



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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Just a short letter to let you know last week's Stars of the Week, other winners, attendance data and a small number of reminders.

Gaza-Israel

We are all acutely aware of the tensions and concerns around all the events that have taken, and are taking place in Gaza & Israel.

We share the sadness of all when any innocent lives are lost and join together in praying & working for peace.

School Admissions

A reminder about school admissions to both Secondary school and primary school for September 2024. If your child is currently in Year, you **must** apply for a place for them for secondary school by 31st October, so time is running out. If you are unsure what to do, please contact your child's Year 6 teacher who will be happy to help.

School admissions now open for Reception Class September 2024

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.

Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6 you must now apply for their secondary school place at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For guidance on school transport see:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

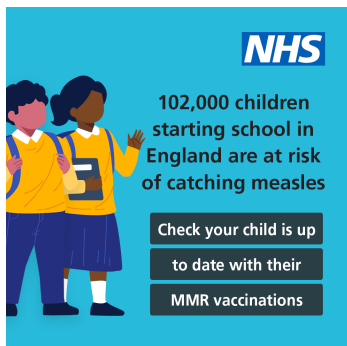
School Dinner Price Rise

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

A reminder that after the half term break, the price of a school dinner rises to £2.50 a meal. If you feel you might be eligible for Free School Meals, the office staff can help you apply. The school receives an additional £1300 in funding for each eligible child on roll so you are also helping us out if you apply and are granted Free School Meals.

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Measles

NHS England have asked all schools to share the following information:

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles; NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/?msclkid=9df15083b5ab11ec890d081689933c03>

Stars of the Week & Values Award

Year	Stars of the Week - w/e 6th Oct	School Values Award - w/e 6th Oct
Rec	Laibah & Hannah	Musa & Haroon
Y1	Ayaan	Tara
Y2	Hasnain & Mira	Denton & Leo
Y3	Maria & Amelia	Sophie & Raheem
Y4	Erum & Aiman	Sienna & Farhan
Y5	M Hasnain	Owais
Y6	Abubakr & Zahra	Yasmin & Elissa-May

We have a series of weekly challenges across school for the children to take part in, see below for the latest results

KS2 Maths Challenge	Iram, Y6
KS1 Maths Challenge	-
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	6W were the winners of the battle of the bands! Shareef was the most valuable player.
Numbots - KS1	1st - Harper, 2nd - Ocean, 3rd - Ruhan

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Geography Challenge	Zahra, Y6
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Attendance

We monitor attendance very closely here and we let you know each week what the latest attendance figures are.

Government expectations are at least 96% attendance. Attendance of 96% or better we highlight green; between 90 & 95% is a concern and we highlight that yellow. Below 90% is a serious concern and we highlight that red. Let's see how many year groups we can get green each week! (Please note, the figures are always a week in arrears)

It is very important that children are in their classes by 8:55am when the gates close as that is the start of the school day. Children who arrive after 9:30 am (without good reason) will actually be marked as an unauthorised absence, this is a government requirement.

Week ending 29th Sept:

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	88.07%	6
Year 1	93.21%	7
Year 2	92.07%	1
Year 3	96.44%	7
Year 4	95.81%	9
Year 5	96.34%	10
Year 6	90.52%	6

Well done to Years 3, 4 & 5 for getting tremendous attendance scores!

Special well done to Y2 who only had one late. Let's see if we can be even better this week!

Jewellery & PE

Some children are still turning up to school in ear rings on days when they have PE. Please ensure that they are removed before coming to school, the children are missing out on very important lessons which are good for their physical and mental well-being.

Thank you.

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Reflection

In our worship we considered our responsibility in using the gifts or talents that we have wisely so that they can benefit all. We heard the parable of the three servants who were each trusted with different amounts of money and one of them wasted the opportunity he was given

You can watch the worship here if you wish. Whatever we are good at, we should not keep that to ourselves, we should share with others for their benefit too!

You can watch the worship here:

<https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/blog/2023-10-09-06-00-00-using-our-gifts-responsibly>

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the talents that we each have. Help us to be generous with our talents to make life better for everyone we meet. Today and every day.

Amen



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