



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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



NEWSLETTER 6 – 21st November 2025

Hello everyone, the seasons are definitely turning and Autumn is rapidly turning into winter; thankfully this week we haven't had to endure the severe weather conditions which other parts of the UK have had to endure.

It is a timely reminder to ensure that children bring a warm coat to school every day as we try to get everyone outside at break times to get the fresh air and sunshine (when that appears!). We do have a small supply of additional uniform items and other clothing, please contact school if you would like some assistance.

This is a short newsletter to update you on some events coming up very shortly, the next one will have a run down of the Stars of the Week, Values Award winners and other categories from since our last newsletter.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Mackley
Headteacher

Times Tables Rockstars (& Numbots)

These two programmes are tremendous aides in supporting children to develop rapid recall of number facts and to practice their skills in a fun and challenging way.

In order to help us raise the profile of them and to have some fun as well, next Friday (28th November) we are having a 'Rock Star' day at school. This means we are encouraging the children to come in non-uniform and do their hair 'like a rock star'. *Please do not go an buy any special clothes, this is simply non-uniform with 'rock star' hair.*

Parents' Consultation

This is next Wednesday afternoon (26th November) and you should have received your appointment time by now. If you haven't please contact the school office.

This is a very important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and to understand how they are getting on as well as how you can support them at home to help them achieve the very best they can.

Attendance

This continues to improve, last week Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 **all** had attendance of 95% or better. This is brilliant and is above the Department for Education's targets. Well done everyone and please keep this up!

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

School Admissions

A reminder that Primary School applications **must be completed** by January 15th 2026! Please do tell anyone you know who is looking for a place to consider us, we are more than happy to offer opportunities for people new to the school to come and have a look around. Our Pre-School has an open session on Monday 1st December at 2pm too!

Applications can be made here <https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Dates for your Diary

Key events to the end of term...

- 26th Nov - Parents' Consultation
 - 28th Nov - Times Table Rock-Stars day
 - 1st Dec - Pre-School Open Session, 2pm - 3pm
 - 8th Dec - Reception Class Christmas Extravaganza, 1:30 - 3:00 pm
 - 9th Dec - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Dinner
 - 11th Dec - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner
 - 12th Dec - Year 1s & 2 Christmas Play 1:30pm **start.** (Late arrivals may not be allowed entry.)
 - 15th Dec - Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
 - 16th Dec - Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
 - 17th Dec - Reception Christmas Party
 - 18th Dec - Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
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Reflection & Prayer

This week we considered trees! A strange thing to consider? Well, we looked at how important trees are, the many amazing things they do and the many things we use them for which even I wasn't aware of. We also shared that we have 15 saplings in tubs at school, kindly donated by The Woodland Trust, which we are hoping will grow into large trees in the future.

We linked all this talk of trees to looking at three different trees for Christians.

- 1 - The Tree of Knowledge
- 2 - The Tree of Salvation
- 3 - The Tree of Life

All are important and remind us of God's love for us all and the need to treat each other with care and compassion at all times.

Dear God,

We thank you for the gift of trees and all the other good things that you provide for us.

Please help us to do all that we can to preserve the earth.

Please help us to take opportunities to plant trees and help the planet.

Thank you for this beautiful world.

In Jesus' name,



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Council England



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!

