

ST MATTHEWS WEEKLY EVENTS

'Through respect we will work together in Christ to develop the whole person'



Stars of the Week



RE— S. Harris	4M—J. Cavanagh
RM— L. Roberts	4R—B. Cheng
1M—F. Devery	5B—R. Kidd
1MC—O. Harkin	5C—R. Greaves
2D—S. Feeney	6B—R. Leather
2E—J. Wilson	6D—J. Hayes
3J—B. Harkin	
3W—G. Wilson	

Dojo Winners

In school we use Dojo's for rewards for good behaviour and work as noted in our Positive Behaviour Policy. We have 4 teams, - Wilkinson, Braddock, Archer and Chavasse, named after famous people who have made a difference in the history of Liverpool. All of our children are placed in teams and at the end of the week in our celebration assembly we note the weekly team winner.

This weeks Dojo Winners are:

TEAM ARCHER



Bessie Braddock



John Archer



Kitty Wilkinson

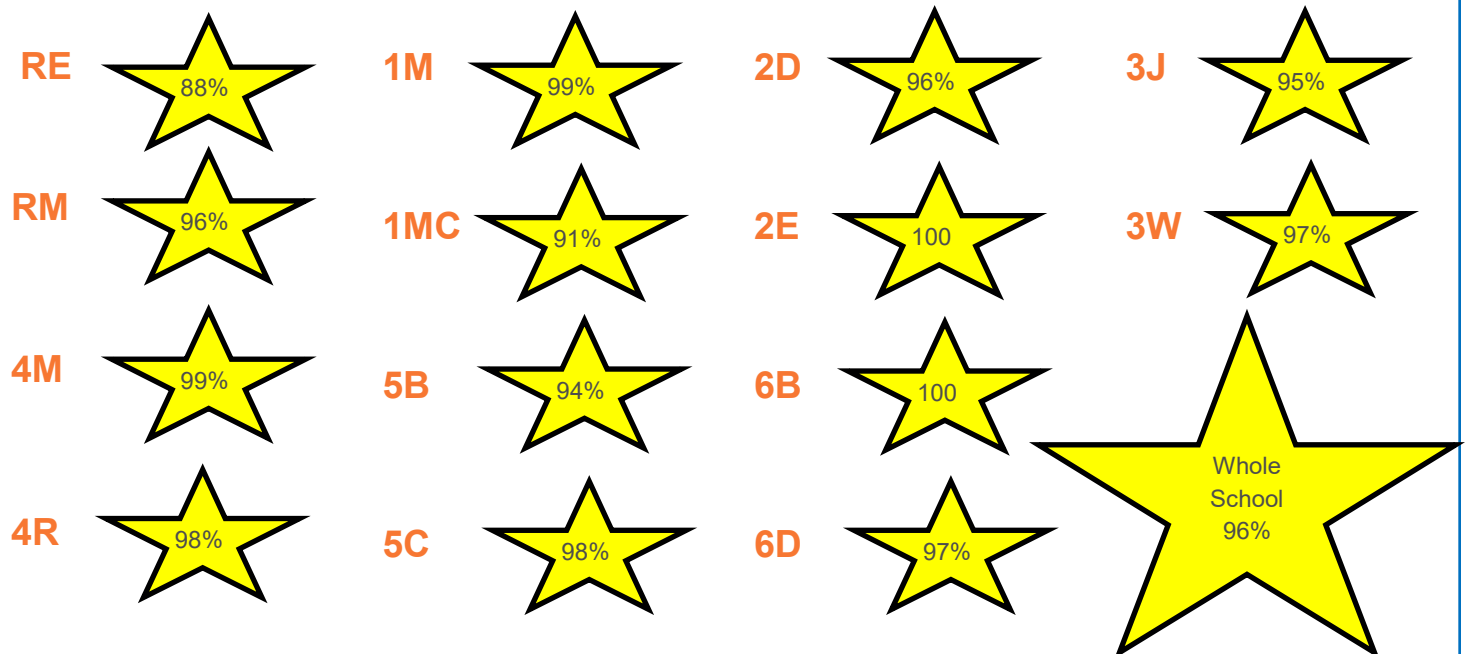


Noel Chavasse

Do you know what these historians are famous for?

Bessie Braddock served as a member of Parliament for Liverpool

Attendance—Week Ending 11/11/22



As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above. Good school attendance is everybody's responsibility

Save The Date

30.11.22 Christmas – decorations up / celebration
 1.12.22 Staff Advent Service
 2.12.22 Mince Pies & Baubles (event for parents)
 7.12.22 Christmas Festival
 9.12.22 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
 16.12.22 EYFS Nativity for Parents – school hall
 14.12.22 KS1 Nativity for Parents – school hall
 15.12.22 KS2 Nativity for Parents – school hall
 20.12.22 Christmas Party Day (own clothes, class parties, Fr Christmas, gifts)
 21.12.22 Christmas Assembly/ Sing along / fun morning 12.00 Finish



Punctuality—Be in time five to nine!

