



NEWSLETTER 8 – 10th March 2025

Hello everybody, in my last newsletter I was commenting about the days getting longer and the sun shining, thankfully we are seeing more and more of this and there are more signs of Spring being here with leaves starting to bud and spring bulbs starting to show through. Over the weekend I saw Snowdrops and crocus flowers showing through.



Let's hope the fine weather lasts!

Mr Mackley
Headteacher

Allergies

Can we please remind you that we have some children in school with severe nut allergies and that all nut based products are banned. This does include some chocolate spreads (Nutella type) as they also contain nuts; please help us to keep all the children safe.

P.E. Kits

Thank you for working with us on getting the children to bring PE kits to change into in school, it is mostly running well and the children are very much getting used to getting changed in school.

We are still seeing some children not bring the correct kit, for information on what is appropriate PE kit, please visit [Uniform | St Matthew's Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery](#)

Please also remember to put your child's name on **every** item of clothing!

Uniform

Thank you for the big improvement in children coming to school in the correct uniform, it is much appreciated. We are still seeing a significant number of children arriving wearing trainers instead of black shoes; please remember that trainers are **not** part of uniform.

In addition, we are also seeing some children wearing black joggers and, again, these are **not** uniform and should not be worn as such. Also, Hijabs should be plain black, no decoration and just below the shoulder.

Thank you.

Smart Watches

As with many modern devices, Smart Watches are incredible devices with lots of amazing tools. However, they do pose a potential safeguarding concern which means we do not allow children to wear them at school. Recently, we have seen a number of these being worn for school, so if any come into school children will be asked to remove them, take them to the office for safekeeping and collection at the end of the day.

Cars

Just a reminder from my message on Dojo, wherever possible please avoid bringing cars to the School and Nursery gates at drop off and collection times.

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

Stars of the Week & Values Award

Week ending 14th February 2025

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Acacia & Lena	Arwa & Noor
Y1	Haroon & Rasta	Zaviyar & Weronika
Y2	Tasneem & Zainab B	Leo & Dua
Y3	Dominic & Fatima	Zaynab & Mehrun
Y4	Zakariya	Maaz
Y5	Ammaarah & Aiman	Nasir & Erum
Y6	Aizah & Shreya	Anabia & Juan

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	-
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Sharon - Y1
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Year 4 beat the teachers! Anjali was the Most Valuable Player
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Gabrielle, 2nd - Menhal; 3rd - Natalia
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	-

Week ending 28th February 2025

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Azhar & Ronnie	Dominic N & Daisy
Y1	Laibah & Jamal	Horain & Bareerah
Y2	Safa & David	Darius & Menal
Y3	Shazain & Yana	Daniel & Mairo
Y4	Sophie, Kinza & Taye	4C, Ilyas & Uzair
Y5	Angela & Abdul-Haadi	Arsal & Lily
Y6	Anabia & Hania	Sienna & Michael

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	Rania (Y4) solved the yoghurt challenge!
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	-
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	-
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Azriel; 2nd - Tasneem; 3rd - Muhammad Musa
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Rohan - named all 7 continents

Week ending 7th March 2025

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Atilla & Lena	Rifa & Rishi
Y1	Hajra & Anete	Saad & Hadya
Y2	Amina & Zainab	Ayaan & Soheil
Y3	Zahrah & Geanina	Khadija & Kiaan
Y4	Zaid & M. Mitha	Amelia & Rania
Y5	esme & Alisha	TJ & Broagan
Y6	Umama & Firdous	Samuel & Arashell

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mrs Bryden)	Siraj (Y5) solved the World Book Day challenge
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Yousha (Y2)
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mrs Gretton)	Y3 boys beat the Y3 girls. Daniel H was the Most Valuable Player
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st- Maher; 2nd - Haroon; 3rd - Viktor
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Ometere

Attendance

This is the data for the week ending **28th February 2025** and the numbers are not as good as they could be. Let's get everyone to school everyday and on time!

Class:	Number of Late Marks:	Year Group	Present Marks
RH	1	Rec	89.64%
RT	1		
1C	1	Y1	95.25%
1SW	4		
2G	5	Y2	92%
2R	8		
3H	4	Y3	89.15%
3M	5		
4C	1	Y4	90.33%
4CH	1		
5B	2	Y5	91.67%
5D	1		
6R	0	Y6	91.17%
6W	2		

Reflection & Prayer

Our school value which we are focusing on this half term is 'thankfulness'. All too often we go through life and take some things for granted, simply being used to things that seemingly 'just happen'; one of these things is our health service. If we are ill, we can see a Dr (maybe we have to wait, but we can get to see one!) or we can go to the Chemist and we can get treatment.

When Jesus walked the earth there were no such services like we enjoy today and life was very different. My worship this week has looked at the story of the 10 lepers whom Jesus healed - the story is called "The One Who Came Back" - and we learn that only one of the 10 made the effort to go back and thank Jesus for what he had done. I wonder how often we go through life and realise that we haven't simply said "thank you" to someone who has done something kind for us?

Loving Lord, we thank you for the stories in the Bible which teach us of your love for us.

Thank you for Jesus' example that it doesn't matter who we are, or where we are from,

Your love is for us all.

Help us to be like that one leper who went back to say 'thank you'.

Help us to be grateful for what we have and if an act of kindness is done to us, help us to remember to say 'thank you', to show our thanks to those who have done that act of kindness towards us.

Amen

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

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!



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