

Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents/carers,

What a great Autumn term we have had at St. Matthew's!

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been celebrating the Christmas season with performances from many of our classes in school. Well done to our EYFS, KS1 and Year 4 children for such wonderful performances and displaying such confidence on the stage in front of so many families! A huge thank you to everyone who came to support the children, we hope you enjoyed your visit.

I'd also like to welcome to the team, Mr Shaw, our new Site Manager, who will take over from Mr. Hudson when he retires in January. We also welcome Miss. Baguley to school in January as our School Business Manager. After many years of incredible service at St. Matthew's, Mrs. Saunders will be retiring on 9th January 2026.

Our choir have been out sharing Christmas joy with their singing this week at ASDA. They also received some very kind donations from the public and brought smiles to the faces of shoppers - well done to you all!

Please remember our new start times to the school day when we return on Monday 5th January. The gates will open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in school on time, as our morning learning begins at 8.45am.

At our recent Christmas Fair, we raised an amazing £800 for school! Thank you for your support with our community events, it is much appreciated.

When we return in January, all our KS2 children will be able to access their new Chromebooks. This is an exciting development for our staff and children, and we look forward to sharing our learning with families in the spring term.

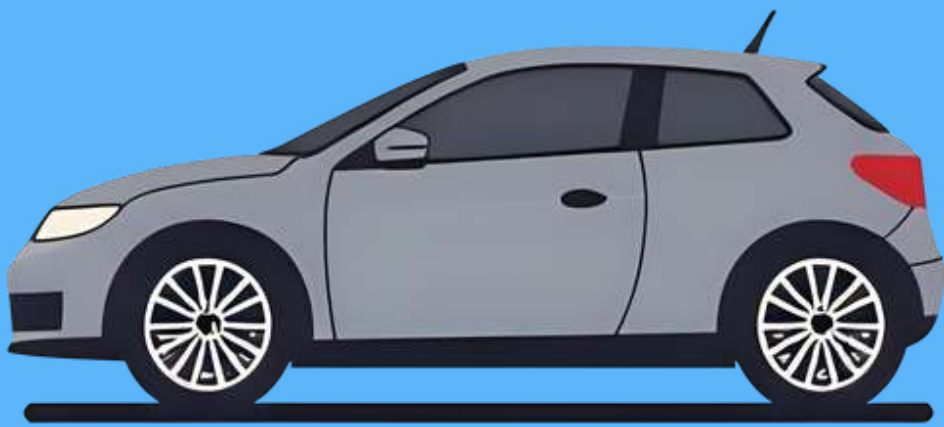
Finally, I would like to wish the school community at St. Matthew's a Merry Christmas when it arrives - have a peaceful and restful break with family and friends.

Mrs Anna Lister
Executive Headteacher

School Term Dates 2025-2026

School gates will open on
January 5th at 8:35 AM
Gates will close at 8:45 AM

Autumn Term 2025	
Monday 1st September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day	
Term Begins -	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Half Term - 2025	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October
Term Ends -	Friday 19 th December 2025 – School closes at 1pm
Spring Term 2026	
Term Begins -	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term - 2026	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February
Term Ends -	Wednesday 1 st April 2026 – School closes at 1pm
Summer Term 2026	
Bank Holiday -	Monday 4 th April
Bank Holiday -	Monday 25 th May
Term Begins -	Monday 20 th April 2026
Half Term -	Monday 1 st June to Friday 5 th June 2026
Term Ends -	Friday 17 th July 2026 – School closes 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.

St. Matthew's School

Uniform

Boys



Trousers (grey/black)

Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece (navy blue)

Shirts/polo-necked shirts (white)

Socks (white/grey/black)

Footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Girls



Trousers (grey/black)

Skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black)

Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)

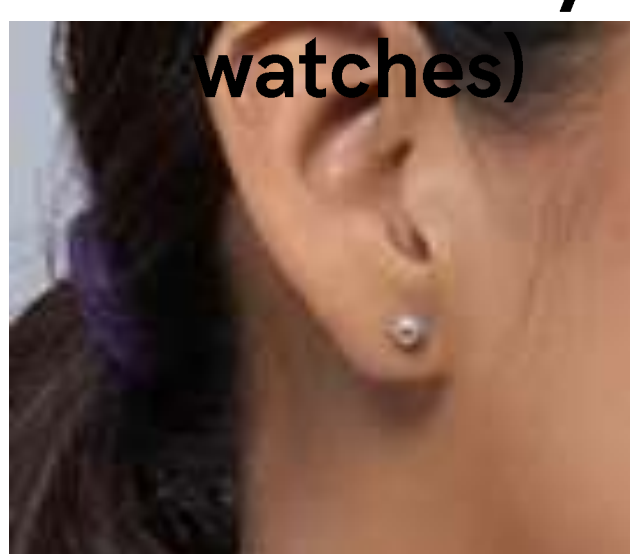
Shirts/polo-necked shirts/ blouses (white)

