



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:
Service

Serve on another in love – Galatians 5.13

A Note from the Headteacher

It has been a busy few weeks at St. Matthew's. It was lovely being able to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with you all on our school field. The whole school picnic was just a great event. Thank you for coming along.

In school the children have been enjoying getting outside in the sunshine and working hard on assessments in class. Some classes have been out on trips too! Enjoy reading on to find more about what has been going on.

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

See what we've been up to
this week:

Visit the class pages on the
school website to find out
more

www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Don't forget:

School closes for the
summer holidays on Friday
22nd July at 1.00pm

Please remember:

Parents please be considerate to
our neighbours when parking near
the school, please do not park on
Nottingham Drive.
Please park a little further away
and walk your child to the school.
Thank you

The afterschool club timetable is
now on the school website
[https://www.st-](https://www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk/)
[matthews.bolton.sch.uk/](https://www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk/)

Important reminders

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 9:00am. If they arrive after this time they will get a late mark.

Uniform

Girls

skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black), trousers (grey/black)
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)
blouses/shirts/polo-necked shirts (white)
socks/tights (white/grey/black)
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Boys

trousers (grey/black)
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece (navy blue)
shirt/polo-necked shirts (white)
socks (white/grey/black)
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

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.

St Matthew's Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the symbol of the cross that shows your great love for everyone and everything.

Amen.



Ethos Team Challenge

How do you help others? Spend some time with your family and offer to help others.



Reflection Time

Are you challenging yourself?



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Information

(Monday 14th March — Friday 1st April)

Our school attendance for 2022 / 2023 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 91.2%

Rec E— 92.2%
Mrs Elliott
Rec S— 89.8%
Miss Smith
Y1D— 89.7%
Mrs Davidson
Y1O—94.6%
Miss O'Hagan
Y2B— 87.7%
Miss Bateman
Y2W— 83.2%
Mrs Shaw
Y3J— 90.0%
Mrs Johnson
Y3P— 95.2%
Mrs Phillips
Y4F— 95.7%
Miss Foster
Y4M— 91.6%
Miss Manly
Y5Mc— 84.1%
Mrs McIlhagga
Y5R— 92.0%
Mrs Rotherham
Y6CI— 96.0%
Mrs Clarkson
Y6Cu— 94.5%
Mr Currid

Headteachers Award Winners

	06/05/22	13/05/22	20/05/22	27/05/22	10/06/22
RE	Lela	Joshua	Esambo	Michael	Grace
RS	Hamza	Ebony	Fayo	Samatar	Morekata
Y1O	Uwais	Michael	Ahmed	Mulonda	Amiin
Y1D	Chanel	Abubakar	Esa	Mayar	Moneer
Y2S	Valentino	Anaya	Eesah	Ahad	Inayah
Y2B	Marek	Mohamed	Jacob	Aisha	Asad

Well done everyone!

Headteachers Award Winners

	06/05/22	13/5/22	20/05/22	27/5/22	10/06/22
3J	Sally	Skye	Mandy	Ektor	Janatti
3P	Daniyal	Salman	Renwa	Jersey	Ahmadnoor
4M	Tyreece	Maiwand	Riyan	Sawsan	Alisha
4F		Abeeha	Duniya	Jamie	Haseeb
Y5R	Safaa	Clara	Amina	Rawen	Ramlo
Y5Mc	Bismah	Samar	Rhys	Aisha	Zayn
Y6Cl	Manar	Abby	Ayesha	Sebastian	Tek
Y6Cu		Rabi	Ifadat	Lorna	Kaiden

Well done everyone!

Our Signalong Journey



What is Signalong?

Signalong is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British sign language. It uses speech, sign, body language, facial expression and tone of voice to reference the link between sign and word. It is designed to support spoken language, so the signs are used with speech, in spoken word order.

Our Signalong Journey

At St Matthew's, we have some children who use signing to help them understand and communicate with others. As part of our aim for a whole school Total Communication Approach, we have all begun to learn core signing vocabulary. We are really excited about using Signalong throughout school to ensure everyone feels included, valued and understood.

