

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

5th May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school has been a packed week despite only being three days long. King Charles III has even joined us and has had a fun week of travelling around the building. I think he even helped cook lunch on Thursday.

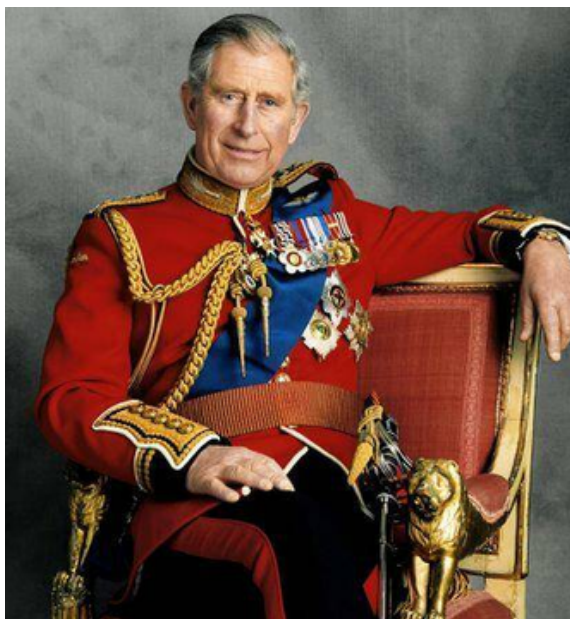
Today we celebrated the Coronation, with an old styled street party lunch on the playground. Coronation themed activities during the day, ending with a whole school celebration assembly. It was great to see our amazing children singing and dancing to our Coronation playlist – including 'I just can't wait to be king,' and wearing King Charles III masks. Please see photographs at the back of this newsletter.

These are the moments that I truly hope our children remember long after they leave St. Matthew's.

This weekend, I hope you all have time to celebrate and make memories with your friends and families as we all continue to love, learn and shine together.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mrs Sime*



*Almighty God, we pray,  
that your servant Charles, our King,  
who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm,  
may continue to grow in every virtue,  
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,  
he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and,  
being blessed with your favour may,  
with his consort and the royal family,  
come at last into your presence,  
through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life  
and who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen*

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## Holy Communion

Canon Conor has arranged the following dates for Year 4s First 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 in School. We will have a photographer here for this celebration and further details will follow in a separate letter.

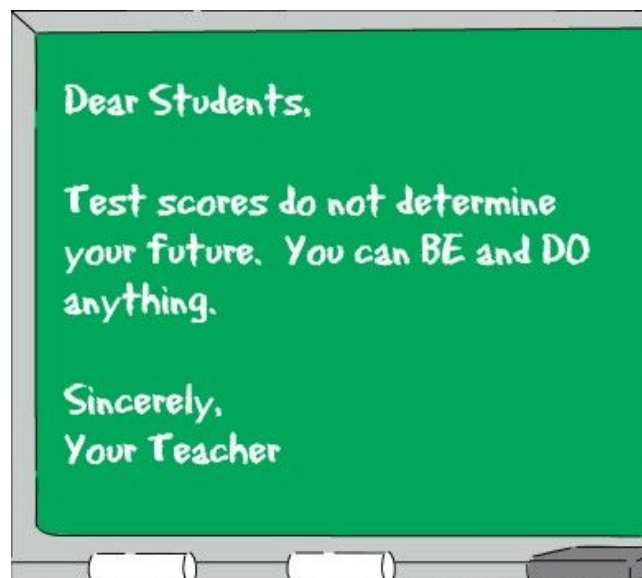


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## Year 6 SATs

Next week in school our year 6 children will be sitting their end of key stage 2 SATs tests. These tests are important assessments which will be used by the secondary schools. Our children have been preparing for these tests for a long time. At school, we know how hard and stressful this time can be for our children and families. We know our children will be amazing and try their best.

At St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School, we are constantly amazed by our incredible children, their talents, skills and personal attributes, from gymnastics, dance, music, football, singing, senses of humour, personalities, kindness and positive attitudes they impress us daily. Tests will never measure how unique, special and loved our children are. Test scores will never show the true journey of our children, they are a snapshot and show something, not everything.



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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.**

**We will be contacting parents individually with regards to their children if they are wearing the incorrect uniform, if you have any queries please see Ms Barnes.**



**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.

In the coming weeks we will be arranging a Swap Shop whereby parents can bring in old uniforms to exchange.

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## Animals

This is just a polite reminder that no animals are to be brought onto the school site. We have had an increase in parents attempting to gain access to collect their children with their dogs and puppies, no matter if they are carried they are still not allowed on school premises.



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## Smoking and Vaping



Schools and colleges do not allow smoking anywhere in their grounds, this does also include the use of electronic cigarettes and disposable vapes. There have been some parents who have been politely asked by members of staff to refrain from doing this, this is a matter of the law and school's responsibility to safeguard the children in their care.

Parents and carers who continue to ignore these requests will be spoken to on an individual basis.

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## Whatsapp

School is aware parents regularly use Whatsapp. We would like to respectfully remind parents/carers that they need to be aware of any comments they make. Comments that are deemed offensive or slanderous are wholly unacceptable including comments about other people's children attending the school.

School expects certain standards of behaviour from everyone in their dealings with or communication about the school including our children.

These include:

- behaving reasonably;
- Not engaging in chats about other children or parents in a negative manner
- treating others with courtesy and respect
- avoiding intimidation, physical and verbal aggression at all times.



