



Stretton St Matthew's CE Primary School

Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright



Our Vision Statement

*To create and nurture a secure and caring
Christian environment where every child can
develop in their own faith and learning journey.*

Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived.

Matthew 5: (14-16)

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to St Matthew's Primary School, we are a one form entry Church of England primary school situated in the village of Stretton, Warrington.

At Stretton, every child is encouraged to discover and nurture their special gifts and talents through a stimulating curriculum that has global dimensions, going beyond the basic national curriculum requirements.

We have a dynamic team of teachers and support staff who act as exemplary role models, educating and nurturing each child, enabling them to achieve high standards of academic attainment whilst also enabling them to become capable, caring and confident human beings.

Alongside our hard working, dedicated and highly trained staff is a whole community of dedicated parents and an effective PTA who contribute immensely to our learning environment and the school's wonderful and creative ethos.

Stretton St Matthew's has the advantage of being set in beautiful grounds next to Stretton St Matthew's Church and is surrounded by fields, farms and local community amenities. We have a traditional building equipped with excellent play equipment, games and a large sports field.

Our curriculum is designed to provide the children of Stretton with the very best education rooted in excellence and Christian values. We are proud of each and every one of our children and never cease to be amazed at their talents and the progress they make both in and out of school.

Please visit our website to discover more about our wonderful school.

www.stmatthewsceprimary.com

*Miss S Simcock
Headteacher*



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Our School

Our school has a very strong sense of history and records show it goes as far back in time as 1838, when Stretton National School began as a single storey school built by the Vicar at the time, Reverend Richard Greenall.

Many changes have taken place over the years to make our school an excellent learning environment for our children. Today, our school consists of seven classrooms, two open-plan shared learning areas, a library, ICT suite, a hall, spaces around school to support children's well-being and learning further as well as many outdoor learning spaces to accommodate our pupils and help them to flourish.

At St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School we place great emphasis upon appreciating everyone in the school community, we seek to make the Christian message relevant to our daily living and the result is a happy, positive and purposeful climate in the school, with much celebration and an enthusiastic appetite for achieving our best.

Our Governing Body

Our Governing Body takes a full part in the life of the school. The Governors bring to their role a wide breadth of interest, experience and expertise. Some of the work is managed in sub-committees but all Governors share responsibility. There are a number of Parent Governors as well as Foundation and Local Authority Governors.

Our Vision

Work Together,

By working together we create a community that is constantly striving for the highest possible standards in everything we do.

Aim High,

We want your child to be a confident and successful learner who achieves their very best. We will treat your child as an individual, carefully monitoring their progress and planning next steps on their learning journey.

Shine Bright.

We will create opportunities to allow your child to SHINE.



Vision Statement

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Everday Life at St Matthew's

Our school is organised into three phases, Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and our school day is divided into morning and afternoon sessions.

School begins at 8.50am and doors open at 8.40am when the children are welcomed into school by their teacher. Break is from 10:30am to 10:50am. Lunch is from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Reception and KS1 children have an afternoon break. The afternoon sessions finish at 3.20pm for all children.

The Houses

Children are divided into four House Teams, each House is captained by two children from Year 6.

Hanover	-	Blue
Stuart	-	Yellow
Tudor	-	Green
Windsor	-	Red



“A welcoming environment for learning.”
Ofsted

“The school ethos is always very family orientated.”
A Parent

“The school is excellent and the atmosphere lovely. It feels like a nice supportive and caring environment.”

