

Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final month of 2025, and the start of Advent, we begin to think about the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

November has been one of our busiest months since we returned to school, with lots of opportunities for our children to take part in a wide range of activities linked to personal development.

At the start of November, our EYFS had a visit from the Road Safety Team. The learnt lots about how to keep yourself safe and even went outside to learn how to cross the road safely.

Year 2 had a great day of learning at Blackpool Zoo, discovering lots of new animals and habitats.

Year 6 visited Bury Fire Training Centre to learn vital life-saving skills. We also took part in the Remembrance Service held on Victoria Square.

As part of the Into Film Festival, all our KS2 children visited the cinema to watch 'Kensuke's Kingdom.' We have also visited Bolton's Victoria Halls recently with KS2, to watch 'Beauty and the Beast' and to listen to the talented musicians and vocalists at the 'Mayor's Christmas Concert.'

To develop children's money skills, our Year 5 and 6 classes took part in an excellent half-day of learning with Debt Aware. During the session they learnt about key skills such as budgeting and ways to save money in your home.

This month, our sports teams have also been busy. Year 1&2 attended the Dodgeball Festival at Bolton Arena. Our Year 6 football team continue to represent school in the football league held at Ladybridge FC.

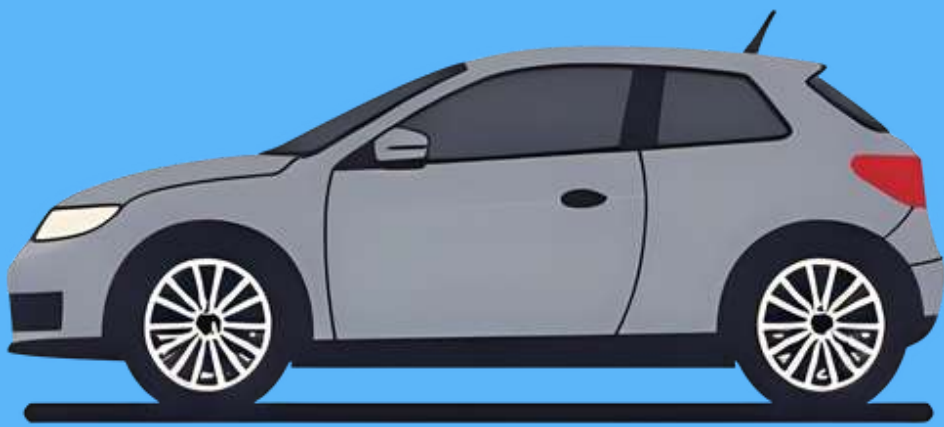
Finally, a huge thank you to all our families who attended Parents' Evening. We hope you enjoyed finding out more about your child's learning and how to support them at home.

Mrs. Lister
Executive Headteacher

Things Coming Up In December

Wed 3rd Dec	Church Visit - Advent
Thurs 4th Dec	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9th Dec	LADA - Panto Year 2
Thurs 11th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 12th Dec	Children's Christmas Dinner
Fri 12th Dec	Y2 Christmas Performance
Mon 15th Dec	Y4 Christmas Sing Along
Tue 16th Dec	Nursery Pop Up Nativity
Wed 17th Dec	Reception Christmas Performance
Fri 19th Dec	No Rules Day £1

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.

St. Matthew's School

Uniform

Boys



Trousers (grey/black)

Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece (navy blue)

Shirts/polo-necked shirts (white)

Socks (white/grey/black)

Footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Girls



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)

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn at school apart from a pair of small plain studs earrings (large or hoop earrings are not allowed for health and safety reasons) and a simple watch (no smart watches)





INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



GREATER MANCHESTER
POLICE

ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD WARNING

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched day / weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price / deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt / invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

ActionFraud

Report Fraud & Internet Crime

actionfraud.police.uk



TO STOP FRAUD™



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



For more information about conditions and vaccines visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/
If you have any questions, please contact the immunisation team who can offer advice or assistance.

EMAIL: Boltonimms@intrahealth.co.uk **Telephone:** 0333 358 397 Option 1 for Manchester

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Visited Bury Fire Training Centre & Remembrance Service

Y6 Visited the Fire Training Centre at Bury and learnt many facts that could help save a life.

From what to do in a house fire, how to prevent a house fire and how to make a 999 call.



SCHOOL NEWS

Key Stage 2 Beauty and the Beast

Key Stage 2 had a fantastic day out at the Victoria Halls in Bolton where we watched a wonderful performance of Beauty and the Beast. All of KS2 attended, and the atmosphere was full of excitement from the moment we arrived.

The show was colourful, funny, and full of brilliant singing and dancing. The children were engaged throughout and loved seeing the story come to life on stage. From the lively characters to the impressive set pieces, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

It was a memorable experience for pupils and staff alike, and we're already looking forward to our next trip!



SCHOOL NEWS

Key Stage 2 Victoria Halls



Key Stage 2 went to the Victoria Halls to join in with the Mayor Christmas Concert.

Bolton's youth orchestra and choir performed, as well as a few special guests.

Awale in Y6 was invited onto the stage to conduct the full orchestra, he was amazing



SCHOOL NEWS

SPORTING EVENTS

Key Stage 1 Dodgeball



On 14th November, our Key Stage 1 children took part in an exciting dodgeball event filled with energy, teamwork, and plenty of smiles. For many pupils, it was their first experience of taking part in an organised sports activity outside the classroom, and they embraced the challenge brilliantly.

Throughout the event, the children demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, showing not only quick reflexes and determination but also kind sportsmanship. They encouraged one another, celebrated each team's successes, and learned the importance of playing fairly.



SPORTING EVENTS



This weekend, Jacob from Class 1M had the exciting opportunity to use our school's Bolton Wanderers tickets to attend the Bolton vs Bradford City match.

He represented the school brilliantly and enjoyed a fantastic day soaking up the atmosphere at the stadium.

Well done, Jacob—we love hearing about pupils making the most of these special opportunities!