

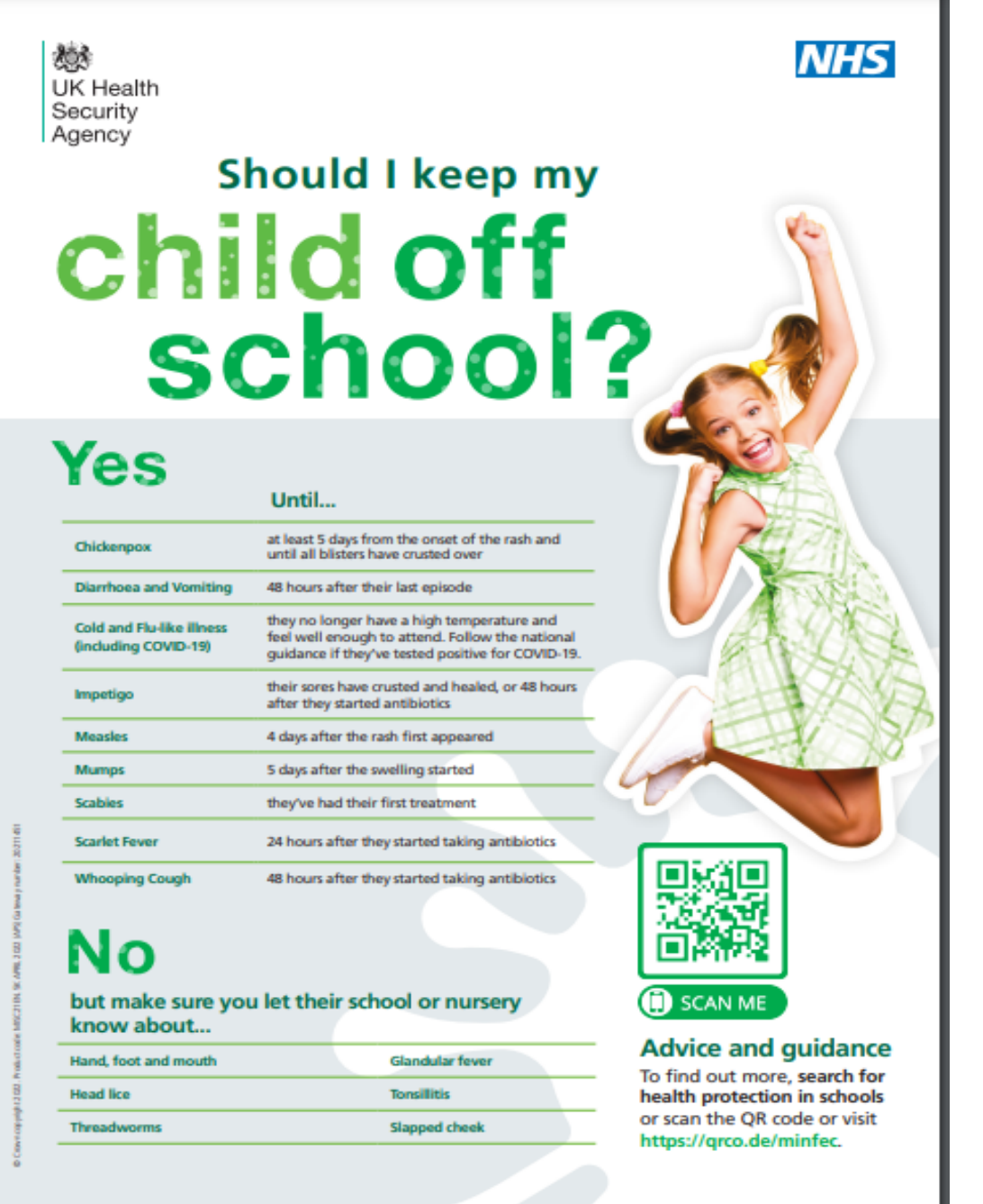


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Weekly What's On

w/c 10/03/2025

Creature Committee	A BIG thank you to everyone who supported the Creature Committee on Thursday 27/02/2025. They raised £329.02. It's amazing amount. Well done to our wonderful Creature Committee for all their hard work.																										
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Families Magazine	The March/April 2025 issue of Families Warwickshire magazine is live. Please click on the link below: Families Warwickshire – March/April 2025
Science Week	Next week is Science Week, and we are thrilled to have a range of hands-on practical activities planned for the children! This is a fantastic opportunity for them to explore, experiment, and discover the wonders of science in a fun and Interactive way.
Parent Consultations	The last day to book an appointment is 12 noon on 10th March 2025.
Coming up next week	
Reception	We have sent a letter regarding the YR Vision Screening taking place in May. To opt out, please complete the form (in the letter) and return it to the school office by Friday 28th March please. Paper copies can be collected from the school office if required.
Year 6	<u>School Offers</u> Secondary placements offers were announced on Monday 03/03/2025. Below is a link to a useful booklet for both parents and children to help make the transition to secondary school as successful as possible. https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-nicholas-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/edc8aeba-ff11-4f74-9764-753d3d837405/transition-booklet-final-1.pdf <u>Leavers Party</u> A group of Year 6 parents are crowd funding for the Leavers Party. If you wish to make a donation, please contribute via: https://www.paypal.com/pool/9bK3Px3jFj?sr=ancr Note: this has not been facilitated by the school.
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Performance



Something special is coming to St Matthew's Church in Salford Priors next month!