Over the past couple of weeks, we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving to school after the gate closes at 8.55am. Gates are open from 8.40am each morning. The bell rings at 8.45am and it is from this point onwards that children can enter the school building. If your child arrives after 9.00am, when class registers close, your child will be registered at the front office and marked as late.



With the increase in numbers, children are lined up at the office for some time waiting for their turn to get their mark. Can we ask that you support us with trying to improve your child's punctuality and that they are in their own classroom for registration and the first activity of the morning.

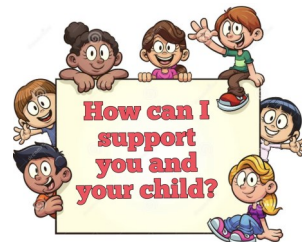
If punctuality continues to be an issue then we will have to inform the school's Education Welfare Officer as per the policy. Good punctuality is just as important as good attendance. Thank you for your continued support.



Parent/Carer drop in with Mrs Barnes,
Family & Pupil Support Worker

Mondays 1.45 - 2.45
3.PM - 4PM

Please call the school
office to make an appointment



Our community food store has been replenished and is ready to go out to our families. Thank you to fare share and our amazing PTA @SMCPS_PTA for your continued support.

#community

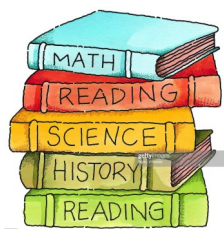


Reminders

- ⇒ Influenza vaccine—Mon 28th November
- ⇒ Applications for Reception 2023, please collect Form from school office.
- ⇒ If your child is absent please report this via Studybugs or school office.
- ⇒ Safeguarding—Mobile phones are not allowed in school, please see policy.
- ⇒ Uniform—trainers are only to be worn for PE. No nail varnish.
- ⇒ Please complete flu consent form.
- ⇒ Prime Energy drinks are banned in school.
- ⇒ Class assemblies next week is Reception
- ⇒ No dogs allowed on school premises, please see policy

Homework

Please see the reviewed homework policy on the website.
Further details to follow on the newsletter next week.



Bring a tin for December

This will help to stock our community food store.



If you would like to apply for help from our Food Store please complete the confidential google form or contact the school office. Please only use if needed as this will be a limited service depending on availability of food.

PTA

Our PTA need you, please come and join us. If you would like to join please send an email to ptfa@stmatthewscps.co.uk.

Christmas Festival

If anyone can help with donations of bars of chocolate for the PTA Christmas Festival it would be much appreciated.



Parking outside

Thank you to all the parents/carers and pupils who are walking, cycling, or parking further away from the school gates to avoid congestion in the local areas to the school. Sadly however, there are still motorists who continue to create problems for fellow pupils and parents by parking:

- on the School KEEP CLEAR Markings / outside school on Queens Drive
- close to junctions
- on double/single yellow lines
- double parking
- in front of resident driveways

Please be aware the Police have informed us that they will be doing spot checks.



Student Leaders Section

Our student leaders met with Mrs Sime this week. They have lots of ideas to further improve our school. Each week they are going to add something to the newsletter. Our pupil voice is important.



The Chicken Dance

Tap your head 8 times
Tap your thighs 8 times
Tap your knees 8 times

Then go back through tapping everything 4 times, then 2, then 1. Finally make your arms into wings and shout "Chicken".
How quickly can you do all the moves?

Find Your Voice

1. Find yourself a mirror
2. Make eye contact with yourself in the mirror and stand as tall as you can.
3. Point to yourself in the mirror and say "You have the right to speak out and be heard". Don't worry if it feels strange at first, that's normal. It will get easier the more you do it.
4. Tell the mirror what's bothering you, it might feel difficult. Take your time, you're in charge and the mirror won't say anything back.
5. Speaking out can take a lot of courage. Once you have tried it, it will get easier. You should be proud of yourself.

If you haven't already can you please register for ParentPay, Studybugs and SeeSaw.

<https://app.parentpay.com/>

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/login?role=parent>



Studybugs

Seesaw

Parent Voice

Thank you for your continued support and all you do for St. Matthew's School. The needs of our children are always at the heart of our decisions. Parental and Carer voice and ideas are important to us. As a school we endeavour to listen and act on things/suggestions that we can. Moving forward a box will be out on the front yard each day at drop off times, please feel free to put in any comments or suggestions.



Best wishes

Mrs Sime
Head Teacher

Children's University Passport

As a school we participate in Children's University, this awards children credits for attending afterschool clubs and groups both outside and inside of school.



All the afterschool clubs the children attend in school are counted and added to their Children's university profile. If your child attends a club or group outside of school they will need a Children's University passport, these are available to order through school and are £2. If you wish to order one please bring £2 in to school by Monday 21st November. There is a lot more information on seesaw that Mrs Gaskell sent out this week.

Your child is awarded credits by attending a validated organisation, if your child attends an organisation (swimming club, boxing club etc) that is not validated please ask in school for a Children's university postcard that you can give to your organisation to get them validated.