



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CIDARI**

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



NEWSLETTER 5 – 25th October 2025

Where has that half term gone? Those last 8 weeks have flown by and here we are at the half-term break. At the beginning of term I gave the children the 6 words to live by "Do your best, don't give up!" and I am delighted with how they have taken that to heart in all they do - we have seen children making progress in all areas of learning (academic, social and person) and it continues to be a privilege and a delight to be the Headteacher of St Matthew's.

As always, my thanks to the dedicated staff who work here and the behind the scenes work which you never see that goes into providing the children with the best opportunities to be the best version of themselves they can be.

I really hope the children manage to enjoy a well earned rest and come back to school on **Tuesday 4th November** for the rest of the Autumn Term.

Mr Mackley
Headteacher

Don't forget!

British Summer Time ends this weekend and the clocks **go back** one hour in the early hours of Sunday morning.



Uniform

Thank you for the big improvements we have seen in the uniform being worn by the children over the half-term.

Please note, though, that black joggers are not school uniform, grey trousers only please. If you need elasticated trousers, these are readily available in grey.

Also, after half-term summer dresses should not be worn.

Hijabs, where worn, must be plain black and shoulder length only.

If you are struggling to source uniforms, please contact us at school as we have some limited supplies which we may be able to assist you with.

Attendance

This is something that has seen a big improvement this half term, over several weeks we have had multiple year groups with 97% or more attendance which is great! Punctuality still needs a bit of work but we are really pleased with the dedication shown to being in school - keep it up!

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

School Admissions

A final reminder that High School applications **must be completed** by 31st October! Applications can be made here <https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Half term activities

Stuck for ideas of what to do this half-term? The following websites have a range of activities suggested, many are low cost or even free.

<https://www.visitlancashire.com/explore/visit-lancashire-whatever-the-season/visit-lancashire-in-autumn/visit-lancashire-for-october-half-term/october-half-term-fun-and-events>

<https://northwestforkids.co.uk/october-half-term-activities-lancashire/>

Stars of the Week & Values Award winners

Week ending 17th October

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Y1	Dhruv & Khadija	Noor & ayyan
Y2	Muzhda & Hadiya	Fabian & Jamal
Y3	Zaynab & Mia	Musa & Layla
Y4	All of 4A & Sara	Ocean & Vihana
Y5	Arina & Eric	Amardeep & Kris
Y6	Baqaruddin & Eshaal	Alisha & Angela

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Ayaan, Y3
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Y4 beat Y3!
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Areesha Y3

Reflection & Prayer

This week our focus on welcoming all and including all regardless of who they are, where they come from, what they look like, what they can / can't do. We learnt that it isn't just humans who are looking for that connection with others, we found out about Clet the Dolphin who swam thousands of miles from Scotland, around Ireland, to South



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



England to try and find a pod to join. It gave us the chance to think about how we would feel if we were left out and not included.

Dear God,
Thank you for the love and compassion you have given us for this animals.
We pray for ourselves today.
We need to know that we belong and are important to others.
We know we all have a part to play in making everyone feel welcome,
Help us to play our part and
May we all feel loved and accepted in our school family today

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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

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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 27 languages other than English which are spoken here at St Matt's!