A Parent



School Uniform

Uniform is worn at St Matthew's CE Primary School to develop a sense of pride in being a member of our school community. All our uniform can be purchased from our supplier and can be ordered online or purchased directly from their Warrington Store. Please help us to look after your child's belongings by ensuring that all clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

Our school uniform

Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts

White shirt for Year 2- Year 6

White polo shirt for Year R- Year 1

Tie for Year 2- Year 6

White or grey socks

Grey, black or red tights

Black sensible school shoes

Stretton St Matthew's cardigan or jumper

Summer term only- red gingham summer dress or school playsuit

Branded and unbranded uniform

A Stretton St Matthew's tie and jumper or cardigan is required

A Stretton St Matthew's PE t-shirt in house colours is required

Optional branded items include coat, book bag, PE tracksuit

Unbranded black PE shorts are required

Unbranded black leggings or jogging bottoms and sweat top for PE in winter months is required

A swimming kit for KS2 consists of unbranded towel, costume, goggles and swim cap

Other

Jewellery is not permitted for health and safety reasons. One pair of plain studs can be worn in ears. Earrings must be covered or removed by the child on PE days.

No makeup or nail polish is allowed.

Long hair that can be tied back must be tied back.

PE kit is a colour T-shirt (dependent on their house) with the school badge, black shorts and/or long tracksuit bottoms depending on the weather. Children come to school in their PE Kit on their assigned PE days.

School Meals

Our kitchen staff take pride in providing freshly cooked school meals which are nutritionally balanced. The children can also choose to have packed lunches if they so wish, however these do need to be healthy and must not include sweets or any drinks in cans or glass bottles as we are a healthy school. The children all eat together in the main hall.

Parent Pay

Payment for school meals and snacks can be made through Parent Pay. School meals are free for Years R, 1 & 2.





Our Church

We have strong, active and meaningful links with our Church, and many of our staff are practising Christians. Alan (our Reverend) takes a lively interest in the work of the school, and can often be found talking and working with children, leading acts of worship and taking part in school events. Each year we celebrate services in church, such as Harvest, Christingle, Holy Week and Easter. A Family Service is held in church on the third Sunday in the month.

Our Church Inspection report stated, “Inspired by Jesus’ example and teachings, Stretton St Matthew’s vision empowers all to flourish and share their light with others. The school’s ethos, of working together, aiming high, and shining bright is underpinned by its Christian values. Developed collaboratively with stakeholders, this vision shapes spiritual development and unites the community. The school environment and pupil behaviour reflect this. Pupils are encouraged to strive for their best and pursue their ambitions. A full and rich curriculum nurtures them, regardless of background, to achieve their fullest potential”.





Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service
Thursday Service
10.30am Holy Communion
Vicar: Rev. Dr. [Name]

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"The staff are very encouraging and supportive and seem to really enjoy their work with the children."
A Parent



Learning at St Matthew's

As a primary school we educate children aged from 4 to 11 covering the Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Foundation Stage : Reception Class

The Foundation Stage makes a crucial contribution to children's early development and learning.

We provide children with a rich variety of teaching and learning experiences that are appropriate to their needs. The Foundation Stage is about developing key learning skills, developing respect for others, developing a positive disposition to learn, boosting self confidence, self awareness, managing feelings and behaviour and making relationships.

Each area of learning and development is implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult lead and child initiated activities.

The outdoor environment is also a special part of the Foundation Stage curriculum. As such it is carefully planned for and available each day. The Reception Class have their own specially equipped outdoor area which is planned for and in continuous use.



Our Curriculum Intent

Christian values are at the heart of our teaching and learning and we encourage all our children to put these values into practise in every aspect of school life. We offer a curriculum which is designed to ensure Stretton St Matthew's is a beacon of excellence within the community and is a school filled with opportunity for our children. We are uncompromising in our ambition to develop the whole child whilst ensuring we utilise research and new initiatives locally, nationally and globally. We aim to ensure that our children know and understand their role as global citizens and we encourage the children to be courageous advocates from within the broad and balanced curriculum that is delivered.

The school consists of Reception, KS1 (Years 1 and 2) and KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

The National Curriculum subjects taught at St Matthew's are wide and varied:

*English
Mathematics
Science
Computing
Religious Education
Physical Education
Art and Design
Design Technology
History
Geography
Music
Physical Education
Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship
Modern Foreign Languages*

Inclusive Provision

Within each class, work is adapted to suit the needs of the individual child. Our inclusive provision caters for children experiencing learning difficulties, sensory impairment, physical difficulties, social and emotional needs as well as meeting the needs of the able, gifted and talented. This graduated approach of the Code of Practice for the identification and assessment of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities operates within the school. Once a difficulty is identified, provision is made to meet that need and progress is carefully monitored. At later stages, the class teacher and Inclusion Manager may receive support from outside agencies. Parents are fully consulted and encouraged to actively participate at all stages of their child's education.







