place in our own school hall.

We are delighted to be hosting this service for our church family and invite you to scan the QR code on the banner to find out more about the services and how you can attend.

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### Mobile Phones

A further reminder that the use of mobile phones on school grounds is **strictly** prohibited, this includes on the playgrounds at the end of the day when collecting your children.



Your children have been at school all day and will have lots to tell - it is a great opportunity to talk about their day and to show an interest in their learning - this makes a positive impact on their learning too!

### Prayer & Reflection

This week in our worship we continued following the worship themes to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Diocese of Blackburn and considered the idea of 'fairness'. Within this we learnt that the distribution of wealth across the world is not fair at all - around 80% of the world's wealth is shared by only 15% of the world's population. In contrast to this 46% of the world's population shares 2% of the world's wealth.

Using passages from the books of Psalms and Proverbs we learnt that God wants us to be fair people and to do what we can to bring equity and justice for all.

Heavenly Father, we know that it makes you sad when things aren't fair.

Give us creative ways to help others and show us how little acts of kindness can make a big difference. Help us to be kind to people who don't have enough food, clothing and clean water, to people who need fairness in their lives.

**Amen.**

### Stars of the Week and Values Awards.

Week ending 8th May

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
R	M. Zadran & Lacey	Aayat & Jibreel
Y1	Mohammed & Ayaan	Ronnie & Sai
Y2	Cobe & Charlotte	Albie & Horain
Y3	Dennis & Syed	Yusuf & Anaias
Y4	Maryam & Daniel	Fabritio
Y5	Silvana & Areesha	Ayesha & Anayah
Y6	Shahzain & Farhan	Habiba & Amiyah

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Marius - Y6
KS1 Maths Challenge	Arwa - Y1



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(Mrs Gretton)	
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mr Ward)	Year 4 absolutely smashed it! 87, 538 points to the Teachers' 2,234
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	3rd - Huzaifah, 2nd - Fareed, 1st - Hannah
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Ridwhaan - Y4

### Attendance and Punctuality

Tremendous figures this week!

- Reception - 95.38%
- Year 1 - 97.09%
- Year 2 - 96.44%
- **Year 3 - 99.42%**
- Year 4 - 94.42%
- Year 5 - 93.79%
- Year 6 - 93.39%

Week ending 15th May

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Mirha & Raven	Humairaa & Ammar
Y1	Ishika & Noor	Oscar & Hareem
Y2	Maisie & Ahmed	Fabian & Shazaid
Y3	Krishaa & Ibrahim	Sudam & Yousha
Y4	Isa & Hoor	Mason & Inayah
Y5	Maaz & Maaz	M. Master & Taye
Y6	6A & 6B	Shama & Esme

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Shaun - Y5
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Jorgie - Y1
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mr Ward)	2B beat 2A
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	3rd - Shahzain, 2nd- Hanna, 1st - Charlotte

Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Uzair Y5
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## Attendance and Punctuality

Another great set of attendance and punctuality figures this week!

- Reception - 94.72%
- Year 1 - 97.27%
- Year 2 - 97.67%
- Year 3 - 97.64%
- Year 4 - 93.01%
- Year 5 - 93.64%
- **Year 6 - 97.88%**
- The punctuality winners this week were RB, 1B, 2B, 4A & 5A with ZERO lates!

Week ending 22nd May

Year	½ term achiever	Star Writer
R	Olivia & Lacey	Ayesha & M. Balaaj
Y1	Isabella & Alexandru	Emily & Sehar
Y2	Muzhda & Anete	Fabian & Umairah
Y3	Mia & Rayyan	Ariella & Hallie
Y4	Muhammad D & Dominic	Fatima & Inayah
Y5	Silvana & Zuzanna	Ayesha & Shayan
Y6	Habiba & Fabian	Haniyah & Kendara

KS2 Maths Challenge	Areesha - Y5
KS1 Maths Challenge	Saad - Y2
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)	5A beat 5B with Maaz as the MVP
Numbots	3rd - Musa, 2nd - Safiya, 1st - Horain
Geography Challenge	Zainab Y5

## Attendance:



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- Reception - 93.45%
- Year 1 - 96%
- Year 2 - 97.8%
- Year 3 - 98.11%
- Year 4 - 95.17%
- Year 5 - 93.9%
- **Year 6 - 99.32%**
- Punctuality - 6A with zero lates



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