

NEWSLETTER



Love, Learn and Shine together with Jesus

WEEK BEGINNING 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we embrace the changing seasons, I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and highlights from our wonderful school.

It's important to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students. We have seen remarkable progress and dedication from our students in various aspects of their learning. Whether it's academic accomplishments, sporting achievements, or acts of kindness within our school community, I am immensely proud of each and every one of our students. Well done!

Effective communication between home and school is crucial for your child's success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or our school office if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions. We are here to support you and your child in every possible way.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming events and activities. We have some exciting plans for the weeks ahead, including welcome meetings, special-themed days, and more. Stay tuned for further details.

This week, we have begun celebrating the Feast of St. Matthew, our school's patron saint. St. Matthew, the apostle and evangelist, is a symbol of dedication, transformation, and the power of faith. As we honour his legacy, let us remember our school's mission: to Love, Learn, and Shine together with Jesus. St. Matthew's life exemplifies these principles, and we strive to embody them in all that we do. You are all welcome to join us in celebrating Mass on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Lastly, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students. It is the collaborative effort of our entire community that makes St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School such a nurturing and inspiring place for learning.

As we move forward into the coming week, let us continue to uphold our values of respect, compassion, and excellence, drawing inspiration from the Feast of St. Matthew and our shared mission to **Love, Learn, and Shine together with Jesus**. Together, we can achieve great things and provide our children with the education they deserve.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School. I am confident that together, we will make this academic year a truly enriching and memorable one for our students.

Mrs Sime



PARKING

We kindly request all families who commute to school by car to show consideration to our neighbours and fellow school families while accessing the school premises.

To maintain a harmonious relationship with our neighbours, we ask that parents do not park in the Church Car Park unless they have made prior arrangements with Mrs Sime. While some families may have legitimate access to this area, we urge all families to avoid obstructing the entrance and exit of the church car park.

Furthermore, for the safety of our children, families, staff, and visitors, we emphasise that no vehicles should stop on Queens Drive. This road experiences high traffic throughout the day. To ensure the safety of all, parking buddies and cones have been placed along the roadside, serving as a protective measure.

Your cooperation in observing these guidelines is greatly appreciated as it contributes to the safety and harmony of our school community.

We have unfortunately had a near miss this week, and after liaising with the Police we have been advised to direct everybody's attention to the ANPR / CCTV Sign. Please also see some images of the front of school during drop off times.



END OF SCHOOL DAY

We know that the end of the school day is hectic for collecting children, some classes crossing over parents entering the school site.

We have had instances of children leaving their lines to go to their parents on the way out of the building which has resulted in the teacher not being aware that the child has been collected.

We ask that **all family members allow the children to safely go to their collection point to be dismissed by their teacher.**

Only family members of children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will be allowed on site before 3:15 pm to allow the children in KS2 to leave the building safely.

We ask that families only come in at their allocated times,

Reception and KS1 - 3:10pm

KS2 - 3:15 pm

If there are any siblings to collect we ask that you wait out of the way of either the front or back doors.

YEAR 5 / 6 - WALKING HOME

As we begin the new academic year a number of children in Key Stage 2 have indicated to their teacher that they are able to walk home on their own or with a sibling at the end of the day Please note: written parental permission is required to confirm this to ensure the appropriate safety of all of our children.

At St. Matthew's School we feel only children in Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) should be allowed to walk home on their own. Children in Key Stage 1 need to be collected by an adult (it is not appropriate for an older sibling in Key Stage 2 to walk them home).

This does not mean that all children in year 5 and 6 are ready to walk home on their own. Parents need to consider their child's age, maturity and independence, as well as their distance from school and the safety of the route before making a decision about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home on their own.

Should you, as parents, feel your child is mature enough to cope with this responsibility please complete the form on the link attached below



STUDYBUGS

It is important that you inform us as soon as possible if your child is absent from school due to illness or for any other reason. We use Studybugs for this type of communication and you can simply message us through the app to inform us your child will be absent.

Please follow this [link](#) to set up your account if you do not already have one.



ANIMALS

For safety and hygiene reasons, **animals are not permitted on the school site, even if they are being carried by their owners.** This policy is in place to ensure the well-being of all students, staff, and visitors.

While we understand that many animals are well-behaved and pose no harm when carried, it is difficult to predict their reactions in unfamiliar environments.

