



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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## NEWSLETTER 18 – 23rd May 2024

In my last letter I wrote about the better weather being here, maybe I should have kept quiet about that! I hope you haven't been badly affected by the recent rains, they do though present a good reminder that even in the summer it is always a very good idea to send your child to school with a coat! Unless the rain is so heavy that it makes no sense to go outside, we will always try to get the children into the fresh air at break times.

We close this Friday **at the normal time of 3:15pm** for the half term break and re-open on Monday 3rd June at the usual time of 8:45am. We hope the children get a good rest!

### Good neighbours

Please can we again ask all our families to be mindful of the area in which we are? We have received several complaints from neighbours about cars being leant on or even sat on whilst people are waiting to collect their children. Some have even sustained damage to their vehicles as a result of this.

It is very important that we are all mindful of our neighbours and do nothing to jeopardise the good relations we currently have with them.

Thank you for your help and support.

### Half term activities

There are lots of events taking place in Preston and surrounding areas over the half term week, the following websites provide further information with many events being either free or very low cost.

<https://www.theharris.org.uk/press-news/may-half-term-fun-with-the-harris/>

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/preston/fulwood-leisure-centre/holiday-activities>

<https://visitpreston.co.uk/whats-on/events-calendar/Caribbean-Carnival-2024>

<https://www.visitlancashire.com/whats-on/chipping-steam-fair-p1104760>

<https://www.visitlancashire.com/whats-on/pram-walk-at-brockholes-reserve-p1102650>

<https://www.visitlancashire.com/whats-on/pond-dipping-at-brockholes-p1104100>

### Local Governing Committee

A further reminder that we still have vacancies for parents and local community members to serve our school. The commitment isn't excessive and you make a really positive contribution to the life of the school. Please get in touch with Mr Mackley if you think you might be interested or you would like to find out more.

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

## School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in ensuring the children come into school wearing the correct uniform. We still, though, are seeing large numbers of children wearing trainers on non PE days and wearing incorrect clothing on PE days too.

Can we remind you that that trainers are **only** to be worn on PE days; on all other days the children should be wearing plain black shoes. The same goes for leggings/joggers, these are only to be worn on PE days and on all other days the correct uniform **must** be worn. For those in Y6, this is good practice for the Autumn Term when they transfer to High School where uniform policies are very strict.

Please also note that Hijabs should be plain black and not overly long, none should have decorations on them. Also, only stud earrings should be worn and no necklaces or bracelets are to be worn for health and safety reasons.

## School Gates

An increasing number of people are choosing not to respect the one way system in operation and are waiting outside the exit gate from the smaller yard (where Mr Mackley stands) and are blocking the pathway causing problems for others moving around the area. Please can we remind you to enter this yard from New Hall Lane and follow through with everyone else so that we can clear everyone swiftly and without congestion on the cramped pathways.

## Job Vacancies

To see our latest vacancies and also those at other Academies within Cidari please visit <https://cidarieducation.co.uk/JoinTheTeam>

## Stars of the Week and Values Award Winners, week ending 3rd May 2024

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Muzhda & Shahzaib	Jamal & Manulya
Y1	Tara & Anthony	Bhavik & Sana
Y2	Lola & Shazain	Alexia N & Zaynab B
Y3	Halmia A & Yasmina	Zehra & Areesha
Y4	Aleen & Kainaat	Amaarah & Angela
Y5	Rebeca & Hamdan	Zara & Inaaya
Y6	Tommy, Ryan, Yasmin & Haadi	Inayah & Aysha

KS2 Maths Challenge	Zainab (Y4) was this week's winner
KS1 Maths Challenge	Theo solved it this week

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Times Table Rockstars - KS2	5D beat 5B
Numbots	
Geography Challenge	Ryan from Y5 correctly identified Amsterdam as the capital of the Netherlands.

## Attendance

Week ending 26th April

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	94.5%	14
Year 1	91.02%	11
Year 2	<b>97.33%</b>	12
Year 3	96.95%	<b>8</b>
Year 4	89.51%	12
Year 5	90.85%	15
Year 6	89.32%	21

**Too much red!!!** Please ensure children come to school everyday and on time!

## Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 10th May 2024

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Ahmad & Nirvana	Rameen & Mazia
Y1	Brianne & Sana	Dominic & Zainab
Y2	Hajra & Maria	Kevin & M Arif
Y3	Ayesha & all of 3M	Daria & M Abhi
Y4	Sara & Irina	Aleen & Loreta
Y5	Zarrar & Marwah	Ofuje, Hamzah & Michael
Y6	Kuba, Charlie & Muznah	Riley & Jaiyash

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KS2 Maths Challenge	Hamzah solved the shape challenge.
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	4C beat 4CH!
Numbots - KS1	3 most improved mathematicians were Fatima (Y2), Yusuf (Y1) and Mennal (Y1)
Geography Challenge	Abubakar A from Y6 correctly identified that the longest river in Pakistan is the Indus River.

## Attendance

### Week ending 3rd May

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	91.17%	7
Year 1	92.52%	7
Year 2	94.58%	6
Year 3	95.92%	3
Year 4	93.5%	4
Year 5	97.45%	5
Year 6	92.71%	12

A much better week!

### Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 17th May 2024

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Bareerah & Hajra	Thomas & Enver
Y1	Hafsah & Kamshire	Jawairia & Ahmed
Y2	Divine & Aanaya	Maira & Hasnain
Y3	Erika & Muhammad P	Kinza & Eric
Y4	Dora & Bilal	Natan & Mathias
Y5	Leila & Adam	Zain & Hania
Y6	6R & 6W	Rumaisa & Esha

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KS2 Maths Challenge	Iqra from Y5 solved the challenge of how many people could fit in a lift.
KS1 Maths Challenge	Theo again!
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	Y5 beat the teachers!
Numbots	Mohammed Essa from Y1 - the most improved!
Geography Challenge	Zaviyar from Y2 correctly solved the challenge this week.

## Attendance

Week ending 10th May 2024

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	93.75%	4
Year 1	95.91%	9
Year 2	97.67%	6
Year 3	96.40%	5
Year 4	95.83%	8
Year 5	96.40%	7
Year 6	95.76%	11

**Amazing attendance figures! Almost the whole school in green - well done everyone. Lates were better too!**

## Reflection

This week our worship was led by the worship group who have spent the half term working with Mr Mackley preparing to share the story of Pentecost with everyone and what it meant not only for the disciples then but Christians today as well. They did a great job and you can watch the video here

<https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/blog/2024-05-20-02-00-00-pentecost-2024>

## Prayer

Dear God, thankyou that you sent the Holy Spirit to help the early disciples.

Thank you that he was like the perfect tool to help them spread your Good News

Thank you that you have promised us that help too.

Thank you for the special times we enjoy and look forward to.

Help and encourage us when life is not easy.

May the flame of your love be kept alive in us today and always, through the gift of your Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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