Home Learning

Details of our expectations are sent to the parents at the beginning of the school year for each year group and each term class teachers publish details on our school website. There are ideas for home learning and suggestions to enrich and complement the learning that takes place in school.

Visitors to School, Educational Visits & Residential Trips

Speakers, educational visits and residential trips play a vital role in enriching the children's education. They take place throughout school across all year groups and link into an entire range of curriculum subjects, deepening children's understanding of curriculum topics further. Residentials take place for children in KS2 and support with enhancing team building skills and increased independence.



Extra Curricular Clubs

We are proud to be able to offer a wide range of activities during lunchtimes and after school. Our Clubs include football, netball, singing, gardening, basketball, gymnastics, Spanish and cookery.

Link Club

This facility is run by school and is located in the school building both before and after school. Childcare is available in the mornings and in the afternoon in term time.



School Council and Eco Councils

Representatives from each class regularly attend meetings which are held to discuss suggestions made by pupils about key issues which are affecting them in school and also within their environment and community.

Partnership with Parents

Home and School

At St Matthew's C.E. Primary School we value and appreciate the important role you have to play in supporting your child in developing a positive attitude to school and learning. We offer a wide range of opportunities for parents to actively participate in supporting their children in school. These include:

Reading workshops for parents in EYFS and Year 1.

Parents evenings which are opportunities to find out how your child is doing in school.

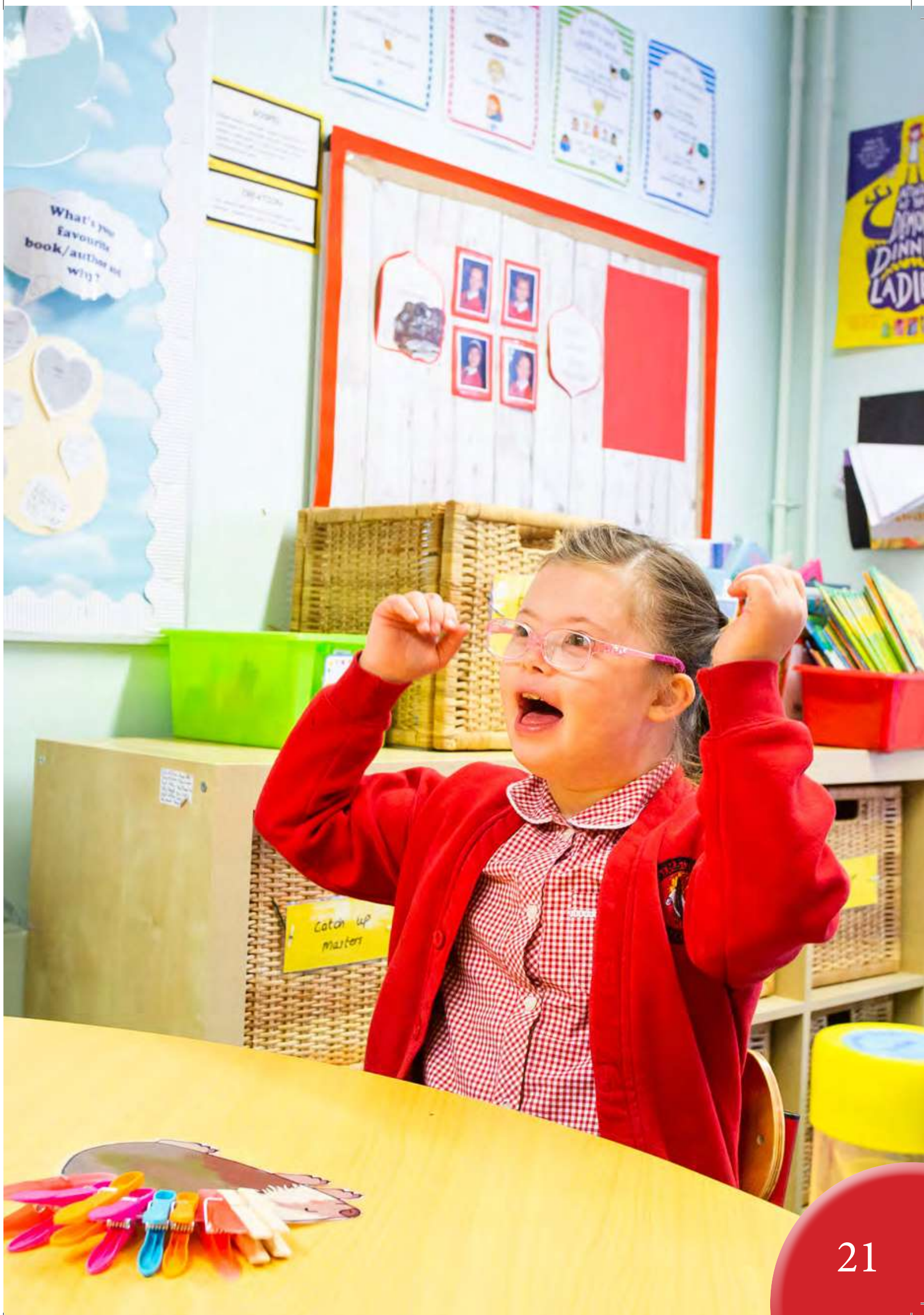
An annual school report which is sent home at the end of the summer term and includes details of your child's progress, with targets to support further progression.

