

November's Newsletter

**British
Value :**

**Christian
Value :**

Love

Respect

Friendship

Creativity



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



It has been a wonderful month here at St Matthew's, the children have had such a wide and varied range of experiences.

We had cricket Sessions from Lancashire Cricket Club for Year 1 and 4, which they have thoroughly enjoyed participating in. There has been real talent for bowlers and catchers!

Year 2 went to Blackpool Zoo and really enjoyed the day observing all the vast variety of species as part of their learning in science on 'Animals'! Both Year 1 and 2 also went on a lovely walk around the Jumbles Reservoir to help enrich their learning experiences. Year 1 also took a walk up Rivington Pike where they enjoyed the beautiful views of Rivington Country Park.

We have had lots of clubs running this term too, these have included: Arts and Craft clubs in Key Stage 1 and 2, a Reading club, a Chess club, a Board Game club, Choir club and a Coding Club! These have been very well attended and the children have really enjoyed learning new skills.

All the children across school also took part in various activities the week beginning 11th November to raise awareness for Anti-bullying week. We also held a minute's silence for Remembrance in school and Year 6 walked into the town centre and took part in the Remembrance Service outside Bolton Town Hall.

The whole school took part in 'Children in Need' day on Friday 15th, where we saw a lot of amazing outfits and raised **£278.00** On Friday 22nd November we also had a non-uniform day for chocolate donations. These wonderful treats will be sold at the Christmas Fair on Thursday 5th December, please come along and show your support. Thank you all for your generous donations and for your continued commitment and support.

And finally, on Wednesday 27th November all the children from Y1-6 walked to church for our annual Advent Service. The children did a fabulous job of sharing the Christmas story and the reasons why we celebrate Christmas.

We have a very busy month ahead and we are very much looking forward to the festivities and fun this coming month will bring. We hope you can join us!

Mrs Patel

Information for Parents / Carers

2nd December – 6th December 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year 3 Stone Age Day In School. In order to get into the spirit of the day, we would like the children to dress in animal print clothing or as cavemen/girls.	Christmas Fair Come through the office AFTER you have picked your children up first.	

Club News Autumn 2 Term

All Clubs are from 3pm – 4pm

Pick up is from the main gate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Choir All Year	Y1/Y2 Commando Joe 12/11/24 17/12/2	Y1/Y2 Craft Club 6/11/24 11/12/24	Reading Club 26.9.24 12.12.24	Chess Club 13.9.24 13.12.24
Y6 Coding Club 11/11/24 9/12/24 Please note pick up is at 4:15pm		UKS2 Arts & Crafts Club 6/11/24 19/2/25		
Y3&Y4 Board Game Club 11/11/24 16/12/24				

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.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day
 Monday 23rd September – School Closed to pupils – Staff Training Day

Term Begins - Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
 Term Ends - Friday 20th December 2024 – School closes at 1pm

Spring Term 2025

Term Begins - Monday 6th January 2025
 Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
 Term Ends - Friday 4th April 2025 – School closes at 1pm

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday - Monday 21st April
 Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May
 Bank Holiday - Monday 26th May

Term Begins - Tuesday 22nd April 2025
 Half Term - Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June 2025
 Term Ends - Friday 18th July 2025 – 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

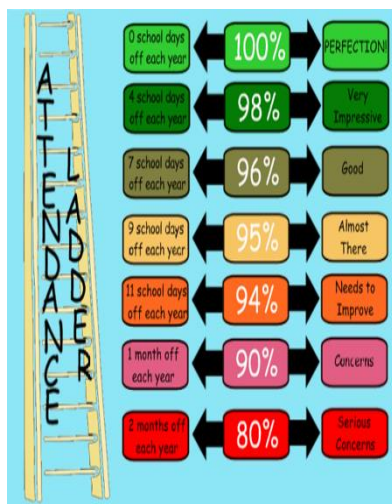


Attendance figures this week

Rec – 93.33%
 Year 1 – 92.71%
 Year 2 – 91.82%
 Year 3 – 96.38%
 Year 4 – 94.88%
 Year 5 – 91.86%
 Year 6 – 93.50%

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

Pictures From November

Pictures From Year 1's Blackpool Zoo



Pictures From Remembrance Day



Pictures From Year 1's Trip to Rivington



Pictures From Year 6's Trip to Smithills Production of Beauty & the Beast

Y6 went to Smithills High School to watch their performance of Beauty and the Beast. They were brilliant and we really enjoyed the show.



Pictures From the Advent Service