School has and will advise parents if such comments are made about their children to contact the police to report the matter.

Your support in this matter is much appreciated.



## Threadworms

A case of threadworms has been reported in school.

This information below gives you advice and information regarding threadworms.

Approximately 40% of primary school age children will get threadworms at some stage. They can easily infect the whole family. Threadworms do not cause serious damage but they are irritating and can be distressing and embarrassing for the sufferer.

### What are threadworms?

They are tiny white worms about half an inch long that live in the bowel. Threadworms are spread by tiny eggs; these eggs are so small that they cannot be seen by the naked eye.

### How will I know my child has threadworms?

The most common symptoms are:

- White threads around the bottom and in faeces
- Bedwetting
- Itchy bottom
- Disturbed sleep
- Tummy aches
- Loss of appetite
- Increased appetite

### How could my child become infected?

Eggs from an infected person can stick to clothing, dust, carpets, bedding, towels etc. They can then easily be transferred to the mouth by finger sucking or nail biting.

### What should I do?

Treatments can easily be obtained from your local pharmacist or GP; you can also get advice from health visitor or the school nurse. Threadworms are NOT the result of a dirty home or bad diet, there is no reason to be embarrassed. School will continue to remind the children to wash their hands regularly including before for and after the use of the toilet.

### You can help prevent the spread of threadworms by:

- Washing hands and scrubbing nails before eating and after going to the toilet
- Keep fingernails short and clean
- Discourage children from scratching bottoms, biting nails, sucking fingers and picking noses.
- Wearing clean underwear everyday
- Keeping pyjamas and bedding as clean as possible
- Bathing or showering regularly
- Vacuum carpets and rugs regularly

### Can my child go to school?

Yes. But please notify us so that we can reduce the risk of infection to others.

Useful websites for further information:

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

[www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)

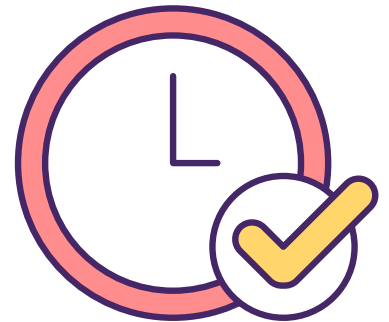
[www.fredworm.co.uk](http://www.fredworm.co.uk)



## Punctuality

There are still a number of children arriving to school late, our school day begins at 08:45 am for all children. Key Stage 1 will be dismissed at 14:55 and Key Stage 2 will be dismissed at 15:05.

Holidays during term time are not permitted, any requests for time off school need to be put in writing and addressed to Mrs Evans (Deputy Headteacher).



## Eurovision

With the Eurovision Song Contest fast approaching, we will be marking this historic event for our city with a number of events. Each class will be researching a European country and doing some work on that country throughout the week.

On Friday 12th May children will be invited to dress in the colours of their countries flag. Classes will be learning an original song composed especially for our school by Rosie Smith our music teacher.

**Year 6 Children are asked to attend school in their uniforms for their SATs and once these are completed, they will be allowed to change into their own clothes in the colours of their country.**

The Countries are as follows:

Class	Country	Flag
RE	Portugal	
RM	Italy	
1M	Australia	
1Mc	United Kingdom	
2D	Sweden	
2E	Ireland	

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Class	Country	Flag
3J	France	
3W	Azerbaijan	
4M	Switzerland	
4R	Spain	
5B	Turkey	
5C	Greece	
6B	Poland	
6D	Germany	

## Year 6 Parent's Meeting

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 2:00 pm in school.**



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## Our School Day



In the morning, you can come onto the yard from 8:40am, the school doors will be open at 8:45am for children to come straight in. 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 – TUESDAYS



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.

If you cannot make it on a Tuesday we will arrange an alternative day.

## 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.

















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# Stars of the Week



 <b>RE Apple – L Irons</b>	 <b>RM Cherry – J Campbell</b>
 <b>1MC Birch – P Keane</b>	 <b>1M Oak – F Brisco</b>
 <b>2E Fir – A Eaves</b>	 <b>2D Alder – J Clarendon</b>
 <b>3W Elm – J Doyle</b>	 <b>3J Cedar – L Ojaiko</b>
 <b>4M Ash – K Driscoll</b>	 <b>4R Maple – L Martins-Blois</b>
 <b>5B Pine – J Moore</b>	 <b>5C Willow – M Wenton-Doyle</b>
 <b>6B Sycamore – L Bushell</b>	 <b>6D Chestnut – J Hayes</b>

This week's Dojo winners....

**Kitty Wilkinson**

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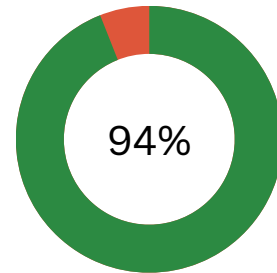
**As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above.**

**Good school attendance is everybody's responsibility.**

Overall Attendance:

**Week Commencing:**

**24th April 2023**



RM Cherry 96%	RE Apple 94%	1M Oak 97%	1MC Birch 94%	2D Alder 99%	2E Fir 99%	6B Sycamore 92%
3W Elm 94%	3J Cedar 97%	4R Maple 99%	4M Ash 97%	5B Pine 95%	5C Willow 98%	6D Chestnut 96%

- 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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# The Coronation of King Charles III

At St. Matthews Catholic Primary School

Friday 5th May 2022