Socks/tights (white/grey/black)

Footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn at school apart from a pair of small plain studs earrings (large or hoop earrings are not allowed for health and safety reasons) and a simple watch (no smart watches)



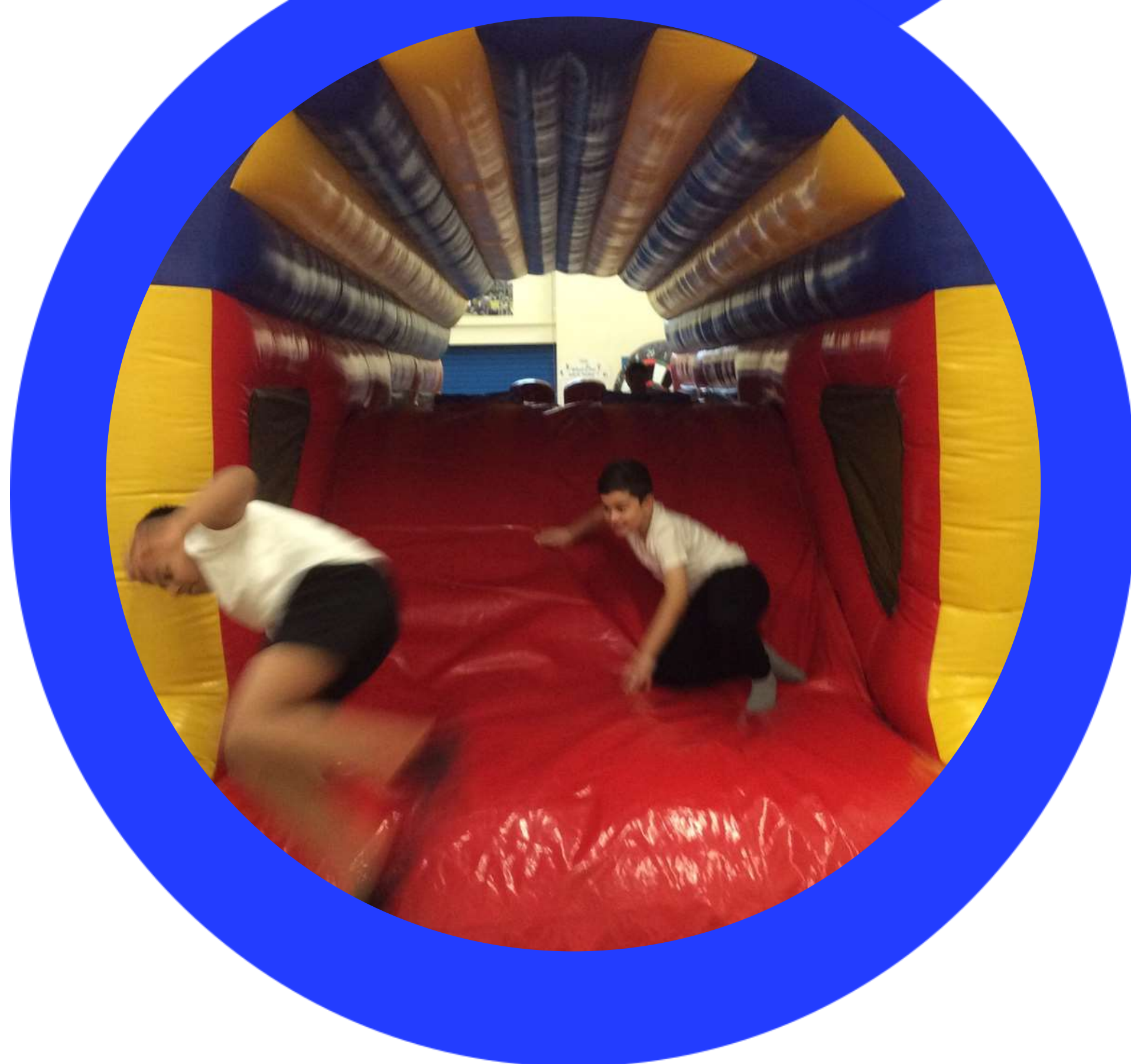
SCHOOL NEWS

Dojo Winners

Our dojo winners for the end of Autumn term were invited into the school hall which was full of inflatables.

Well done to all of the winners, it was so much fun.

Dojos have now been set to 0 for Spring term..... who will be a winner then?



SCHOOL NEWS

Forest School

Y3J boiled the water using the Kelly Kettle to make a tasty hot chocolate, we also toasted loads of marshmallows which were delicious.



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Christmas Fair



We had another successful Christmas Fair this week.
Thank you to everyone who attended, it was lovely to see you all.



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Pop Up Nativity



So much joy at St. Matthew's Nursery as the children enjoyed a Pop-Up Nativity and brought the Christmas story to life.

