



St Matthew's

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<div>★</div> <div>Star of the week</div> <div>W/e 9/12</div> <div>★</div> <div>Reception Charlotte & Alisa</div> <div>Year 1 1R & Kevin</div> <div>Year 2 Lola & Zaid</div> <div>Year 3 Irina & Ranveer</div> <div>Year 4 Mus'ab & Nabiha</div> <div>Year 5 Pola & M Farok</div> <div>Year 6 Inayah & Nabiya</div>	<div>★</div> <div>Values Award</div> <div>★</div> <div>Reception M Salah & Victor</div> <div>Year 1 Alicija & M Arif</div> <div>Year 2 Yusra & Abinoor</div> <div>Year 3 Marius & Hibah A</div> <div>Year 4 Rebeca & 4S</div> <div>Year 5 Ramon & Azaan</div> <div>Year 6 Amaan & Ruh</div>	<div>★</div> <div>★</div> <div>Attendance data</div> <div>(W/e 25/11/2022)</div> <div>Punctuality</div> <div>Year 4</div> <div>Attendance</div> <div>Year 6</div> <div>Well done everybody!</div> <div>★</div>	
<div>Weekly attendance by year group:</div> <div>Attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great!</div> <div>Attendance below the target of 96% - a concern</div> <div>Attendance of 90% or below - a great concern.</div> <div>Let's try and get 96% or better and get some green!</div>		<div>Previous attendance figures</div> <div>Reception 88.7%</div> <div>Year 1 76.2%</div> <div>Year 2 79.2%</div> <div>Year 3 91.2%</div> <div>Year 4 88.6%</div> <div>Year 5 91.5%</div> <div>Year 6 92.2%</div>	<div>Latest figures</div> <div>91.3%</div> <div>85.8%</div> <div>93.4%</div> <div>90.2%</div> <div>93.8%</div> <div>89.6%</div> <div>97.9%</div>

<p>Maths Challenge</p>	<p>Ezzah, 6W correctly worked out the change from buying all the things needed for Christmas dinner. Well done Y6 - lots of correct entries this week.</p>
<p>TTRS</p>	<p>6S beat 6W with 2657 to 2630. Very very close! In total both classes answered 163,954 correctly!!!</p>

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

Dear all,

The end of the Autumn Term is almost upon us, I cannot believe that it is here already. It really does seem like only yesterday that we were celebrating returning from the Summer Holidays and the start of a new school year.

It has, as always, been an incredibly busy and exciting term with lots going on. I wish to express my thanks to all the St Matthew's staff for the work that they do, often unnoticed, in planning for, preparing for and supporting our wonderful children in their learning. As our SIAMS report last summer noted, we have a great sense of community here and that gives us strength in continuing to grow and develop. I also wish to thank the Cidari staff who have been working with us here in school and behind the scenes in the work we are doing in developing our curriculum to be the best it can be and relevant for our community.

On behalf of the whole St Matthew's family and the wider Cidari one, can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peace-full New Year.



Christmas events

It has been wonderful to witness the various performances of the Christmas Story that have taken place recently; as I said at the performances, Christmas doesn't really begin for me until I have seen the children perform the story each year and reminding us of what Christmas is really all about. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the children, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

New Building

At last this will be ready for us to start making use of from the start of the Spring Term. From Wednesday 4th January, the main entrance of the school will return to New Hall Lane! Entrance will be via the buzzer that you will be used to from the temporary gate on Delaware Street.

Our surveyors, Eric Wright Ltd and the builders, Parkinsons have been absolutely brilliant and done a wonderful job for us.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Rae will finish with us on Friday, we thank her for the work that she has done for us this term and wish her every success in the future.

School Day Times

A reminder that from the start of the Spring Term, the gates **will close** at 8:55am as this is the time children should be in class. Any late arrivals will have to go to the school entrance on New Hall Lane.

The school day will finish at 3:15pm for all children from Reception to Year 6. We are implementing a new routine with a **strict** one way system, see the diagram at the end of this newsletter for details of this. We are working this way so that we can be sure children are collected safely and correctly. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this.

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So, to collect children from Reception, Years 3,4 or 6 you will enter from the New Hall Lane gate at the end of the day and exit onto Derby Square. To collect children from Years 1,2 or 5, enter the corner gate on Derby Square and exit onto Delaware Street. Please do not try to come in via the exit gates, we are trying to ensure a safe and smooth end of the school day for all our children and families.

Dogs

A reminder that only registered assistance dogs are allowed on school premises at any time.

Prayer & Reflection

In our final worship looking at Angels as God's messengers this week, we considered that they don't just bring good news. There were times in the events of Christmas when the angels had to give warnings to keep them safe.

We were also reminded that Jesus and his family were refugees, they had to flee to Egypt for their own safety. This is the case for many, many people still today, having to flee for their own safety.

We have been encouraged be open to listening and looking, as you never know when an angel might be giving a message...



Jesus, friend and brother,
You know how it feels to leave your home and family,
To carry nothing with you, to travel as a stranger.
Help all refugees far from home, driven out by war and hunger.
Lead them safely on.
They are our sisters and brothers.
Inspire us to show our love and a true welcome.

Amen

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These are the end of the day arrangements for the start of the Spring Term.
Children will be on the yard for 3:15pm, the gates will be opened once they are there.
There will be a **strict one way** system, please support us by following this.

As this is a new system, we will monitor it and welcome constructive feedback on how it is working.

Thank you.



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