



Autumn Prayer

Dear God,

The trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change but you never do.
You are always beautiful in the green and freshness of Spring
As in the golds and reds and chills of Autumn.
Let us reflect your beauty season after season.
Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety as we let go of blessings and burdens
And surrender them to your loving care.

Amen

Dear Families,

The children are all very much settled and into their new class routines and with their new teachers. Lots of curriculum learning has already taken place as children are well underway with their new topics.

The new Reception children have also settled incredibly well into their new school and their new routines, and we are very proud of them all for all of their hard work!

As the weather is rapidly starting to change, please ensure that children are coming into school with coats for their breaktimes and lunchtimes outside.

If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

We had a brilliant time at the Teddy Bear's picnic with Reception and their buddies. The children played brilliantly well together and brought their teddies along for the picnic! We ate jam, ham and cheese sandwiches, some fruit and even a bear biscuit! The children had a fantastic time, and it was really nice to get to welcome our new families to school!



Uniform Reminder

Another polite reminder to all parents and carers about expectations for uniform which can be seen below. If anyone has any questions about uniform, please do not hesitate to ask.

Uniform can be purchased from Warrington School Wear
50-54 Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NN

<https://alphaschoolwear.com/our-shops/warrington-schoolwear-centre/>

Our school uniform includes:

- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts
- White shirt Y2-Y6
- White polo shirt YR-Y1
- Tie Y2-Y6
- White/grey socks
- Grey/black/red tights
- Black sensible school shoes
- Stretton St Matthew's cardigan or jumper
- Summer term only – red gingham summer dress/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, sweat top for PE in winter months are required
- A swimming kit for KS2 consists on 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 permitted.
- Long hair that can be tied back, must be tied back.

School Phone Lines

A reminder to all parents and carers that our school phone lines are open from 8am through to 4.15pm should you wish to contact school for any reason or to report any pupil absences. Phones are unfortunately not able to be manned before and after these times.

Meet the Teacher

A reminder to parents and carers that our meet the teacher sessions will be on Wednesday 24th September from 3.30-4.30pm. These will be informal drop-in sessions where you can come and have a look at your child's classroom and gain more of an understanding about the curriculum subjects that pupils will be looking at this year alongside any other key information or events that will be taking place.

New Garden Space

As some of you have possibly seen, work is well underway with our new garden space, and we are incredibly excited to begin using it. We anticipate that the work should be completed in about another two/three weeks and then the children can start accessing this space and linking it into outdoor learning opportunities. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and patience whilst we update this area within school.

Senior Leadership Team in School

We have a brilliant and dedicated staff at St Matthew's who are always happy to support and assist with any issues arising. We operate an open-door policy and class teachers are there to support your children and are on hand to discuss any matters that arise. Should you need more specific help or support for your child. Please see a reminder below of who our senior leadership team consists of.

Miss Simcock- Headteacher
Miss O'Gorman- Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Hazeldine- Assistant Headteacher/ Attendance support
Mrs Calder- SENDCO / Inclusion Lead
Mrs Watson- Mental Health and Wellbeing support / Inclusion Support

Student Success

Congratulations to Aria for getting a distinction in your LAMDA exam! You have clearly worked really hard for this! Well done!



Mrs Keller's Exciting News

I am delighted to share with you that Mr and Mrs Keller's family will be growing, and they are expecting a baby after Christmas. We are very happy for Mrs Keller and know you will join us in congratulating her on this wonderful news.

We will be putting adverts out for both Mrs Keller's and Mrs Calder's Maternity cover very shortly and after the interview process, we will inform you of the cover we have in place. It will be a robust process to ensure we get fantastic teachers that will support and nurture the children as Mrs Calder and Mrs Keller do. We will ensure a thorough handover and will heavily support the successful candidates. Once school have further information, we will give you all the information needed and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Message from Mrs Clarke

I would like to say a huge thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes I received on the occasion of my retirement from St. Matthews. I was overwhelmed by the wonderful service in church, it was such fun, and the children were outstanding. It has been a great pleasure to be part of the school over the past 20 years. I am sure the school will go from strength to strength, and I wish both children and staff every success for the future
Best wishes, Mrs Clarke.

School Calendar 2025-2026

Autumn 1 st Half Term		
Tuesday	23 rd September	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday	24 th September	Meet the Teacher (3:30pm-4:30pm)
Tuesday	30 th September	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Thursday	2 nd October	New YR Parent Showround (3:30pm-4:30pm)
Friday	3 rd October	Year 6 Girls Football Competition
Tuesday 7 th October		Y4/Y5 Swimming
		New YR Parent Showround (3:30pm-4:30pm)
Wednesday	8 th October	New YR Parent Showround (9:30pm-10:30pm)
Thursday	9 th October	Harvest Church Service (2:30pm – All Welcome)
Tuesday	14 th October	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday	15 th October	New YR Parent Showround (9:30pm-10:30pm)
Monday	20 th October	Y2 Martin Mere Trip
Friday	24 th October	Year 5 Football Competition
Friday	24 th October	School Closes – Autumn 1 – 3:20pm
Autumn 2 nd Half Term		
Monday	3 rd November	School Opens – Autumn 2