

# 4<sup>th</sup> October Newsletter

**British Value :**

**Christian Value :**

**Love**

**Respect**

**Friendship**

**Creativity**



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week at St Matthew's this week. The whole school walked to St Thomas's Church this week for the Harvest Service. Year 1 performed the poem, 'Golden Fields and Pumpkins Bright...'; Year 2 recited an acrostic Harvest poem, Year 3 retold the story of 'The Little Red Hen', Year 4 provided information on 'What is Harvest?', Year 5 gave us food for thought and shared their thoughts on 'What are you thankful for?' and Year 6 closed the service with prayers of gratitude and thanks. It really was a wonderful service enjoyed by all who attended.

We also had Mandy from the Oral Hygiene team to speak to the EYFS children and parents about keeping teeth clean. Mandy was also very generous with her time and provided information to the parents across school on oral health and gave out information to register children with an NHS dentist. It was very useful to all that attended.

On Friday, the Ethos team in school arranged for children to dress in white, red and green for Operation Children Christmas for Samaritan's Purse. We are so thankful to all of the parents who donated £1 for the cause. The Ethos team will be using the money raised to fill shoe boxes to and pack them with items to then donate to children. We think it is a very worthy cause and we thank you all for your generosity.

**Mrs Patel**

## Operation Christmas Child

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

So far we have raised £195, if you wish to donate you can still pay using the school online system.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

### 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.

### YEAR 6 - SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2025

The online website for year 6 parents to apply for secondary school 2025 is now open and the link is here [Secondary school places - Bolton Council](#). Parents/Carers need to apply through the Citizen Portal.

Information about applying and school admission criteria can be found on this link [Secondary school places - Bolton Council](#).



### Club News Autumn Term

All Clubs are from 3pm - 4pm

Pick up is from the main gate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Choir All Year	Year 3 / 4 Commando Joe Club 10/9/24 22/10/24		Reading Club 26.9.24 12.12.24	Chess Club 13.9.24 13.12.24

### Information for Parents / Carers

7<sup>th</sup> October - 11<sup>th</sup> October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER IN SCHOOL		YEAR 2M Jumbles Enrichment Walk	YEAR 2B Jumbles Enrichment Walk
	NURSERY PM CHILDREN MAY COME TO SCHOOL AT 8:30AM TO HAVE THEIR PHOTO'S TAKEN			



### 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 **£12.75** per week (**£2.55 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 School Money app, please remember if you **change your telephone number or email you need to inform the office.** The app is set up to send out messages to 1<sup>st</sup> Contact only.

## Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day

Term Begins - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024  
 Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
 Term Ends - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – School closes at 1pm

### Spring Term 2025

Term Begins - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
 Half Term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025  
 Term Ends - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – School closes at 1pm

### Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
 Bank Holiday - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
 Bank Holiday - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Term Begins - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
 Half Term - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
 Term Ends - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – School closes at 1pm

## Uniform

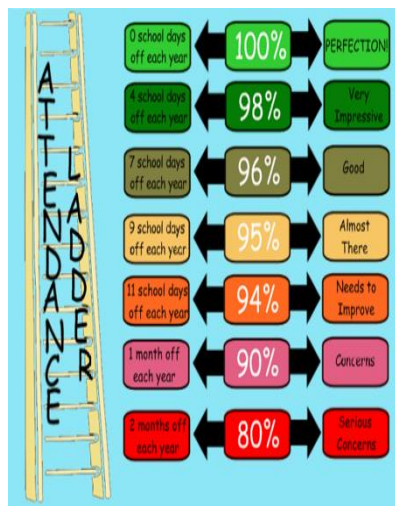
Trousers (grey/black)  
 Skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black)  
 Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)  
 Shirts/polo-necked shirts/ blouses (white)  
 Socks/tights (white/grey/black)  
 Footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

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



## Attendance Matters

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

### 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.

# Pictures From This Week's



# Harvest Festival

