



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

**"Do your best, don't give up!"**



## **NEWSLETTER 3 – 3rd October 2025**

Hello everyone, well it is definitely feeling like Autumn! The weather has turned and the leaves are starting to change colour. A timely reminder to ensure your child brings a coat everyday so that they can still go out to play even if it is raining - we get out as much as we can as the fresh air and exercise is good for us all!

One or two very important messages in this newsletter so please do read on...

Mr Mackley  
Headteacher

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### **Food Safety**

You may be aware of the recent tragic death of a Nursery child at another school in Lancashire; it is a timely reminder for us all to be careful of the food we give to younger children.

Please ensure that small foods (grapes/carrots etc) are cut into appropriate sizes for your child to eat. A reminder that chocolate and sweets are not appropriate foods for lunch and children need a balanced nutritional diet which will fuel their bodies and minds for the afternoon session.

All staff with first aid training have been trained in paediatric (child) first aid.

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### **Harvest Festival**

It is the time of year when we give thanks for all that we have and seek to help others where we can; we will be having our annual harvest service in school next Thursday morning, 9th October.

This year we are asking to either donate tinned and dried foods for the local Community Hub or to make a donation of money which we intend to send to the Disasters Emergency Committee who are working hard to bring relief to families suffering as the result of war or disaster around the world. Please visit here <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeals> to see where they are helping right now.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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### **Uniform**

Thank you for the improvements we have seen in school uniform around school, the children are looking much smarter and proud of their uniform! For those who haven't yet ensure that they are following the uniform guidelines, please do so as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty, please do get in touch sooner rather than later to see if we can help.

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**"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."**

## Free School Meals

Did you know that for every child who is registered as eligible for Free School Meals we receive additional funding? This means that not only does your child get provided with a hot meal at no cost, our school budget gets a boost as well which means all children benefit!

If you want to find out if you are eligible then please click on this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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## School Applications

A reminder that the application website for places in Reception in September 2026 is now open at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>  
/ If you know of someone wanting a place next year, please encourage them to consider applying to St Matthew's.

We do have some spaces in some classes at school, please share with your friends and family who might be interested in joining us here.

A reminder too that High School applications close at the end of October so time is getting short to get your applications in - please remember to use all three preferences and use them wisely!

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## A message from Lancashire County Council

I would like to share with you details of Lancashire County Council's Talkzone virtual information, advice and support service for you to be able to pass this on to young people and/or parents who it might be helpful to.

Talkzone is part of the wider Children and Family Wellbeing Service Offer and operates every day from 2pm till 10pm including weekends and bank holidays. We have professional and friendly advisors who can give impartial advice and information on a wide range of issues. We can also signpost young people and families to group work sessions or one-to-one support.

Talkzone can be contacted by:

Telephone 0800 51 11 11

Text 07786 51 11 11

Email [talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk)

Online chat [Youth Zone - Get in Touch - Lancashire County Council](#)

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## Scouts

If you are interested in finding out more about the various Scouting Groups there are locally, please see the information at the end of this newsletter.

Or visit <https://prestoncentralscouts.org.uk/> to find out more.

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**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
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## Celebration Worship!

Each week we celebrate the good things taking place in school.

Week ending 19th Sept

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Y1	Sanaya & Gabriela	Sufyan & JOrgie
Y2	Horain & Aryan	Safiya & Weronika
Y3	Rayyan & Hallie	Dua & Raihan
Y4	Hasnain & Haniya	Hajra & Noorun
Y5	Aden & Eeshmal	Muhammad & Zakariya
Y6	Irina & Fabian	Broagan & M. Siraj

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Ridhwaan in Y4 solved this week's challenge!
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	5A beat 5B - Maaz was the most valuable player
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Jayram, 2nd - Hooran, 3rd - Sufyan
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Yakub in 3B correctly answered the Geography challenge.

Week ending 26th Sept

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Y1	Ronnie & Muhiyuddin	Lena & Seerat
Y2	Saad & Sharon	aaminah & charlotte
Y3	Viktor & ayaan	Snan & Tasneem
Y4	Kiana & Theo	Essa & Nelly
Y5	Anas & Taye	Khadija & Areesha
Y6	Marius & Nasir	Aiman & Dora

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Oscar in Y6
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	4B beat 4A and the most valuable player was Maryam

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### Reflection & Prayer

Last Monday was Michaelmas, the feast of St Michael. We spent time reminding ourselves who St Michael is and one of the stories of his life which reminded us to have courage and to also be kind and considerate.

Father in heaven,  
the angels sing by day and night around your throne:  
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.'  
With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side,  
with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings,  
with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing,  
and with the whole company of heaven,  
we worship you, we give you glory,  
we sing your praise and exalt you for ever.

**Amen**

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

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### 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!



# JOIN THE ADVENTURE

**Squirrels** **BEAVERS**  
**cubs** **Scouts**

**Scouts**   
Preston Central




Give your child the opportunity to develop life skills, make new friends, and enjoy outdoor adventures in a safe and supportive environment.

Our activities are designed to build confidence, leadership, and creativity, helping young people to reach their full potential.

We value diversity and create a welcoming space for everyone, regardless of background.

**FIND OUT MORE >**

 [GSL@Prestoncentralscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@Prestoncentralscouts.org.uk)

 [Prestoncentralscouts.org.uk](http://Prestoncentralscouts.org.uk)

- ✓ Try New Things
- ✓ Make New Friends
- ✓ Learn New Skills
- ✓ Outdoor adventure
- ✓ Helping others

## Monday

**Squirrels** | **BEAVERS**

4 – 6yrs @ 6pm–7pm

6 – 8yrs @ 6:30pm–7:45pm

## Thursday

**cubs** | **Scouts**

8yrs – 10.5yrs @ 6:30pm–8pm

10.5yrs – 14yrs @ 7:30pm–9:30pm

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