

"I am with you always" Matthews 28:20



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:

'Generosity'

**"A generous person will prosper;
that he who refreshes others
will himself be
refreshed."**

Proverbs 11:25

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

A Note from the Headteacher

Where have the time gone? We are now at the end of our 3rd full week at school! I would like to give a special and warm welcome to all the new Nursery and Reception children who are joining us. We also have a number of new pupils in some year groups so I hope all will be very happy at the school.

I would also like to welcome Miss Hadfield, Miss Butler, Miss Gowen, Miss Harris, Mrs Ozard and Mr Manning who have joined our family to support children's learning.

Enjoy reading about the fun activities which have been going on at St Matthew's in our new 'normal' day.

Coronavirus

Thank you for following our new routines at drop off and pick up times. These are working smoothly and helping to keep everyone safe. Please remember that all adults must wear a face covering when they are on the school playground and must try to keep socially distanced (2 metres apart) when waiting at the gates.

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

5th October—School
Closed.

6th October—Donations
for Urban Outreach to be
brought to school.

9th October—
Photographer in school
Reception to Y6 ONLY

26th—30th October
2020— Half Term

31st October—New Term
begins.

17th December 2020—
School closes at 1.00pm

6th January 2021—New
Term begins.

Next week in Nursery we

- using positional language in our play e.g. put teddy on the slide or put the dinosaur in the box
- reading our class library books each day and talking about a familiar book with an adult
- planting daffodil bulbs in our nursery garden
- trying different fruit and vegetable each day for snack talking about the days of the week and the different weather conditions each day

St Matthew's Prayer

Dear God,
teach me to be generous. Teach me to
serve you as you deserve; to give and
not to count the cost.
Amen

Ethos Team Challenge

Donate to the School Harvest this year.

Reflection Time

Should we always help others?



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Information

(Monday 7th September—Friday 18th September 2020))

Our school attendance for 2020 / 2021 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 93.8%

Rec E—95.0%

Mrs Elliott

Rec S—92.5%

Miss Smith

Y1B—93.2%

Miss Bateman

Y1D—98.0%

Mrs Davidson

Y2B—95.4%

Miss Burkmar

Y2W—93.5%

Miss Walls

Y3F—94.2%

Miss Foster

Y3J—90.6%

Mrs Johnson

Y4C—93.6%

Mr Currid

Y4R—92.1%

Mrs Rotherham

Y5M—96.2%

Miss Manly

Y5R—89.6%

Miss Ramshaw

Y6C/M—93.7%

Mrs Clarkson

Y6P—96.2%

Mrs Phillips

Headteachers Award Winners

Y1B— Buttercups—Daniella, Ahmed, Emaan Fatima

Y1D Poppies—Marek, Essa, Pierre

Y2J— Bluebells— Poppy, Skye, Simao

Y2W—Snowdrops—Musa, Abdullahi, Ayan

Y3J—Sparrows—Siena, Brendon, Bisma

Y3F— Robins— Suheb, Yahye, Holly

Y4R- Goldfinches—Rhys, Aisha, Reem

Y4C—Abdi, Anas, Ramlo

Y5R—Ladybirds— Zain, Monira, Adnan

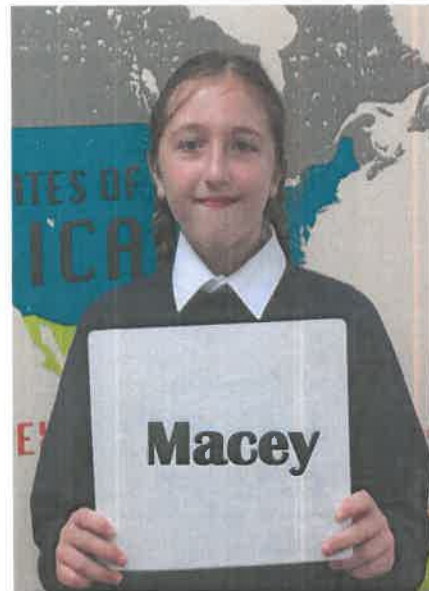
Y5M—Dragonflies—Henriette, Sumeya, Rubina

Y6C/M—Honeybees—Corey N, Feisal, Junior

Y6P— Butterflies— Hashim, Betina, Zakariah

Well done everyone!