Additionally, allergies, fear, or phobias related to animals may affect individuals on the school premises.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for everyone at our school.

RECEPTION PASSWORDS

In order for us to protect all children in our care, reception have sent out a form to complete for a password should there be any other family member collecting your child from school.

Please can you complete and return this as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - PLEASE SEE UPDATES

Date	Event
29.9.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning
25.09.23 – 20.10.23	Cash for Kids Fundraising
6.10.23	CAFOD Family Fast Day
10.10.23	World Mental Health Day
18.10.23	Parent's Evening
Week Commencing 23.10.23 TBC	EYFS Stay and Play Sessions
TBC	R - Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccine
26.10.23	Finish for Half Term
30.10.23 - 03.11.23	October Half Term
10.11.23	Remembrance Day - Tea Party / Poppy Trail / Care home Visits
13.11.23 - 17.11.23	Antibullying Week
30.11.23	Christmas Decorations

Date	Event
1.12.23	Staff Advent Service
8.12.23	Mince Pies and Baubles - Parents Event
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
6.12.23 (TBC)	EYFS Nativity
14.12.23 (TBC)	KS1 Nativity
15.12.23 (TBC)	KS2 Nativity
21.12.23	Christmas Party Day
22.12.23	Christmas Assembly Finish for Christmas

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Please note that there were some errors in last week's newsletter.

The Dates listed overleaf are the correct Dates.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class
13.09.23	6D CHESTNUT
20.09.23	2D ALDER
27.09.23	3W CEDAR
04.10.23	4R ASH
11.10.23	5C PINE
17.10.23	5G WILLOW
25.10.23	4G MAPLE
08.11.23	6B SYCAMORE
15.11.23	1E OAK
22.11.23	1MC BIRCH
29.11.23	2M ALDER
06.12.23	Reception
13.12.23	3H ELM

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Date	Time	Theme	Lead
2nd November	2pm	Mathematics	Mr Brooks
8th November	2pm	RWI / READING	Mrs Collins
23rd November	2pm	SEND	Mrs Gaskell / Mrs Sime
30th November	8.45	Computing E- safety	Mr Garcia
6th December	8.45am – all day	Christmas craft	Ms Barnes / PTFA
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Positive play /parents' course	Ms Barnes
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Sleep session	Outside Deliverer

MASS - WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

You are all welcome to celebrate the beginning of our new school year at our mass in Church on Wednesday 27th September at 10 am.

SEESAW

All SeeSaw classes were updated over the summer holidays and your child should now see their new classes. Children will continue to receive their homework on SeeSaw. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that you can see both the Parent's and Children's views on your App.

Stay signed in to multiple Seesaw accounts on one device! Switch between family and student accounts with the tap of a button.

Learn How in 3 Easy Steps

1 Add Additional Accounts

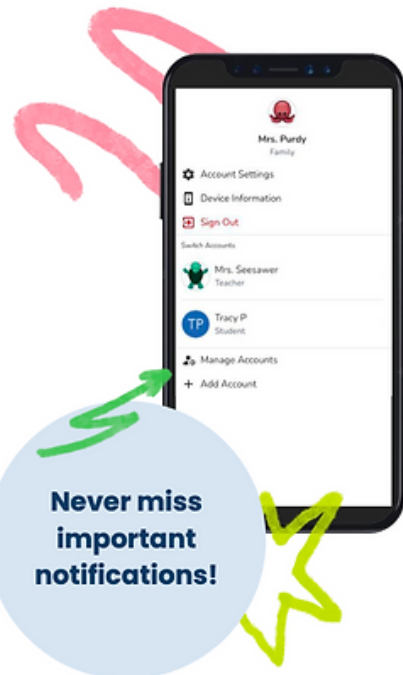
- Open Seesaw and tap your profile icon on the top left
- Tap the icon again to expand the account details
- Tap '+Add Account'
- Choose a role (Teacher, Student, Family Member), and sign in to Seesaw

2 Switch between Accounts

- Tap your profile icon **two** times to show all accounts
- Select the account to switch to

3 Remove Accounts

- Tap your profile icon two times to show all accounts
- Tap 'Manage Accounts'
- Tap the [...] on the account you would like to remove
- Choose 'Sign Out & Remove Account'



SOCIAL MEDIA

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER) AND INSTAGRAM @STMATTHEWSCPS



COMMUNITY PANTRY / UNIFORM

Every week, our incredible PTFA at St. Matthew's dedicates their time and effort in organising our community food store/fayre share. These bags of essential items are prepared and ready for distribution to our families in need. This service has become an invaluable resource for many within our school community.

