

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

12th May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh, what a week! The Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday, SATs tests for our Year 6 Tuesday to Friday, along with the normal learning and fun in school. Today we even had our own Eurovision contest, please see our Twitter and Seesaw for some photographs and videos.

What can I say, other than amazing! Our children and staff loved the celebration and even awarded points. We were all united in music and living our mission – Loving, Learning and Shining together with Jesus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Sime



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Holy Communion

First Holy Communion

Saturday 13th May 1.00 pm – 4M

Sunday 14th May 1.00 pm – 4R

First Holy Communion Celebration 19th May 2023

I would like to offer my congratulations and to thank all the families who helped to make the children's First Communion and Confirmation Masses such a special occasion over the last few weeks.

The preparations over the year have been a special time for the children and I know that the catechists have been extremely impressed with the participation of everyone involved.

The children looked beautiful and behaved impeccably, as always. They are a real credit to you and school and I am sure you would wish me to thank the catechists on your behalf for preparing the children so well, and Canon Conor for the beautiful masses.

On Friday 19th May the children will have another opportunity to celebrate their sacraments together as a year group. The children are asked to come to school on that day in their Holy Communion clothes, the photographer will be in school to take individual and class photographs, that will be available to purchase later on in the term. At 9.30am the children will lead a procession across to church to celebrate a special mass together. All families are invited to attend this mass.

In the afternoon the children will have a school party to celebrate their sacraments. All food and drink will be provided by school. Obviously, the children will not want to be dressed in their finery for their party so they can either bring some casual clothes into school in the morning to change into for the party or families can take the children home after the mass and return them back to school for 1:15 pm.

I ask that you fill in the slip on the letter your child has received informing us what plans you have for the day so that we can make arrangements for school lunches and know who will be going home.

Congratulations again and thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Children who have not made their communion are welcome to attend school in their own clothes and they will attend mass and the rest of the celebrations with their peers.



Upcoming Events – Summer Term



May 2023	
13th May 2023	4M First Holy Communion, 1:00 pm, St Matthew's Church
14th May 2023	4R First Holy Communion, 1:00 pm, St Matthew's Church
17th May 2023	4R Class Assembly – 2:15 pm, St Matthew's Church
18th May 2023	1M Class Assembly – 2:15 pm, St Matthew's Church
19th May 2023	Year 4 First Holy Communion Party – More details to be announced
24th May 2023	1Mc Class Assembly – 2:15 pm, St Matthew's Church
25th May 2023	2D Class Assembly – 2:15 pm, St Matthew's Church
29th May 2023 – 9th June 2023 – Half Term	
June 2023	
12th June 2023	Return to School, 08:45 am
12th – 16th June 2023	Phonics Screening Week
12th – 23rd June 2023	Year 4 Multiplication Check
14th June 2023	3W Class Assembly 2:15 pm, St Matthew's Church
15th June 2023	3J Class Assembly 2:15 pm, St Matthew's Church
16th June 2023	Year 3 School Sleepover – More details to be announced
19th June 2023	Sports Day – More details to be announced



Upcoming Events – Summer Term

July 2023	
3rd July 2023	Reception Moving Up Assembly – More details to be announced
3rd – 7th July 2023	Enterprise Week – More details to be announced
6th July 2023	Year 6 Children's University Graduation – More details to be announced
7th July 2023	Enterprise Selling Day
10th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
14th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Mass, 10:00 am, St Matthew's Church
14th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Celebration – More details to be announced
17th July 2023	Prize Giving – More details to be announced
18th July 2023	Festival Day
20th July 2023	End of Academic Year – 12:00 pm School Finish

Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly for any messages from your child's class teacher or members of school staff, in the unlikely event that any of these events need to be rescheduled, or changes of location, all messages will be sent through the Seesaw app.