The school newsletter is sent out regularly to all parents and includes notices for upcoming events and information about events that have taken place within the previous weeks.

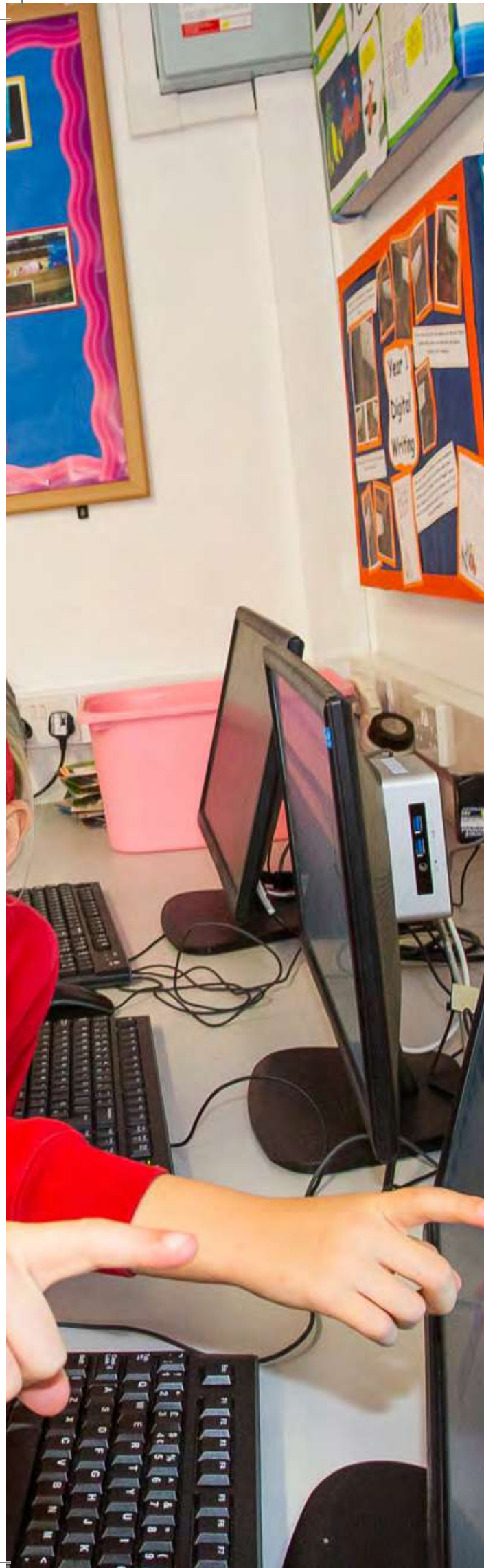
Curriculum information and home learning suggestions are published on the school website to keep parents updated, informed and supported with additional learning.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