Signalong at Home

We have created Signalong video clips to support children's use of Signalong at home. You can find these on the school website. Have fun learning the signs and using them at home with your child.

The Signalong Anthem

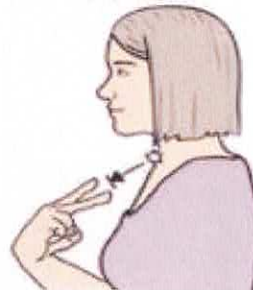
Our next challenge is to learn the Signalong Anthem. Our aim is that with Signalong and a Total Communication Approach, everybody has a voice. This is a line in the song!

'EVERYBODY HAS A VOICE'

EVERYBODY



VOICE



Reception

Both Reception classes have had a fantastic fun filled morning at Moss Bank Park! When we first arrived we went to the walled gardens and had a look at all the plants and flowers, building on what we have previously learnt during our Bolton Garden Centre visit. The children's favourite parts of the gardens were walking under the plant covered arches and smelling the very strong wild garlic! Next, we went for a walk around the field. We spotted more wild garlic and saw lots of bluebells, daisies and buttercups. Before we left the park the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the play equipment together.





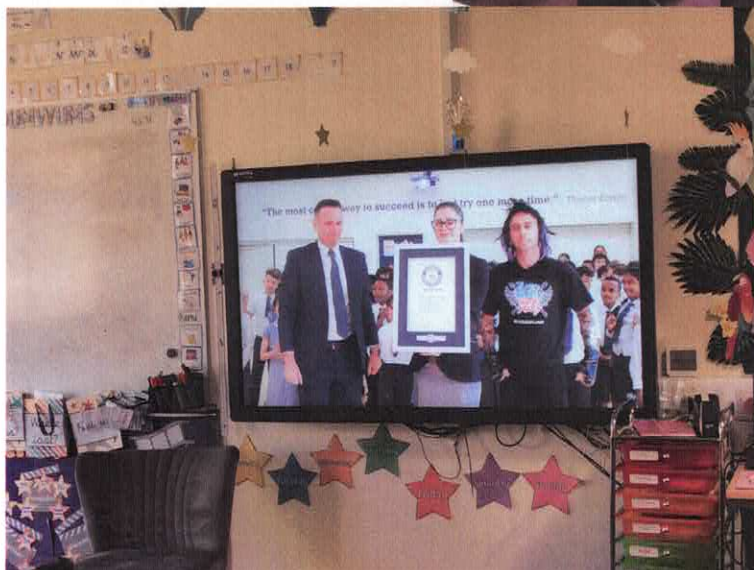
Year 2

Year two had an amazing trip to Blackpool Zoo, where we got to see lots of amazing animals. We had talks from the zoo keepers about the elephants, the sea lions and the penguins. It was really interesting!



Y3P

We took part of a Guinness World Record. An official attempt of the biggest "rolling numbers" live stream on Wednesday 18th May at 9:30am. It was lots of fun.



Y3P

Can you guess what 3P have been investigating this half term?



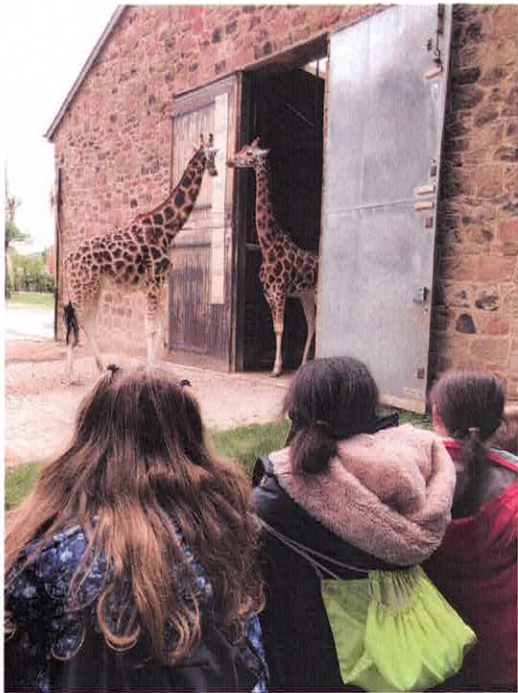
3P love spending time in the sandpit!



