

# April Newsletter

**Love      Respect      Friendship      Creativity**



**Let all that you do be done in love 1 Corinthians 16:14**



## A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and for those of you who celebrated Eid, I hope you had a peaceful and blessed day with all your family and friends.

It has been wonderful to see all our children back in school this week and we are preparing for an exciting half-term. We are going to be running a number of clubs this week including a Reading Club, Times Table Club, a Year 6 SATs revision club and a Board Game club. We also have one more Dance Club running next week before we say goodbye to Mr Ainscow, who will be leaving at the end of next week.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to Miss Aspinall, who will also be leaving next week to start a new job working with older children at high school.

The class Dojo winners went on their trip to Turton Towers this week! It was a trip filled with outdoor adventure and fun. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and loved foraging, visiting the kitchen garden, enjoying woodland unstructured play and den building!

Before the holidays the parents and carers of St Matthew's produced some stunning artwork during the sessions run by our local Community Champion Christine Baldwin. The first session was held on World Book Day and was based around the lovely book "If...". The second session was looking at different media to create effects using colour. The results are beautiful, we obviously have some very talented people in our St Matthew's family.

We will be holding our Eid celebrations in school on Monday 22nd April, when children will come to school in their party clothes and enjoy some Eid Party food provided by school. It will be a wonderful celebration!

Mrs Patel

## Important Notice

If you're driving your child to school please make sure you park safely, legally and considerately.

Please do not block the school gate as you are preventing staff from getting to school on time and do not use the garages near school to turn your vehicle around or drop off, this is for local residents.

Please don't park across household driveways near schools and always park safely. We don't want to see anyone hurt.

## Key Dates

### Spring Term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 School finishes at 1pm

### Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Elections – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School finishes at 1pm

## Club News Spring Term

**All Clubs are from 3pm – 4pm**

**Pick up is from the main gate**

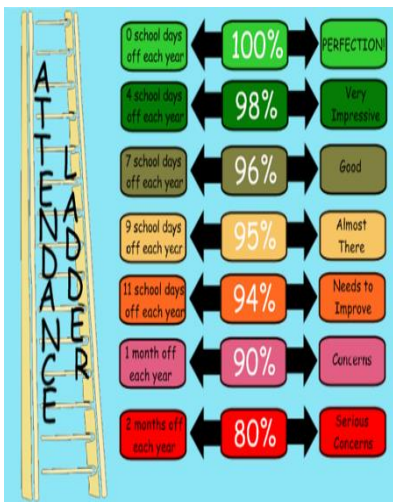
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir		Board Game Club KS1 24/4/24 29/5/24	Reading Club LKS2 25/4/24 11/7/24	Times table Year 4 19/4/24 24/5/24

## Attendance figures this week

Rec –  
Year 1 –  
Year 2 –  
Year 3 –  
Year 4 –  
Year 5 –  
Year 6 –

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01204 333005 before 9am to explain the reasons for the absence.


Please try and make any medical appointments such as dental or optometrist appointments outside of school hours to avoid disruption to learning.



Every student. Every day.

Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0
99%	2 days	18 lessons missed
97%	6 days (more than a week!)	54 lessons missed
95%	9 days	81 lessons missed
94%	11 days (more than 2 weeks!)	99 lessons missed
93%	13 days	117 lessons missed
92%	15 days (3 full weeks!)	135 lessons missed
91%	17 days	153 lessons missed
90%	18 days	144 lessons missed
85%	28 days (over 4 weeks!)	252 lessons missed

**Dinner Money**

School meals are provided by Bolton Council. Meals for pupils are provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free of charge. For all other pupils dinners are charged at £12.35 per week (£2.47 per day) unless your family is entitled to Free School Meals. St. Matthews is a cash less school, you can pay for your children's dinners, trip's; special days and residential via the  app.

**Information for Parents / Carers**

Please come to school for 2:25pm.  
Please do not be late it is unfair on the children to disturb them when they have started.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

**Uniform**

- Trousers (grey/black)
- Skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black)
- Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)
- Shirts/polo-necked shirts/ blouses (white)
- Socks/tights (white/grey/black)
- Footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)



Jogging bottoms and jean style trousers are **NOT** allowed

Children should come dressed to school in school uniform every day.

**PE Kit for both boys and girls is as follows:**

- White polo shirt or T-shirt
- Dark (navy blue, black, grey) jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
- Dark (navy blue, black, grey) sweatshirt/ fleece
- Black Trainers or pumps

# Pictures From This Week







# Head Teachers

# VIP

# Awards

