

May's Newsletter

Love



Respect



Friendship



Creativity



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of a very busy half-term, we have lots to celebrate as a school community at St. Matthew's.

Well done to our Reception D class who performed their very first class assembly for parents and carers. Thank you for coming to support the children – it was lovely to see so many families in the hall. Both Reception classes also enjoyed a fun day of learning at Little Lancashire Village.

During the week beginning 12th May, Year 6 completed their SATS with such positive attitudes. Well done to you all! Both classes have an exciting programme of learning planned from now until the end of term, which started with a local walk up to Winter Hill with Miss. Worthington and the Y6 staff team.

Our choir are currently busy with Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Boyd rehearsing for their performance at Bolton Music Festival, on Thursday 19th June.

Mrs. Johnson and the School Council have been thinking about ideas to support fundraising in school. Some of their ideas for the summer term are the launch of 'Freezer Fridays,' where ice-pops are available to buy for 50p. We raised **£135.50** from the sale of the Ice Pops and **£165.00** for non uniform. Thank you so much for everyone that contributed.

Mrs. Boyd has continued to run the successful 'Brew at half-two' for families of children in 1M recently. Thank you to those who were able to attend. More community events are planned in for later this term.

I would like to wish all the staff, children and families at St. Matthew's a restful half-term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday 9th June**.

Mrs. Lister
Executive Headteacher

Information for Parents / Carers

School Starts on Monday 2nd June 2025

School Closes on Friday 18th July 2025

at 1pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 4 Swimming		Year 5 Swimming	

Club News Summer Term 2025

All Clubs are from 3pm – 4pm

Pick up is from the main gate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Commando Joe Club	HAF Club Year 3/4	Choir	
		Reading Club		

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.

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, trips'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 1st Contact only.

Holiday List 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day

Term Begins - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Term Ends - Friday 19th December 2025 – School closes at 1pm

Spring Term 2026

Term Begins - Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Term Ends - Wednesday 1st April 2026 – School closes at 1pm

Summer Term 2026

Bank Holiday - Monday 4th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 25th May

Term Begins - Monday 20th April 2026

Half Term - Monday 1st June to Friday 5th June 2026

Term Ends - Friday 17th July 2026 – 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 figures this week

Rec – 92.64%

Year 1 – 91.06%

Year 2 – 94.71%

Year 3 – 93.62%

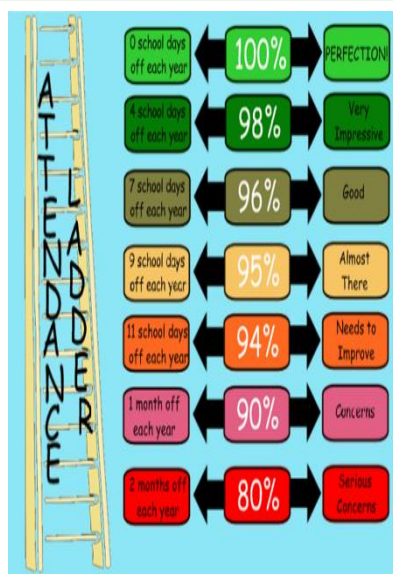
Year 4 – 94.54%

Year 5 – 93.49%

Year 6 – 94.85%

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.



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

Going For Gold!



This year in the Bolton School Games we have received 'Gold' for the third year in a row.

We are very proud of this achievement and it's an excellent recognition of the different opportunities we offer for all the children at St. Matthew's.

Our aim is to ensure our children are experiencing taking part in a variety of sports and competing against local schools while also having fun!

Some children from year 3 had the opportunity to take part in a football event at Moss Bank Park. The children played against other local schools and it was an opportunity to work on their football skills such as passing, dribbling and shooting.



Year 5 Composing Worship Songs

Pictures of worship from 5F's RE lesson, where they were looking at worship through dance and music like Miriam did in the Bible.



Information from Bolton Arena

[Bolton Arena Community Active Day Tickets, Sun, Jun 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Bolton Arena Colour Run – Sunday 22nd June

After the success of the Colour Run in 2024, I'm delighted to confirm that we are hosting the Bolton Arena Colour Run again this year on Sunday 22nd June, this year we are raising funds for Bolton Hospice. I've listed below a little about Bolton Hospice and what they do for the local people.

Bolton Hospice About us

Our consultant-led team of doctors, nurses and other professional staff provide expert care and support for local people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and their families, in the hospice and at home. We not only take care of patients' physical needs, we consider their emotional, spiritual and social needs too. And we support families and close friends, both during illness and in bereavement.

Dedicated and dignified care

We care for patients throughout their illness, helping to improve their wellbeing and quality of life. We also provide compassionate, dedicated and dignified care for patients at the end of their life.

Bolton Hospice wouldn't be able to provide our specialist care without the support of amazing supporter, fundraisers like you! We need to raise over £4 million every year to provide our specialist services free of charge. We're an independent charity and government funding only covers a fraction of our costs!

To book your place and support this amazing charity, click on the link below.

[Bolton Arena - Colour Fun Run 3km 2025 Tickets, Sun 22 Jun 2025 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

We look forward to seeing you at our Community Active Day and colour run 2025!