3P have had a fantastic time learning new skills with Commando Joe!



Y3P had an amazing time on their trip to Chester Zoo.



Y4

On Friday 13th May, our Year 4 children had a sleepover at school. They had lots of fun: playing games, watching films and eating snacks. When the second film was over, the children all brushed their teeth and then settled down into the separate halls for boys and girls. Great fun was had by all.





Social

Moral

Cultural

Spiritual

Enrichment



Bolton
Library and
Museum Services

*Within these pages you will find
An invitation to leave the world
behind...*

*Immerse yourself inside their
spell...*

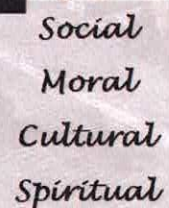
Let imagination be your wings.

Reached the end?

*Find another
and start again!!*



HISTORY



Cen.



Football festivals

Some children have been representing school in football festivals at Moss Bank Park. The festivals have been for both boys and girls and the children have played 3v3 on small pitches. Everyone played really well and most importantly had fun. Well done children.



NUT Free School

We children in school with a nut allergy which means that all staff and parents must be vigilant about ingredients we use in school and items put into lunch boxes. No nuts or snacks containing nuts should be put into packed lunches.

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and this is increasing. It now occurs in 1 in 50 children.

As we now have a pupil in school who suffers from a severe nut allergy please could I take this opportunity to explain to everyone that our school has now become a "Nut Free School. " If our pupil comes into contact with a nut product, they can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily initiated from a simple handshake or touching of a pupil's table who may have had some nuts in their food. Therefore children **must not** bring nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

We ask that you do not provide your child with any products containing nuts in their lunch box: Some examples:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Muesli bars
- Baklava
- Any nuts

School will be making regular checks on the children's lunches to ensure these rules are being followed.

Whilst we know some children like to bring in cakes/chocolates for their classmates to celebrate their birthday we ask that they do not bring in anything that contains nuts, if they do then unfortunately they will not be handed out and will be sent home unopened, which could lead to lots of disappointment.

We have a rule not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products, however, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

Please help us in providing a nut free school and assisting those parents who have a child who may have a life threatening reaction by children **not** bringing nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

Many thanks for your support.



Free School Meals

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Free School meals, because they are in either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, if you think that you might be entitled to standard free school meals, because you meet the criteria below it is very important that you still apply for them.

You can get further help on how to apply at the One Stop Shop in Bolton Town Hall.

What are free school meals? They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools). They may also be awarded to some children outside this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

Do I qualify? To qualify you or your partner must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (but no award of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenues and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.

What evidence is required & how do I apply? You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above benefits. You do not need to make a separate claim if you are already getting or have applied for Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support. We will use the information and evidence you have already provided to confirm your entitlement,

If you would like to make a claim this can be done by;

- Telephoning 01204 331590 or
- Visit our website www.bolton.gov.uk (search for free school meals)

In addition from **September 2014** children who are attending full time at any Sixth form college (not private) may also be eligible.



ChatHealth Messaging Service

Text your School nurse/Health Visitor

During these unsettling times, as a parent of child aged between 0/19 years old you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

Our specialist nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Parent/carers of child(ren) aged 0-19 can send a text to:

07507331751

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour
- Continence
- Emotional health
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Minor accidents and illnesses


Your ChatHealth messaging service is run by The Children's Integrated Health and Wellbeing Team, Bolton Foundation Trust and is available Monday to Friday 8am until 8pm

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.

Bolton Together

ITHRIVE PARENT PEER SUPPORT

- Share experiences with other parents
- Find out about specific mental health conditions
- Be supported to find out what services are available
- Have a one to one chat
- Explore how to best support your child
- Take time out to focus on your own well being
- Learn new skills

 **Breaking Barriers NW**

**Support for
Parents/Carers
whose children
are
experiencing
difficulties with
their mental
health**

As a parent/carer it can be difficult to know how to help your child and can impact on your own well being when your child is experiencing mental health difficulties. We can help you feel less isolated and support you in a way that works for you.

