



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy
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Our PSHE focus this half term is **I am unique and special...** and our School Value focus is **Compassion**

★ Half-termly achiever ★	★ Star Writer ★	★ Attendance data ★	
Reception Rowan & Khadija Year 1 Daria & Amelia Year 2 Lucas & Aaminah Year 3 Iqra & Adam Year 4 Julia & Iram Year 5 Aaliya & Alan Year 6 Abdus-Sami & Aamina	Reception Dominic & Hajra Year 1 Jadesola & Muskan Year 2 Adam & Anaya Year 3 Afan & Massimo Year 4 Abubakr & Maaidah Year 5 Innayah & Inaya Year 6 Fathima & Daisy	Punctuality Year 2 Attendance Year 6	
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>		Previous attendance figures Reception 83.2% Year 1 82.0% Year 2 81.9% Year 3 79.4% Year 4 82.1% Year 5 79.4% Year 6 83.1% Whole school total 81.5%	Latest figures Reception 85.5% Year 1 91.5% Year 2 92.7% Year 3 92.2% Year 4 94.2% Year 5 91.0% Year 6 96.6% Whole school total 92.0%
KS2 Maths Challenge: Afiyah 6W correctly identified that the Queen was 27 when she was officially coronated. Many entries this week, but with a special mention to Y3, who had many first time entrants.			
Times Tables Rock Stars: 5B V 4C A really good battle last week, with the lead changing several times. 5B pulled away from 4C to seal the win. Most points - Ismail 5B Most improved - Mahnoor 5B This week's battle 4S V 4C - (great practise for the Multiplication Tables Check)			
Numbots: Hasnain 1W (Mahnoor's brother) - 2nd week running, top scorer - well done.			

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone after the half-term break and all the Platinum Jubilee festivities! Whether you are a supporter of the monarchy or not, I hope you will agree that it was tremendous to see so many people coming together to celebrate and strengthen those all important community links. My personal highlight was the moment that Paddington met the Queen and we finally found out what she keeps in that famous handbag of hers!

We all hope that everyone managed to get some rest and enjoy some quality time together with family and friends over the break. We do know that for some, half-term will have brought its own challenges and difficulties; if that is you and you need some help, please get in touch and we will do what we can to help and support.

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

Staff News

Shortly before the half-term break, Mrs Walton was appointed the new Headteacher of St Thomas' CofE Primary School in Lytham St Annes. This means that she will be leaving us at the end of this term ready to start her new role in September. We are very sorry to be losing her and our loss is St Thomas' gain! I am working closely with the Trust to provide Deputy Head capacity and will update everyone once arrangements have been finalised.

Jubilee Celebrations!

Miss Nancy Talbot came to visit us just before the half-term to tell us all about her visit to Windsor Castle at Easter to receive the Maundy Money from Prince Charles on behalf of HM the Queen. You can find out more about this year's service here <https://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/news/the-choir-of-st-georges-chapel-2/> We also have some photos of our own celebrations and activities...



Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

For Christians the world over, Easter celebrations were completed over the half-term break with the Feast of Pentecost where God sent the Holy Spirit to his followers as he promised. Christians believe that if they are to live in the way that Jesus asked them to, they need special power from God himself through the Holy Spirit.

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Prayer:

Thank you God, for the many different kinds of power that make things work.
Thank you that you gave a special kind of power to your followers, the Church.
Thank you that you still give the power of the Holy Spirit to your followers today.
We ask that your Holy Spirit will help us to live in the way that you want us to.

Amen



Events this term

- 6th June – INSET day, school closed
- 7th June school re-opens
- 7th – 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening
- 7th – 24th June – Y4 Multiplication Check undertaken
- 12th June – Governors’ Curriculum & Standards Committee meeting
- 23rd June – National Writing Day
- 11th – 15th July – whole school theme week ‘I am unique’
- 11th July – Additional Governors’ Curriculum & Standards Committee – end of year data analysis
- 15th July – Y6 performance
- 18th July – Full Governing Committee meeting
- 21st July (Thursday) – School closes for the summer break



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