



March 31st Newsletter 2023

A note from the Headteacher

Well we have had another full term in school and enjoyed lots of exciting learning amongst fun activities. Thank you for continuing to support your children their education both at home and in school. Have a look and see what has been going on in the pages below.

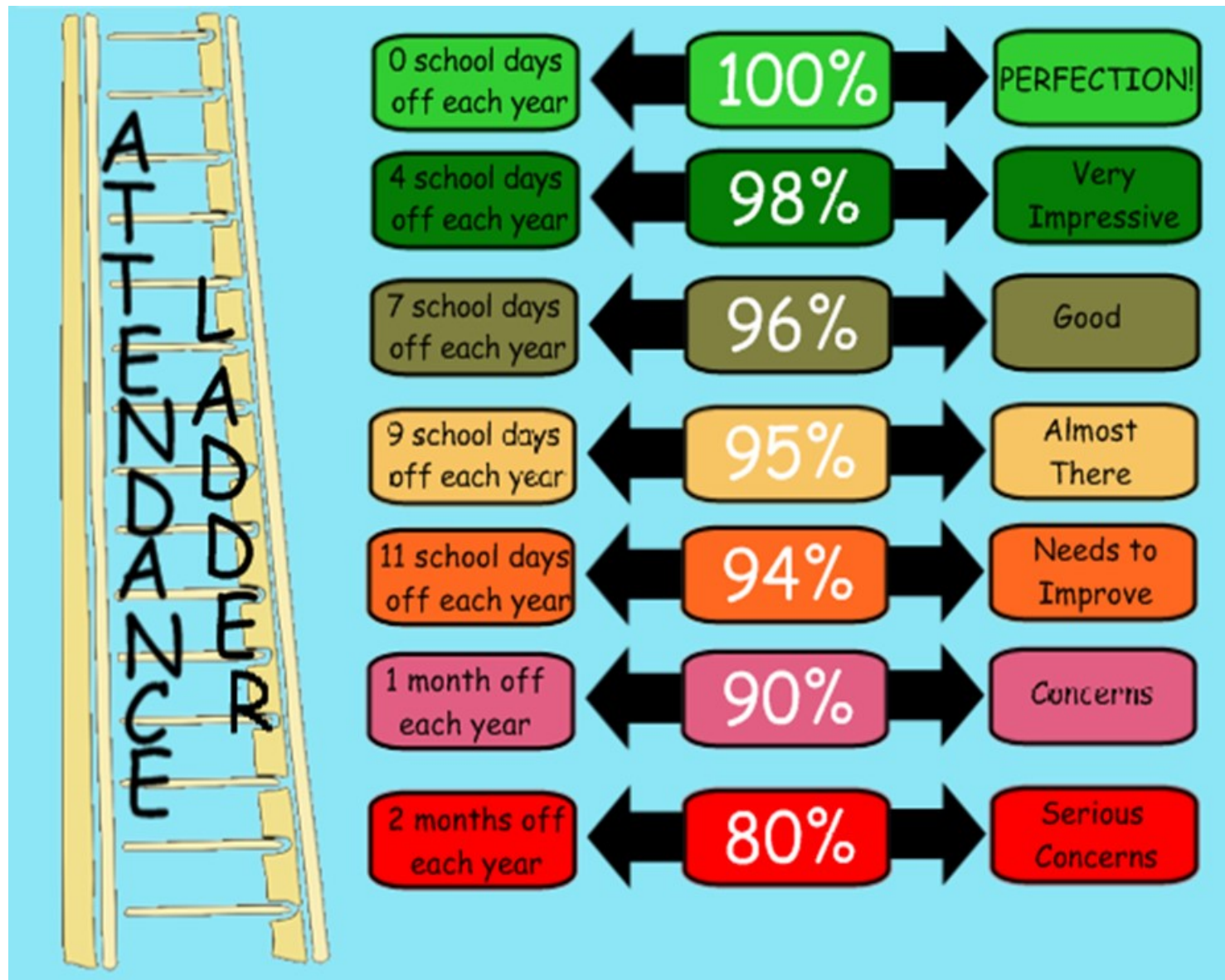
Let us hope the spring sunshine makes an appearance over the coming weeks and I wish you all 'Happy Easter Holidays'!

Farewell Mr Spedding

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr Spedding our fantastic Site Manager. After an amazing 25 years at St Matthew's, he has decided that it is time to hang up his tools and retire.

We would like to thank him for all his hard work in keeping St Matthew's as the best-looking school in Bolton! We wish him all the very best for a long and happy retirement.
Goodbye and good luck!





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

100%

Attendance



Upper Key
Stage 2

Lower Key
Stage 2



Key Stage 1



Dojo Winners





IMPORTANT REMINDERS



The School Day

The timings to the school day. All classrooms will be open at the start of the day from 8:45am. 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

Please check on your child's class page to see when their P.E. days are.

Sport

Children have again been taking part in a range of inter-school sport festivals. This month these have included gymnastics, football and dance. Well done to everyone who has represented school.



Meet the teacher dates

Below are the dates for meeting your child's class teacher at the beginning of term. These will take place in your child's new classroom. Staff will share the key areas of learning and important dates and events taking place in the coming term. Please make sure you attend this so you can support your child with their schooling.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Year 6	Tuesday 18th April 2:30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 19th April 2:30pm
Year 2	Thursday 20th April 2:30pm
Year 4	Friday 21st April 2:30pm
Year 5	Monday 24th April 2:30pm
Year 3	Tuesday 25th April 2:30pm

Nursery



This half term in Nursery we have been reading traditional tales with a focus on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have learnt how to make porridge and have enjoyed tasting it.



Year 1M

1M have been working together to collect rubbish in the local area
In RE 1M have been creating their own paintings of the resurrection.



Year 1S

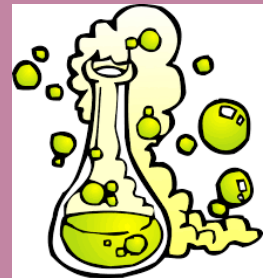
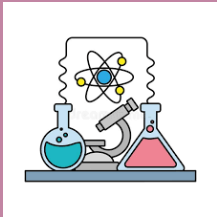


Year 1S have had great time with Commando Joe this half term. We have been working on teamwork, communication and resilience. Each week we complete a different activity. We have had so much fun.



Year 2

On Science Day, Year 2 investigated the question 'Are people with bigger feet taller?'. We used a 1 metre ruler to measure our height and feet. We then compared the results with one another. Year 2 really enjoyed being scientists!



Year 4



It has been a very busy week in Year 4. On Friday 24th March, we had an animation workshop and made our own models and animated them. We can't wait to see the final edited cut.



On Tuesday 28th March, we had more visitor's in school playing some wonderful music from all around the globe. Four of our children were special judges who had to score each piece of music. We had a great time.



Year 4

Daniyal S is 1st (in 4M) and Sally is 2nd(in 4F) are at the top of the leader board for our school on TT Rockstars.

Miss Manly is laying down the gauntlet. She is currently in 20th place on the table.



Who can beat her?



Year 5

Year 5 had an out of this world experience when a 'Space Man' came for a visit. We learnt all about the Space Race , how the astronauts came back to Earth, and made timelines about their lives.

The second session saw us making our own rockets and launching them on our field.