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Date	Time	Session
17th May 2023	2pm	RWI – EYFS / ks1 Phonics screening
24th May 2023	2pm	Parent Transition event
14th June 2023	9.30am	New reception children stay and play
21st June 2023	9.30am	New reception children stay and play
28th June 2023	9.30am	New reception children stay and play
5th July 2023	9.30am	New reception children stay and play

EYFS Stay and Play

Date	Time	Theme
15th May 2023	1:45 pm	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
16th May 2023	1:45 pm	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
17th May 2023	1:45 pm	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
18th May 2023	1:45 pm	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
19th May 2023	1:45 pm	The Very Hungry Caterpillar

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Parents' Workshops

Family Learning: Writing– Supporting Y3/4/5 Pupils

We have been working with Liverpool's Adult Learning Service, Virtual School Liverpool and School Improvement Liverpool on a series of events to help parents/carers support their children with learning at home.

The next subject to be covered will be Writing at St Francis de Sales Juniors. The session on Thursday 18th May is for parents/carers and we are inviting schools to allow pupils to attend the session on Friday 19th May.

Both sessions are at 1.30–2.30pm.

Battle of the Atlantic 80th Commemorations

Including a riverside 1940s-themed military village, Merchant Navy and Royal Navy ships open to visitors, flypasts by vintage aircraft, free family activities, an assault course, charity stalls, food, military bands, 1940s music, Military Wives Choir, dance, and other pop-up performances.

Venue: Pier Head

Date: 26th – 28th May 2023

Time: 1000 – 1800

Admission: FREE!

[Please click here for more information.](#)



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School Uniform

School uniform is important to create a sense of community, and to ensure appropriate safeguarding of all of our children. I would like to respectfully remind you that:

- Only a wristwatch (no Apple watches) and small stud ear rings to comply with health and safety guidance and safeguarding guidance are permitted.
- Hair must be of an acceptable/uniform styled and long hair must be tied back
- No painted nails or false nails are permitted in school
- Please note: all children should be wearing school PE kits and school tracksuits if they wish do so on PE days and not different sports wear.

The school uniform policy can be found on the school website and uniform is also referenced in the safeguarding and health and safety policy if you require any further information.


A reminder that trainers should not be worn unless it is your child's PE day. We have noticed an increase in the number of children wearing Trainers and Jelly shoes, as well as jewellery and nail varnish, these are all hazards and are not allowed in school.

We have high expectations for our children to wear the correct uniform at all times. Please see the images below for how this should look.




Boys Y1 - Y6
Autumn/ Spring Terms
(September - Easter)

Grey jumper from £14.00
White shirt
(any supplier)
Grey & blue tie from
£3.50
Grey pants - £6.99
Black shoes / no trainers



Boys Y1 - Y6
Summer Term
(Easter - July)

White short sleeve shirt
(any supplier)
Grey & blue tie £3.50
Grey shorts & socks
(any supplier)
Grey tank top from £10.00
Black shoes/ no trainers



Girls Y1 - Y6
Autumn/ Spring Terms
(September - Easter)

Grey slip from £8.99 (2 designs
available from Brienda - Pleats)
White shirt (any supplier)
Grey & blue tie from £3.50
Grey cardigan from £14.00
Grey socks (any supplier)
Black shoes / no trainers



Girls Y1 - Y6
Summer Term
(Easter - July)

Light Blue Gingham Summer
Dress (any supplier)
Grey cardigan from £14.00
White socks (any supplier)
Black shoes / no trainers

Book Bags from £4.99
Navy Summer Caps from
£3.99

If any families have any spare/used tracksuit bottoms, leggings, trousers, or any other school uniform that you can donate to the school, we would be extremely grateful. All donations can be given to the school office.

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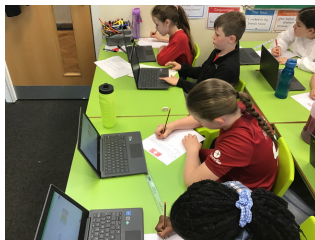
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Eurovision

Today we celebrated the Eurovision all of the classes shared information about the country they are supporting



2D are representing Sweden



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Eurovision

Our very own school choir and band have recorded their own entry for the Eurovision Song Contest. It has been written by our own children and Miss Smith the Music Teacher. They have all worked so hard and it sounds great!