To access information and support complete the following form:

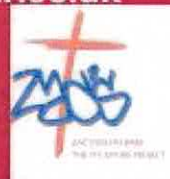
<https://bolton-together.org.uk/parent-peer-support-programme-referral-form/>
or you can contact directly:

Raise The Youth Foundation
parent@raisetheyouth.co.uk
Telephone 01204431946

Breaking Barriers
breakbarriers3@gmail.com

ZACS Youth Bar

Allison@Zacsyouthbar.co.uk



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for children who might not
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FREE, FRIENDLY & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE

Get in touch if you know a child who
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us as a volunteer baker.

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Bolton's Local Offer

Are you a...

- ★ Young person with a special educational need or disability
- ★ Parent or carer of a child/young person with a special educational need or disability
- ★ Practitioner working with a child/young person who has a special educational need or disability

Take a look at...

Bolton's Local Offer

One place for information and services:

- The special educational needs and disabilities provision you can expect in Bolton
- The range of services to support children and young people with SEND
- Information about SEN Support/Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Early years, schools and colleges
- Preparing for adulthood
- Leisure activities
- Short breaks

For further details about the Local Offer, take a look at

www.bolton.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

**Bolton
Council**



DONATE YOUR NEW OR GREAT CONDITION PRIMARY OR SECONDARY UNIFORMS FOR ALL BOLTON SCHOOLS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHOES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAGS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRAINERS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.E. KITS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COATS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL SUPPLIES |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL UNIFORMS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY |

DROP OFF POINT

MAIN RECEPTION
KINGS CHURCH BOLTON
THE MILL, BL2 6QE



Email: Brightmetcommunitygroup@gmail.com

Facebook [@brightmetcommunitygroup](https://www.facebook.com/brightmetcommunitygroup)



OPEN TO EVERYONE OVER SUMMER FROM THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST (OPENING TIMES BELOW)

HOW IT WORKS

DONATIONS

ARE GIVEN BY THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESSES TO KEEP OUR SHELVES STOCKED

SIGN UP

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REGISTER ON YOUR FIRST USE OF THE LOCKER, MAKING SURE YOU HAVE ACCESS TO FUTURE DATES

BUY

NEW AND PRELOVED UNIFORM STARTING FROM 20P

SANITARY ITEMS

ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT NO COST.

EVENING APPOINTMENTS

WE HAVE LIMITED EVENING APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE. TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL [BRIGHTMETCOMMUNITYGROUP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:Brightmetcommunitygroup@gmail.com) OR FACEBOOK BRIGHTMET COMMUNITY GROUP

LOCATION

KINGS CHURCH BOLTON
THE MILL, BL2 6QE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST 9.30AM - 2.30PM
EVERY THURSDAY UNTIL THE END OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS
THURSDAY EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Email: Brightmetcommunitygroup@gmail.com

Facebook [@brightmetcommunitygroup](https://www.facebook.com/brightmetcommunitygroup)

Do you need Help/Support?



Lots of parents are struggling with their children's behaviour

Do they refuse to do what you ask them?

Do you need a safe space where you can receive free advice and support on parenting?

Saturday Drop-in service for parents providing advice, support and guidance on a variety of issues including...

School Issues

Child Development

Parent Support

Behaviour Support

Drop In Service

Early Help Workers will be on hand to provide support.

Bring your little one for a break, brew and a chat.



Come along to any of our centres below and see how we can help you and your child(ren) –

Farnworth Start Well and Young People Centre - 11th June, 2nd July, 23rd July, 13th August and 10th September 2022

Oxford Grove Children's Centre - 18th June, 9th July, 30th July, 20th August and 17th September 2022

Tonge Children's Centre - 25th June, 16th July, 6th August, 3rd and 24th September 2022

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Bolton Start Well

