



January Newsletter 2024

A message from Mrs Patel

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you have all had a good week and managed to stay warm and safe during the snowy weather! We appreciate all your efforts to get the children into school and on time. Thank you.

The children were very excited by the snow on Tuesday, which some of us had never seen before. The children had a great time going out on the field and having fun in the snow. They made snow angels, some very large snowmen and plenty of snowballs!

It has been a busy week at St Matthew's with parent workshops taking place in the hall. We have enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Triple P sessions and the 'Fun Maths' workshop that have been held in school. It is fantastic that we have so many of you coming to school learning how to help your children and working together as a team.

We also had 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in Years 3 and 4, which a lot of you attended and received information for the coming term.

Year 5 and 6 also competed in the GLOW dodgeball event and we are all very proud of the children's sportsmanship and the way they represented St Matthew's School.

Mrs Patel

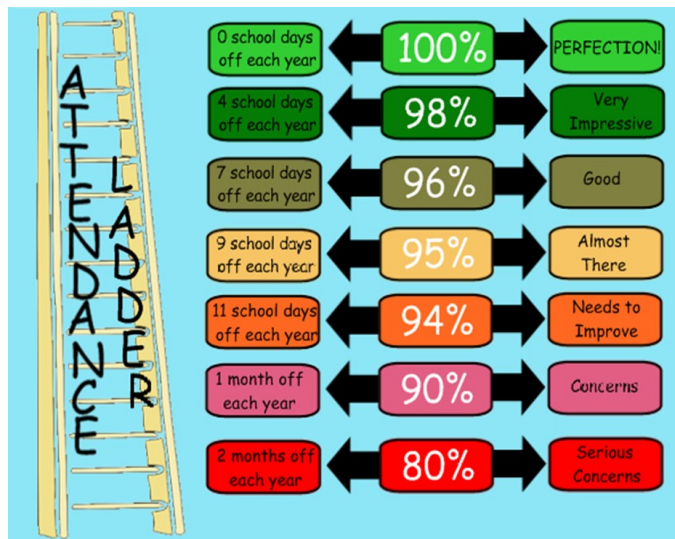
Glow Dodgeball

Mr Ainscow took seven children from years 5 and 6 to a Glow Dodgeball Festival at Thornleigh Salesain School. It was an amazing experience and a very exciting event. The children competed against eight other schools in small 6 versus 6 matches and represented the school in a fantastic manner.



Snow





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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The School Day

The timings to the school day. All classrooms will be open at the start of the day from 8:40am. Every pupil **MUST** be in school ready to learn by 8:55am. If they arrive after this time they will get a late mark.



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 everyday.

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

