

March Newsletter

Love Respect Friendship Creativity



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



Learning Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parent's Evening for their children this week, it has been really wonderful to see so many of you come and discuss your children's work and how they are getting on in school. If you missed an appointment to see the class teacher or the dates set did not suit you, please get in touch with the office to arrange an alternative date/time and we will be happy to accommodate you.

Some of our children attended the Panathlon Event at The Valley School on Monday. All the children who participated thoroughly enjoyed all the events they took part in and had a great time.

The Year 4's also took part in a Football competition on Tuesday and there was also a Girl's Football event on Friday. We are very proud of all the children who took part. They are a credit to St Matthew's.

The Eco Warriors went to Recycling Centre in Manchester on Friday. They had a wonderful time finding out how recycling is sorted from over a million homes across the North West. They even watched how to turn aluminium drinks cans and foil into biscuits (not suitable for eating!).

And of course, we had a great time across school celebrating 'World Book Day'. It was so wonderful to see all the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. We had a competition for the most creative potato book character, we also had the best dressed winner from each class who received a book as a prize and some chocolate! Thank you to everyone who took part.

Mrs Patel



A note from the Head Teacher

On Friday next week 15th March 2024, children can come in their own clothes for Children In Need.

£1 can be paid online, on the **School Money App**.

Red Noses can be purchased at school at a cost of **£2.00**, this can be paid by **cash**.

From: **Mrs Patel**

Key Dates

Spring Term

Monday 8th January 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 26th February – Thursday 28th March 2024 School finishes at 1pm

Summer Term

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May 2024

Elections – Thursday 2nd May 2024

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July – School finishes at 1pm

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.

Attendance figures this week

Rec – 90.8%

Year 1 – 91.9%

Year 2 – 93.3%

Year 3 – 95.4%

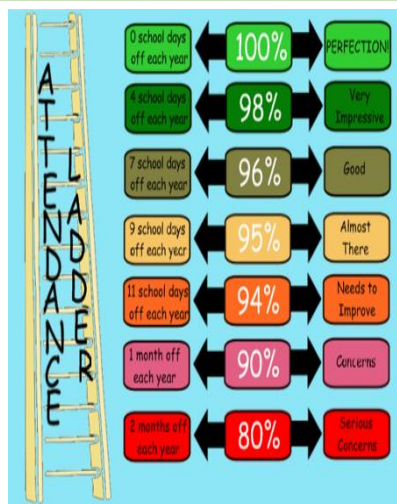
Year 4 – 93.9%

Year 5 – 93.8%

Year 6 – 94.1%

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
		SE Class Assembly		

Club News Spring Term

All Clubs are from 3pm - 4pm
Pick up is from the main gate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir	Dance Club		Tennis Club Reading Club	General Knowledge

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