We are excited to have the show 'The Parable Keeper' being performed in our North Aisle on 11th March 6-7pm. A show for all the family to enjoy.

View a short trailer of the show here:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CDUEyqazh2k>

Pay for tickets using this link: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-matthews-church-s-priors>

Limited spaces; there may be tickets available on the door depending on our pre-show sales. This information will be published closer to 11/3/25.

For any further information please email Sarah Folkes, Family Link Worker at St Matthew's at sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com



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Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March and we wanted to offer you a way to observe this special time in the Christian calendar with your children and families.

Lent is an important time in the Christian calendar as it is the time that Christians spend time with God to prepare themselves for the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter.

It is 40 days long because Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness without food or drink to prepare himself before He started serving people and, for us today, many people give something up (often food - a practice called fasting) for 40 days in recognition of this.

There are other ways of observing Lent that do not require giving something up or fasting and can help us to prepare ourselves by doing things that make our hearts more God like.

We have produced a worksheet with 40 different things that you can do with your family that will help you to prepare your hearts in readiness for Easter. They include ways of thanking God through prayer, taking care of His creation, being good to one another and those around you.

You can pick a different thing each day or repeat activities. You may like to print them out/cut them into individual activities and do a lucky dip – you can do whatever helps you to feel closer to God!

We hope that you will find these activities helpful.

Lent ends with Easter Sunday (Sunday 20th April) and we will be celebrating at our St Nick's @9 service (where you're quite likely to find a chocolate egg) and we would love for you to come and join us to tell us about how you observed Lent and if you did any of the activities.

If you would like the sheets emailing to you please do email jen.hopkins@alcesterminster.org to request this. We can also print them out if you're able to collect them from the Church office in Butter Street during our office open hours of 10am-12noon on weekdays.
Every blessing.

Jen

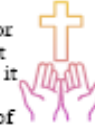
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 Go on a bug hunt and find the smallest bug you can find. Isn't it amazing that God made us all - big and small. You could thank God for his creations.	 Go outside for a walk and listen for how many different bird sounds you can hear. Remember that God created those birds and their beautiful birdsong.	 Go on a walk and look at all the beautiful things around you. Thank God for such beauty in the world.	 Go outside and see what colours you can find. Can you find all the colours of the rainbow? Isn't it amazing that God created all this? You could thank God being so creative.	 Wait for the sun to set and sit quietly outside. Can you hear or see any nocturnal animals or birds? Isn't it amazing that God created them so they can survive in the dark.
Pray Light a candle and pray for someone special to you. 	Pray Light a candle and say a prayer for those affected by war and conflict. 	Pray Say a prayer for people who are less fortunate than you. 	Pray Say a prayer for someone you know who has been unwell. 	Pray Say a prayer for the needs of the world. 
Ask for help  Ask God to help you with something you are finding hard to do or learn.	Ask for help  Ask God to help you to make the best of every day.	Ask for help  Ask God to help you share his love with people around you.	Ask for help  Ask God to help you be patient and calm.	Ask for help  If you're feeling unhappy, stressed or anxious, ask God to help you to feel peace in your heart.
 Make a change Save energy by turning off lights when you leave a room & turning chargers off when devices are charged.	 Make a change Help to make water safer: help your adult to go through the kitchen & bathroom cupboards to see if any products could be changed to less harmful ones.	 Make a change Help to save trees: Think of ways you, your class, your family could use less paper. Eg: using both sides of a page and recycling paper.	 Make a change Help to protect the ocean: from the plastic waste that endangers sea creatures by working out how you can use less plastic at home.	 Make a change Help to save the planet by using another form of transport than a car. Could you walk or cycle places instead?
 Say Thanks Write a list of the things you are thankful for and say thank you to God for blessing you.	 Say Thanks Write a list of the people who love you and thank God for them being in your life.	 Say Thanks Write a list of the things you love about your family and say thank you that you are blessed with them.	 Say Thanks Write a list of what makes you so unique as a person and thank God for knowing you and loving you.	 Say Thanks Write a list of all the things you can think of that God created and say thank you to Him for his creativity.
 Show love Show love to the planet by picking up litter and throwing it away properly.	 Show love Show love to someone you wouldn't normally play with by inviting them to play with you.	 Show love Show love by smiling at people as you walk past them.	 Show love Show love by giving your family members a big hug and telling them you love them just as they are.	 Show love Make a card or draw a picture to give to someone else to show them that you are thinking of them.
Pray Say a prayer for your school and school community. 	Pray Say a prayer for the people in the street you live in. 	Pray Say a prayer of thanks for the people in the community who help others. 	Pray Say a prayer for the world that all who live on it will live considerably of God's creation. 	Pray Say a prayer for peace to fill the hearts of all people. 
 Be Helpful Offer to help your teacher with something.	 Be Helpful Help the adults in your home by tidying your bedroom so they don't have to.	 Be Helpful If you can, clear the table after dinner time so your adults have one less thing to do.	 Be Helpful Help bugs by creating a "bug hotel" out of recycled items to show love for God's creatures.	 Be Helpful Volunteer your time to help someone else. For example, you could help with tidying, folding laundry, walking the dog.



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