Building on the success of this initiative, we are excited to announce that we will now be extending our support to include school uniforms. We understand the importance of providing essential items for our students to ensure they are prepared for their educational journey. This service remains open to all of our families and is handled with the utmost confidentiality.

If you find yourself in need of these resources or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Barnes, who is available to assist you. Your well-being and the well-being of your children are of paramount importance to us, and we are here to support you in any way we can.



MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 29th September 2023

9:00am and After School

School Hall

Please could cake donations (shop bought) be brought to the school on **Wednesday 27th September 2023** and any fresh cakes brought on the **morning of the coffee morning**

Ms Barnes will send out information early next week.



CASH FOR KIDS

We are very excited to launch our Cash for Kids campaign this year and will have a list of dates and information out as soon as possible.

Ms Barnes will send out some information and a list of activities and dates early next week.

Our first activity is 'Guess how many sweets in the Jar' entries for this are 50p and open on Monday 25th September.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is now full. There is a waiting list for places, if you would like to be placed on the waiting list. Please contact the school office on 0151 226 1871.



IMPORTANT - FORMS TO COMPLETE

We are updating all of our records, for all children and we are still missing quite a few forms from families. Please complete **both** of the forms sent out on SeeSaw these are Admissions Records and Medical Record. These can also be found via the QR Codes Below



Medical Record



Admissions
Form

COATS

The weather is beginning to get colder and wetter and we would like to remind all families that children should come to school with a coat, to be hung up in the cupboards at the back of each classroom.

If any families need support with this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Barnes for a confidential conversation.



ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH - MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY - 6PM

SUNDAY - 10AM



WE ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE AT MASS EACH WEEK FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 WHO WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR.

ALL CHILDREN, FAMILIES, STAFF AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ARE ALSO WARMLY INVITED.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING:

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,

SACRAMENT CERTIFICATES, ETC.,

CAN BE MADE WITH THE CHURCH SECRETARY

ON 0151 228 1310

DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

(MON, WED-FRI: 9.00 - 2.30)

Starting next Saturday, the 23rd of September, we will be having a novena spread over the nine Saturdays between the feasts of Saint Matthew and Saint Cecilia.

The universal church is in a time of preparation for the forthcoming synod in Rome. Our own local church, the Archdiocese of Liverpool, continues its own journey of synod as we plan for the future. I hope our own novena will allow us as parishes and people to walk together Forward in Faith into a future that embraces the challenges of our time, while never surrendering the hope we have because of our faith in God's love for us, and our determination to spread that love to those who are in need. Please try to join us as we pray over these nine Saturdays. Let us together be attentive to what God is calling us to be for the communities of Clubmoor and Tuebrook.

The Holy Hours will alternate between parishes as set out below. The process will conclude with an afternoon's sharing and listening to what we have discerned in prayer as ways Forward in Faith.

Saturday 23rd September 12.00 pm St. Cecilia's

Saturday 30th September 12.00 pm St. Matthew's

Saturday 7th October 12.00 pm St. Cecilia's

Saturday 14th October 12.00 pm St. Matthew's

Saturday 21st October 12.00 pm St. Cecilia's

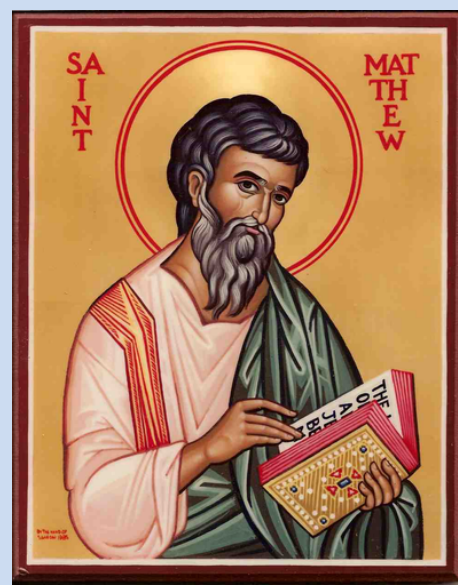
Saturday 28th October 12.00 pm St. Matthew's

Saturday 4th November 12.00 pm St. Cecilia's

Saturday 11th November 12.00 pm St. Matthew's

Saturday 18th November 12.00 pm St. Cecilia's

Sunday 19th November 3.00-5.00pm St. Matthew's



SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children must attend in their school uniform, this should now be the Autumn uniform for all children.

