

February Newsletter

Love Respect Friendship Creativity



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



A note from the Head Teacher

St. Matthew's thanks you for your support and we hope you have a lovely half term.

We look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Monday 26th February at 8:40am**

From: *Mrs Patel*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of the children who took part in the Gym Festival this week. They were fabulous in demonstrating their skills and flexibility. The children had the opportunity to experience different gymnastics activities while being supported by the coaches. The adults who attended commented on how well the group of children represented our school at the event. Well done!

The parents in Nursey also had their 'Stay and Play' sessions, which were very well attended. They all had a great time with their children whilst learning and having fun.

Thank you to all the parents who spent time giving feedback at the end of the session to the Nursey staff. It is very much appreciated.

2B had their Reading afternoon with their parents who really enjoyed sharing some amazing stories with their children.

2M hosted their class assembly and enjoyed retelling the biblical story of 'The Prodigal Son' Luke 15:13 and singing the lyrics to 'This little Light of Mine', it really was a great performance.

On Tuesday this week for Shrove Tuesday, 5C tossed pancakes in Forest School. They were amazing.

It really has been a wonderful and busy half term at St Matthew's, and I am looking forward to seeing what we have in store next half term. I would like to wish you all a wonderful break and a good rest!

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 garage space near school to turn your vehicle around or drop off, **this is for local residents only.**

Please **do not** park across household driveways on Kentford Road and always park safely. We don't want to see anyone hurt or upset or to upset our residents.

Information for Parents / Carers

Week Commencing 26th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Y3/4 Football Cup Comp			

Attendance figures this week

Rec – 92.7%

Year 1 – 96%

Year 2 – 91.3%

Year 3 – 93.3%

Year 4 – 95.3%

Year 5 – 95.5%

Year 6 – 92%

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



 **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

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.

Club News Spring Term

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir			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

Shrove Tuesday



2M Assembly



Nursery - Valentines Day with Parents



Gym Festival



2B Reading Afternoon

