



Dear God,

I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Inspire me to do my best this year.

Amen

Dear Families,

A great welcome back to school after what I hope was a lovely summer holiday for you all! The sun was certainly shining bright for lots of it. We hope that you managed to enjoy some nice holidays, fun days out and hopefully found some time to relax too!

It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces already in school and all of the children seem ready and raring to go. All children have settled incredibly well in their new classes with their new teachers and already they have started their learning for this year.

If you wish to find out more about your child's curriculum, please visit the class pages on the website which will contain overviews of the topics that the children will be learning for Autumn Term.

As always, we have an open-door policy, please feel free to speak to a member of staff should you have any issues or questions to ask- we are always happy to help!

Welcome to our new Reception Families

Firstly, a warm welcome to all our new Reception children and new families. We are delighted that you have joined our school community. We had a fantastic time on Wednesday at our Teddy Bear's Picnic. The children had a fantastic time playing together and getting to know each other and it was lovely for Year 6 children to play with their Buddies.

It was also great to be able to share our new EYFS indoor environment with our children and families. I think that Reception will have a brilliant time as they embark on their learning journey at St Matthew's.



A welcome to new families

We also have two new children joining us in Year 1 and one child in Year 5. I know you will join me in welcoming their families to our school.

Uniform Reminder

A reminder to all parents about expectations for uniform can be seen below. We will have a renewed focus on this as we enter a new school year. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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.

Branded uniform can be purchased through School Trends and unbranded uniform can be purchased from most high street stores or online. We also have a second-hand uniform shop available at the school office.

New Garden Space

We are excited to announce that work has started on our new garden area (a tad later than anticipated!) This should be completed in a couple of weeks with limited disruption for the children. We cannot wait for the children to be able to use their new and improved area! Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Remaining Space on Clubs

This half term we are offering a wealth of exciting clubs led by expert teachers and specialists, which we hope you are able to make the most of. Below is a list of clubs that still have some availability.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 & KS2 Dodgeball £7 per session Click here to book Pro Sport	KS1 & KS2 Football £7 per session Click here to book Pro Sport	KS1 & KS2 Multisport £7 per session Click here to book Pro Sport	KS1 & KS2 Basketball £7 per session Click here to book Pro Sport	KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics £7 per session Click here to book Pro Sport
	KS1 & KS2 Choir £4 per session Click here to book Mrs Marshall			KS1 & KS2 Non-contact Boxing £6 per session Click here to book Andy Aspinall

Clubs are due to start on Monday 8th September, so please book your places soon to avoid disappointment.

Exciting news!

We are delighted to share with you that our Year 1 teacher, Mrs Calder, is pregnant with her first child! We are extremely excited for her and her family, and we hope you will join us in congratulating them on their wonderful news.

Mrs Calder will begin her maternity leave after Christmas – we will share more details at a later date. We will be working between now and then to recruit a fantastic teacher to cover her class for the rest of the year. There will be an extensive handover from Mrs Calder and senior leaders to ensure there is a smooth transition in the spring term.

School Calendar 2025-2026

Autumn 1st Half Term		
Tuesday	16 th September	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday	17 th September	Tempest (individual photo's)
Tuesday	23 rd September	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Tuesday	30 th September	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Thursday	2 nd October	New YR Parent Showround (3:30pm–4:30pm)
Tuesday 7 th October		Y4/Y5 Swimming
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Wednesday	8 th October	New YR Parent Showround (9:30pm–10:30pm)
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	School Closes – Autumn 1 – 3:20pm
Autumn 2nd Half Term		
Monday	3 rd November	School Opens – Autumn 2