Reception - Tracksuit

Boys - Trousers, Shirt, Tie and Jumper

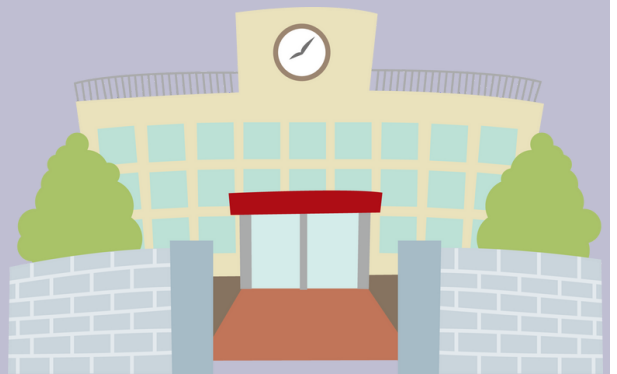
Girls - Skirt / Pinafore / Trousers, Shirt, Tie and Jumper

PE Kits are to be worn on PE Days and trainers should only be worn on these days.

SCHOOL GATES

Please can you enter the school to collect your children from the **Front Gate** on Queens Drive, collect your children from their class teacher and exit to the **Back Gate** on Townsend lane.

This is for the safety and security of all children, families and staff.



UPCOMING TRIPS

Following the success of the Year 6 Residential on Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th September 2023, we are in the planning stages of trips for all year groups. Further details will be announced in due course, however, these are as follows:

Reception - Local area visits

Year 1 - Museum of Liverpool - Toys workshop

Year 2 - Crosby Hall (Residential)

Year 3 - Liverpool Museum - Stone age workshop

Year 4 - Liverpool Museum - Saxon workshop

Year 5 - Western Approaches

Year 6 - Robinwood (Residential)



CHRISTMAS TRIPS

We are very excited to tell you of our extra special treats we are planning for Christmas 2023.

Reception - Year 2:

Gulliver's world, where the children will have the opportunity to meet Father Christmas.

Year 3 - Year 6:

Christmas Pantomime (OH YES WE ARE!)

All dates and prices to be confirmed, we will give you more details as soon as we are able.



CHESTER ZOO PROJECT

In the Spring Term 2024, we are hoping to join Chester Zoo in their Project Schools: Wildlife Connections programme, where we will have 3 workshops in school with the zoo and this will culminate in a visit to Chester Zoo for the whole school.

This project is focused on the habitat destruction that is taking place in the UK, the children will learn all about our native wildlife and empower them to look after it by teaching them what they can do in their own homes.

More details to be announced.



SNACK & STAY OR SNACK AWAY!

The archdiocese is launching snack & stay or snack away to provide a free sandwich, fruit, crisps and drinks with their parents who can enjoy free tea & coffee.

Visitors will also have access to TV, Wi-Fi, and some friendly company. The centres will be open between 1pm - 3.30pm and days of our local centre are listed below.

Monday

St Monica - Stewart Avenue, Bootle, L20 9JD

Tuesday

St Paul - Spring Grove, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 8SJ

Christ the King - Score Lane, Childwall, L16 6AW

Wednesday

St Cecilia - Green Lane, Tuebrook, L13 7DT

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - Stonebridge Lane, Croxteth, L11 9AZ

Thursday

Our Lady of Sorrows - Pirrie Road, Walton, L6 6AA

St Margaret Mary - Pilch Lane, Huyton, L14 0JG



AMAZON WISHLIST

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the generous families who have contributed books and made purchases from our Amazon Wishlist to help establish our new library.

Your support means the world to us, and it's not too late to join in! We continue to welcome book donations and purchases from our Wishlist, accessible through the QR Code provided below. Thank you for being a vital part of our community's love for reading and learning.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION SUPPORT

We are thrilled to announce that applications for Year 6 students to secure a spot in their preferred secondary school are now open. To provide valuable assistance to our families during this crucial process, Ms. Barnes will be available for meetings on both Monday and Thursday next week, starting at 2 pm.