All parents automatically become members of the PTA when they join the school community. The PTA meet regularly and organise various functions throughout the year. These events raise money to provide equipment that might not otherwise be available to the school and also create welcome opportunities for families, parents, children, staff and members of our community to socialise together.







Admission Arrangements

Our admissions policy is published on our website annually.

Please contact the school for advice about Admission arrangements, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Welcoming New Parents and Children

We have a comprehensive induction plan which runs throughout the summer term prior to the children joining our Reception class in September.

There are many opportunities for the children and parents to take part in a number of activities to ensure a smooth transition to St Matthew's. These include sessions in school where the children will be able to meet other pupils within school, including their Year 6 'Buddies', along with staff members. There is also a Teddy Bears' Picnic where parents can meet other parents from St Matthew's.

School Terms

Under the Education Act children are required to be in school for 190 days each academic year. These are divided up into three terms: Autumn, Spring and Summer.

"We are particularly pleased about the accessibility at all times to both teaching & admin staff."

A Parent



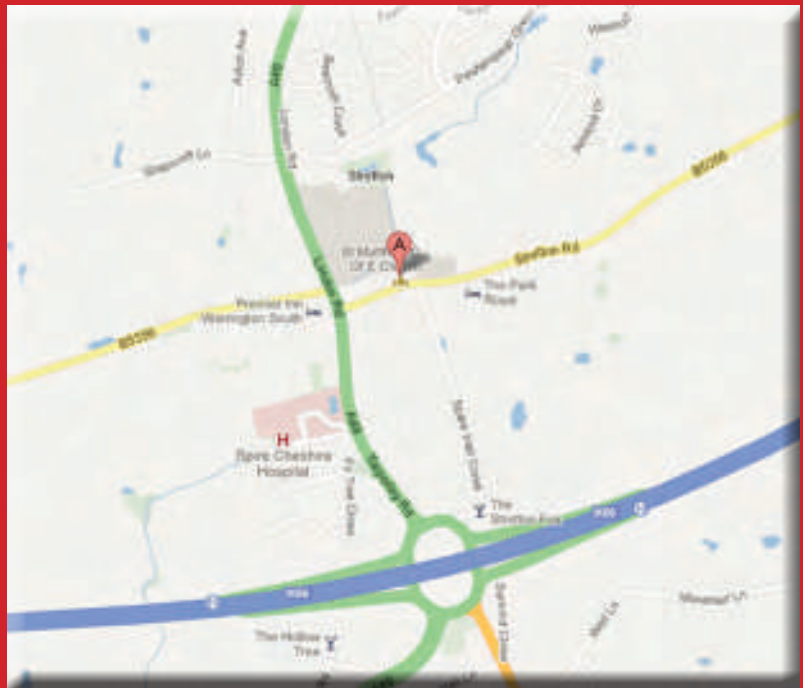
And finally ...

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. We hold open afternoons for parents/carers who are seeking a place in our Reception class in the autumn term and we provide an opportunity to meet some of our children, governors, parents and staff.

*Please consult our website for more detailed information of life at St Matthew's C.E. Primary School
www.stmatthewscephprimary.com*

If you are looking for a school place for an older child please telephone Warrington Local Authority Admissions to establish if we have any vacancies in the appropriate year group.

All schools are very different and choosing the right one for your child is not an easy task. We wish you every success in finding the school that best suits your child's unique personality, interests and learning needs.



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