

Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year! The children have settled in so well to their new classes, and it has been great to see their achievements in such a short space of time. Thank you to all our families who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' events - we hope you found it useful and that you have all the information you need to support your child's learning at home.

This year is an exciting year for St. Matthew's, as we begin a digital transformation project at the school. This will improve many of our systems in school and also provide our children and staff with the opportunity to use new technology to support teaching and learning. Later this term, our KS2 children will have access to 1:1 devices, which will support their learning in class, as we move towards becoming a Google school.

Lots of our new clubs began at the start of term. We have a wide range of after-school activities for your child such as chess club, choir, reading club and football club. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

A huge well done to our football team, who are taking part in a football league this year held at Ladybridge Football Club. Well done to the dodgeball team too, who took part in an event at Bolton Arena today.

Many of our classes have already had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities. For example, Year 6 went on a walk to the top of Winter Hill in week 2, then enjoyed a full day of learning at Chester Zoo in week 3. Year 1 have also visited Bolton Library recently to find out about how to borrow books.

Next week, we will visit church to take part in the Harvest service. Thank you for your kind donations towards.....

Best wishes,
Mrs Lister

School Term Dates 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM - 2025

Term Begins	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
Term Ends	Friday 19 th December 2025 – School closes at 1pm

SPRING TERM - 2025

Term Begins	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026
Term Ends	Wednesday 1 st April 2026 – School Closes at 1pm

SUMMER TERM - 2026

Term Begins	Monday 20 th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May Monday 25th May
Half Term	Monday 1 st to Friday 5 th June 2026
Term Ends	Friday 17 th July 2026 – School closes at 1pm

Important Notice



If you're driving your child to school please make sure you park safely, legally and considerately, especially on Kentford Road.

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)



FOREST SCHOOL

Y3J enjoyed forest school this week. We picked apples from our fruit trees and ate them.

They were delicious.



YEAR ONE – LIBRARY TRIP

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Bolton Library today! The children learned how to join and borrow books, listened to a story, and decorated a character from it. They also enjoyed exploring the library's collection and discovering lots of exciting books.

Before returning to school, we visited the aquarium where the children were amazed by the different fish. It was a lovely day full of fun, learning, and curiosity!



YEAR SIX - CHESTER ZOO TRIP & WINTER HILL



SPORTING EVENTS

Dodgebal



Key PE Cup

This is a quote from Bolton Evening News 26/9/25
Among the many fine performances on display, a handful of individuals caught the eye. Mohammed Osman, of St Matthews Primary School, was a standout in midfield, impressing across both of his team's fixtures. He repeatedly showed character by demanding the ball in tight areas and linking play with confidence. Osman's energy and composure allowed his side to push forward, while his willingness to put himself at the heart of the action epitomised his determination