If you wish to schedule a meeting, please reach out to the school office at 0151 226 1871. It's important to note that families must have access to an email account for this meeting.

We are committed to supporting our students and families in every way possible as they take this significant step in their educational journey. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further assistance.



PARENT PAY




Please could all families ensure that they have funds on their Parent Pay accounts for school dinners. Any families who access Breakfast Club please can you use the Breakfast Club item as opposed to the Early Birds item, which has been removed. Please ensure your payments are a month in advance.

If any families need help setting this up please call the school office on 0151 226 1871 and leave a message for Mrs McCowen School Business Manager



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our menus are changed weekly, please follow this [link](#) to our website which includes the menus for the term.

 PRIMARY LUNCH MENU 					
Week 5 w/c 25th Sep		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup of the Day	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn	Chef Choice	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
Main Meal	Meat Free Burrito served with Crème Fraiche and Crisp Salad	Sausage and Homemade Mashed Potato with Gravy and Peas	Halloumi Fajita wraps Served with Fried Onions, Peppers and Tortilla Chips	Chicken Curry served with wholemeal Rice and Homemade Onion Bhajis	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
Meat Free Main Meal	Tomato and Basil pasta	Vegetable Biryani	Cheese and Tomato Panini	Cheese and Red Onion Quiche	Homemade Chip shop Curry Sauce with Basmati Rice
Side dish	wholemeal wraps	wholemeal wraps	Mashed Potatoes	wholemeal Rice	Chips
Vegetable	Peppers	Peppers	Peas	Onions	Mushy Peas
Dessert	Apple and Oat Crumble with pouring Cream	Homemade Rice Pudding served with Strawberry Jam	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad	Cheese and Crackers
Jacket Potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, Salad, Hummus, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts available daily		Ask Chef about the Daily Special		Please speak to a member of school staff about any dietary requirements	

MEDICAL UPDATES

We have been making calls and Mr. Garcia has sent out a Google form for you to complete.

Just a reminder to contact the school if your child's medical record needs updating or has changed.

If your child needs an inhaler please ensure we have one in school. The inhalers are kept by the class teacher to ensure everyone is safe. If your child is able to administer it themselves please let us know.

Care Plans

We will be making calls to update care plans next week.

Medication in school

If your child needs medication please come into school and sign a consent form.

SEND/CO

Now the children have settled back in Mrs Gaskell will be going into classes to check on children and ensure the children have what they need. After that she will be available to speak with parents if they have any SEN concerns.

Mrs Gaskell will contact any parents who have requested advice/referrals and those who need an EHCP review.



LFC - RED NEIGHBOURS

On Tuesday this week, some of our Year 5 children went to the Red Neighbours draw at Anfield. This is where we secured some tickets for our children to attend some football matches this season.

Once we have confirmation of numbers available we will release more details.





Attendance Matters

At St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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

R Cherry	96.4%	R Apple	100%
1 Birch	99.3%	1 Oak	96.7%
2 Alder	96%	2 Fir	94.7%
3 Cedar	97%	3 Elm	99.3%
4 Ash	95.9%	4 Maple	97.9%
5 Willow	95.3%	5 Pine	97.2%
6 Chestnut	98.7%	6 Sycamore	98.6%

Whole School Attendance: 97%



Stars of The Week

22nd September 2023



 Reception - Thea M	 Reception - Freya B
 1 Birch - Alfie W	 1 Oak - Teddy L
 2 Fir - Roman H	 2 Alder - George S
 3 Elm - Myles M-M	 3 Cedar - Jaden E
 4 Maple - Esme W	 4 Ash - Joseph M
 5 Willow - Aloysius MC	 5 Pine - Antonia M
 6 Sycamore - Isabella G	 6 Chestnut -

This Weeks Dojo Winners:

John Archer





	<p>Reception Jessica H</p>		<p>Reception - Sini S-J</p>
	<p>1 Birch - Bobby B</p>		<p>1 Oak - Delilah C</p>
	<p>2 Fir - Victoria R</p>		<p>2 Alder - Oliver D</p>
	<p>3 Elm - Neima H</p>		<p>3 Cedar - Niamh B</p>
	<p>4 Maple - Sophia H</p>		<p>4 Ash - Brody H</p>
	<p>5 Willow - Felicity R</p>		<p>5 Pine - Tobias P</p>
	<p>6 Sycamore - Mila E</p>		<p>6 Chestnut -</p>