Meet the Ethos team



School Council

As we are all in separate class bubbles we cannot run School Council as we normally do. However we have elected a Head Boy and Head Girl for the school to help give our pupils a voice and we are pleased to announce it is Kian and Zainab.

Mrs Johnson



Reception Classes

Reception have had a brilliant time as we have settled into the routines at school! We have spent lots of time making friends, finding our way around the classroom and getting to know our teachers. We have been talking about our families and we have been so busy building models and painting pictures of our homes. We have enjoyed exploring the outdoor area together, playing in the garden and seeing what wonderful things there are to play with.

Mrs Elliott and Miss Smith are so proud of all the children in Reception. They have eagerly skipped into school each morning! Every child has tried so hard to learn our new routines, listen carefully, share with our friends and follow the class rules. We can't wait to continue our learning as the term progresses.

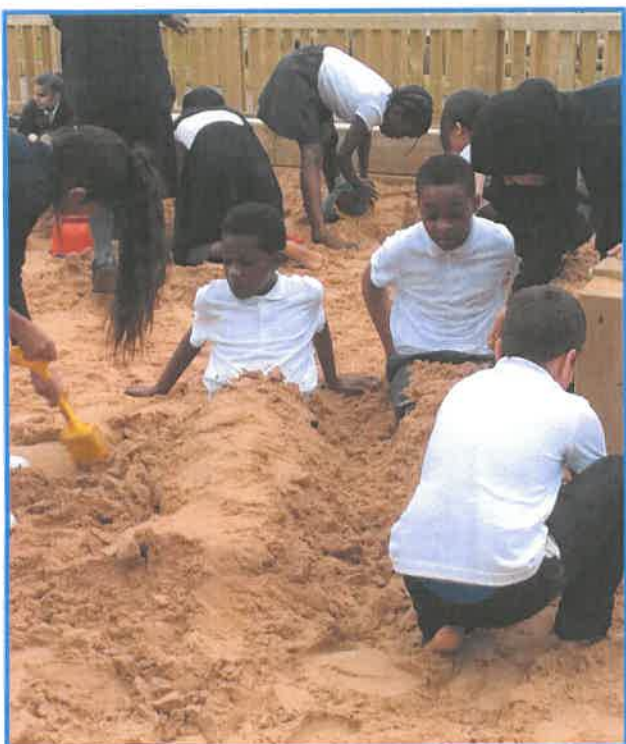


Forest School

We are very pleased that Forest School has once again started this term. Year 5 are out in the forest this term. Our first sessions went very well and the children absolutely loved being outside exploring and being creative. A superb den was built, with a great roof, a leaf carpet, seating and a hammock was added for a bed. This was a great team effort. A full three course meal was created in the mud hut.... it didn't look very appetising! We can't wait to continue our sessions.



We are very lucky to have had a giant sandpit created in our school grounds. All classes have enjoyed getting outside and having fun digging and building. If the weather is fine then we will continue to make good use of this amazing sandpit



