



Welcome Back to Stretton St Matthew's Primary School!

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a wonderful, relaxing summer break.

Helping Children Be Ready for the School Day

As we begin our new school year, we would like to remind all families of the importance of ensuring that children arrive at school each day with everything they need.

This includes:

- Lunchbox, if bringing a packed lunch
- Healthy snack, where applicable
 - Water bottle
- Glasses for learning, if required
- Musical instrument, if applicable
- Any other items needed for lessons or activities

We kindly ask all families to make checking school bags and equipment part of the morning routine before leaving home. Supporting children to remember and organise their belongings also helps them develop important skills in independence, organisation and responsibility.

Please note that, from now on, the school office will no longer contact families regarding forgotten items unless the item is essential for a child's health, safety or ability to access their learning. This will help to reduce interruptions during the school day, ease pressure on our office staff and minimise disruption to children's learning. We therefore ask all families to ensure children arrive each morning with everything they need for the day ahead.

Who's Who at St Matthew's

- Miss Simcock – Headteacher (usually on the main gate most mornings)
- Mrs Hazeldine & Miss O'Gorman – Assistant Headteachers & Senior Leadership Team
- Mrs Watson – Mental Health Lead (family & pupil support, guidance, and advice & Senior Leadership team)
- Mrs Ball – SENDCO (Special Educational Needs & Disability Coordinator & Senior Leadership team)

A Note on Contacting Us:

The safety, support and learning of your children are our top priorities. As a small team, if you need to speak with us via phone or in a face-to-face meeting, please contact the school office to book a mutually convenient time so we can give you our full attention.

stmatthews_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

How to Get in Touch

- **First Point of Contact (Classroom & Learning):** Always speak to your child's class teacher first via ClassDojo or at the classroom door at pick-up/drop-off. They know your child best and can make quick adjustments to support them on the same day.
- **Specialist & Inclusion Support:** If you have already spoken to the class teacher and require specialist support from our SENDCO or Mental Health Lead, please email: inclusionteam@stmatthewscephprimary.com
- **Full Staff List:** You can view our full team on the [Meet the Staff Page](#).

Morning Routine & Safety

Doors Open: 8:40am

Safety Reminder: For the safety of all our pupils, please remain with your child until the school doors open at 8:40am.

The school cannot take responsibility for pupils until they have been handed over to a member of staff at the classroom door.

We open the gates early to allow families to arrive and hand their children over promptly at 8:40am. Staff will be present at both the start and end of the school day to welcome and support our pupils.

School Uniform & Appearance

We maintain high uniform standards to encourage pride in our school and prepare pupils for secondary education.

Category	Dress Code Expectations
Main Clothing	Grey skirt, pinafore dress, trousers, or shorts.
	White polo shirt (Reception – Year 1)
	White shirt & tie (Years 2 – 6)
Footwear & Socks	Black sensible school shoes (no open-toed shoes). White or grey socks / Black, grey, or red tights.
Knitwear	Stretton St Matthew's school jumper or cardigan.
Summer Term Only	Red gingham summer dress or school playsuit.

Branded vs. Unbranded Items

Required Branded Items

- School tie
- School jumper or cardigan
- PE T-shirt in your child's house colour

Optional Branded Items

- School coat
- Book bag

Required PE Items – Unbranded

- Black PE shorts
- Black leggings or joggers
- A warm sweatshirt for winter

Hair & Jewellery

Long hair must be tied back and kept off the face. This helps to prevent the spread of head lice and ensures children's safety during PE and Design Technology lessons.

Jewellery is restricted to plain stud earrings only.

Please Keep Personal Items at Home

*Please leave **pencil cases, toys, teddies, squishes and trading cards** at home.*

These items can easily become lost, cause distress or distract children from their learning. Unfortunately, the school cannot be responsible for the safety of personal items brought from home.

Year 2 Transition: *When replacing tops during Year 2, please switch to a white shirt and tie. Our goal is for all children to be in shirts and ties by the end of Year 2.*

Birthday Celebrations

We love celebrating birthdays with our children and helping them to feel special on their big day. However, we kindly ask families not to send sweets, chocolates, cakes or other treats into school for birthday celebrations.

Children are welcome to wear their own clothes on their birthday instead of school uniform.

This helps us to maintain a healthy school environment and ensures that all children are treated equally. We will, of course, make sure that children's birthdays are acknowledged and celebrated in school in other special ways.

Save the Date: Meet the Teacher

We will be hosting a "Meet the Teacher" event once the children have settled into their new routines. This will give you a chance to visit the classroom and ask any questions.

- **Date:** 16th September 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make it a fantastic school year!

School Calendar 2026-2027

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th September</i>	<i>YR-Y6 Flu Immunisation</i>
<i>Wednesday 16th September</i>		<i>Meet the Teacher (3.30pm – 4.30pm)</i>
		<i>Tempest (individual photos)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>17th September</i>	<i>Y4/Y5 Swimming</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>24th September</i>	<i>Y4/Y5 Swimming</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>30th September</i>	<i>New YR Parent Showround (3:30pm–4:30pm)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1st October</i>	<i>Y4/Y5 Swimming</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8th October</i>	<i>Y4/Y5 Swimming</i>
<i>Wednesday 14th October</i>		<i>Year 6 Cheshire Military Trip</i>
		<i>New YR Parent Showround (9:30pm–10:30pm)</i>
		<i>YR Reading/Phonics (Parents Invited - 2:30pm)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>15th October</i>	<i>Y4/Y5 Swimming</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>19th October</i>	<i>Y2 Martin Mere Trip</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>21st October</i>	<i>New YR Parent Showround (3:30pm–4:30pm)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>23rd October</i>	<i>School Closes – Autumn 1 – 3:20pm</i>
Autumn 2nd Half Term		
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2nd November</i>	<i>School Opens – Autumn 2</i>