



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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



## NEWSLETTER 4 – 10th October 2025

Hello again everyone, a week on from Storm Amy and thankfully the weather has been much kinder to us this week.

Yesterday we celebrated our annual Harvest Festival and, once again, we are overwhelmed by your generosity for others who are in need. We also acknowledged that we can't always give as much as we want and learned that if everyone gives something small, that together makes a big difference. It was also important to make clear that, for people of faith, making the decision to pray is something active as well.



The food will be delivered to the Community Hub on Tuesday and the money donated will be paid to the DEC early next week too.

Mr Mackley  
Headteacher

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## Respect

One of our three golden rules at St Matthew's is "Be respectful", we teach the children the importance of that through direct teaching and as role models in the way we conduct ourselves. There is a wise old saying that "Children learn what they live" and we are all responsible for the example we set to them.

We enjoy really good relationships and interactions with the vast majority of our families but, sadly, just recently there have been some occasions where staff have been on the receiving end of rude and disrespectful comments from some families.

So, we will always work to treat you with courtesy and respect and simply ask that you do the same for us, especially in the presence of children.

Thank you.

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## Community Links

Hopefully you will have seen the message on Dojo about the visit by 6 of our fabulous young people to the Parklands Care home this week. The children met and interacted with some of the elderly residents by playing games, painting and reading to them. It was a wonderful experience for all and we look forward to returning again to build on this really important link.

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

## School Admissions

A further reminder that High School applications **must be completed** by 31st October; if you would like some assistance in completing the form, Mrs Rossall, Miss Mughal and team are more than happy to assist so please contact them if you need to.

## Stars of the Week & Values Award winners

Week ending 3rd October

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Y1	M Akhtar & Sehar	Daisy & Hareem
Y2	Albie & Khubaib	AMyra & Umairah
Y3	Muhammad K & Charlotte	Antony & Nawaz
Y4	Maryam & Zainab	Mehrun & Mira
Y5	Maz & Shayan	M. Ali & Anaya
Y6	Amiyah & Meerab	Bilal & Hibah

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Jakub - Y3
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	3A won the challenge with Ayaan as the Most Valuable Player
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Hajra Y2, 2nd - Amira Y2, 3rd - Haroon Y2

Week ending 10th October

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Y1	Fathima & Florin	Kievan & Acacia
Y2	Abdul & Bareerah	Umaimah & Eva
Y3	Yusuf B & Aayan	Sana & Darius
Y4	Ocean & Dominic	Geanina & Poppy
Y5	Hasnain & Zuzanna	Kehinde, Adan, M Ali, Khaim, Anaya & M. Maaz
Y6	Abdullah & Nigel	Sharna & Estera

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr	Zakariya, Y6
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Ward)	
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Y5 beat Y6 with Abinoor as the MVP
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Abdul, 2nd - Muzhda, 3rd - Fabia
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Hasnain-Ali (Y5) correctly identified that the longest river in the UK is the River Severn

## Reflection & Prayer

In our Harvest worship this week we learnt about all the amazing foods there are gave thanks for all the people who grow and prepare the food for us to eat. The children from our worship group wrote the following prayers which they shared with the whole school:

O Lord,

Thank you for all our food you have granted us.

Thank you for the farmers that help us.

Lord bless the people who are starving out there, with beautiful and delicious food.

Thank you for blessing us with warm, delicious food.

Thank you for all of our food

**Amen** - Muhammad P & Zakariya

O Lord, thank you for all the fruits and vegetables in the world.

O Lord please help people who don't have as much food.

O Lord, please bless the people who grow food and wheat.

O Lord, thank you for the nutrients and delicious food we eat.

Bless everyone in the school.

**Amen** - Usman & M. Ali

O Lord!

Thank you for the food you have given us.

Thank you for the farmers and help them with farming.

God bless the poor people that does not have food.

Oh Lord, thank you for the grain.

Give people as much as you could and don't let people waste food.

**Amen** - Kehinde & Mohammad A

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

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**cubs** **Scouts**

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- ✓ 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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