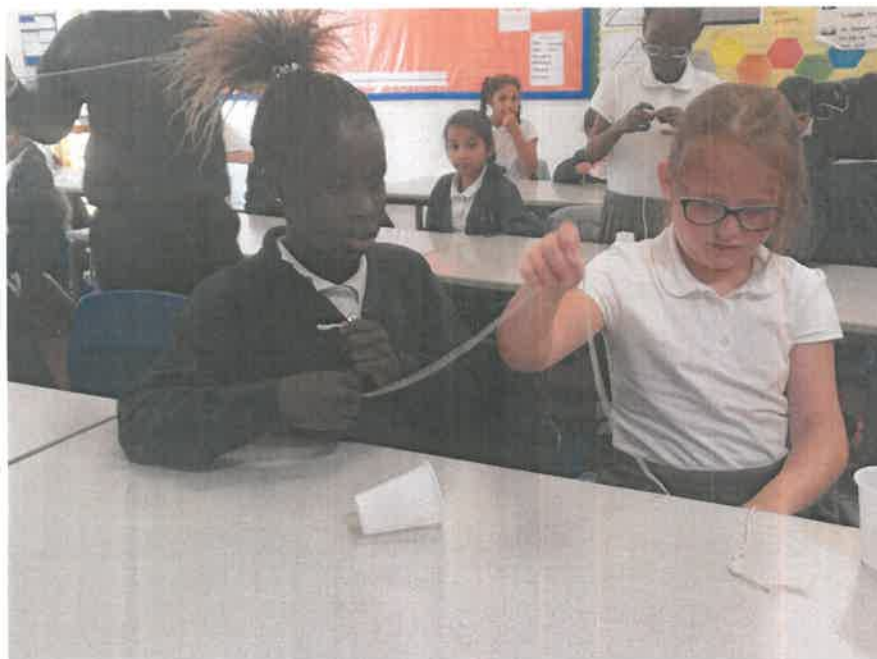
Y1 Pirate Ron

On Wednesday 23rd September, Year 1 had a special visit from a Pirate named Ron! They had so much fun. They learnt lots of things, like a pirates sword is called a cutlass and what a compass does. They also enjoyed watching a puppet show and helped a pirate keep hold of his treasure.



Y4

Year 4 had lots of fun learning how sound is made. We made string telephones to help us understand.



Y6P Class Photo



Donations for Urban Outreach

This year we will be celebrating Harvest in our class bubbles.

Please could you send into school any of the items listed below. The donations will be given to 'Urban outreach' a local charity that we have supported for many years. Please send your donations in before Tuesday 6th October, send all donations into class with your child and please do not bring them to the school office.

| Tinned Food | Packet / Jar Food | Puddings |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Soups (Any) | Rice | Tinned Puddings |
| Minced Beef | Instant Noodles | Angel Delight |
| Stewing Steak | Microwave Rice | Custard |
| Tinned Curry | Instant Mash | Evaporated Milk |
| Corned Beef | Pasta Sauce | Jellies |
| Tinned Ham | Curry Sauce | Jam |
| Meat Pies | Tomato Sauce | Tinned Fruit (any) |
| Tinned Chicken | Brown Sauce | UHT Long Life Milk |
| Tuna | Tomato Puree | Coffee (small) |
| Baked Beans | Gravy Granules | Fruit Juice |
| Vegetables | Vegetable Oil (small) | Instant Hot Chocolate |
| Chick Peas | Toiletries | Sugar (small) |
| Tomatoes | Shampoo | Biscuits |
| Potatoes | Shower Gel | Sweets / Chocolates |

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)

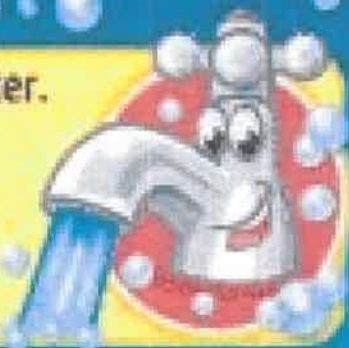
In addition from **September 2014** children who are attending full time at any Sixth form college (not private) may also be eligible.



Washing your hands

Step 1 Wet hands under warm running water.

1



Step 2 Add soap to aid cleaning and to kill germs.

2



Step 3 Rub well for at least 15 seconds.

3



Remember

Rub the front and back of your hands well and between your fingers!



Step 4 Rinse well under warm running water.

4



Step 5 Dry hands with clean paper towels.


5



COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence

A quick guide for parents / carers

**Bolton
Council**

| What to do if... | Action needed | Back to school... |
|--|--|---|
|  <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results | <p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p> |
|  <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days | <p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results | <p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days | <p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p> |



* **Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.**

See more at:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

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|  <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID 19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too | <p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> |
|  <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self isolates for 14 days even if they test negative during those 14 days | <p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> |
|  <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again | <p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p> |
|  <p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID 19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive | <p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p> |

For coronavirus support visit our webpage
www.bolton.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-1

For details on what you can and can not do at the moment in Bolton, please visit www.bolton.gov.uk/localrestrictions