You can play the recording by clicking [here](#)

Future World

St Matthews Eurovision Entry 2023

Written by: Harriet, Bobby, Catherine, Kurtigan, Kelly
with St Matthews band and choir.
Spoken words by Sienna and Hattie

The sun is rising on a peaceful world
Happiness for every boy and girl
We all want the same for our future lives
Just to feel safe and for no-one, no-one to fight

Peaceful world (for every boy and girl)
Peaceful world

The sun is rising on a greener land
Caring for our planet we will make a stand
We must make a change before its too late
This is our future there's no time, no time to wait

Greener world (for every boy and girl)
Greener world

Instrumental/spoken word

The sun is rising on a world that's fair
Where money, food and space can all be shared
Some have so much, others not enough
But in our world everyone still needs, still needs some love

Fairer world (for every boy and girl)
Greener world (for every boy and girl)
Peaceful world (for every boy and girl)
Future world



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Bookfair

We are pleased to say that we will be holding a Book Fair in the school hall on 18th and 19th May from 3:00–3:45.

Children will be able to come to the hall with an adult and purchase books either by cash or through an app.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Parking

As you are aware, the car park at the back of school is limited on space. There are parents who need to park in there to collect their children with additional physical and medical needs. Consequently, we would ask that all parents refrain from parking in the car park unless an agreement has been made with Mrs Sime.



School Day



Our school day begins at 08:45am. The gates will open before this time, we do ask that all children who are on site before 08:45 are accompanied by a parent or carer until they enter the school building.

Year 6 Update

A huge WELL DONE to our Year 6 Children who have completed their SATs this week, they have all behaved impeccably and tried their best.

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a meeting in school to share any ideas that they have for our school end of year celebration for year 6 pupils. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd May at 2.00pm in school.





Signage

This week we are delighted to have installed the first of our new signs, adding a touch of colour and faith to Queens Drive.



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Our School Day



Learning starts at 8:45am. If your child is late please come into the school office to sign them in.

If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please ensure that you bring evidence of appointment to the office for our records.

The reception opening times are 08:30am – 16:30pm.

SENDCO Appointments



If you would like an appointment with the SENDCO please call the school office and Mrs Hall will book you a time. You can have a face to face meeting, a zoom call or a telephone call.

Seesaw

On the family app there is an option to switch User. If you select this you can then select students and there will be an option to add in their home learning code or scan the QR code.

Everyone should have their home learning code now – if not please see the class teacher at home time.



Seesaw














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Stars of the Week



 RE Apple – D Cunningham	 RM Cherry – L Clarke
 1MC Birch – C Adeniran	 1M Oak – N Blanchard
 2E Fir – S Madocks	 2D Alder – B Fleming
 3W Elm – M Johnson	 3J Cedar – H-J Moore
 4M Ash – A Tuzio-Clarke	 4R Maple – J Brisco
 5B Pine – J Ramadhani	 5C Willow – N Begley
 6B Sycamore – E McKenzie	 6D Chestnut – A O'Brien

This week's Dojo winners....

Bessie Braddock

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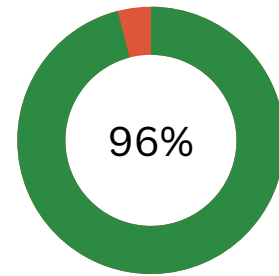
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As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above.

Good school attendance is everybody's responsibility.

Overall Attendance:

Week Commencing:	1st May 2023
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RM Cherry 96%	RE Apple 96%	1M Oak 99%	1MC Birch 98%	2D Alder 98%	2E Fir 100%	6B Sycamore 94%
3W Elm 97%	3J Cedar 100%	4R Maple 95%	4M Ash 95%	5B Pine 93%	5C Willow 94%	6D Chestnut 95%

- Attendance and punctuality is key. All children are expected to be in school and parents can be fined for non-attendance. Term time holidays will not be authorised and parents who allow their children to be absent from school could face fines from the local authority, proof of medical appointments is required.
- All queries around attendance and punctuality should be directed to **Mrs L Evans, Deputy Headteacher.**

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