

Stretton St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

'Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright'



Friday 19th December 2025

Prayer

*Dear God,
Thank You for Christmas and all the joy it brings.
Help us to be kind and caring to everyone around us.
Bless our friends, families, and school.
Let us share love and happiness this Christmas.
Amen.*

Breakfast Club & Link Club Bookings

A reminder to all parents and carers that children must be booked into the Breakfast Club and Link Club before attending. This helps us ensure we have the correct staffing and resources in place to keep all children safe.

Please be aware that if the club is fully booked, we cannot accommodate anymore children. For this reason, it's important to make bookings in advance through Parent Pay.

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

If you're ever unsure whether your child is booked in, please contact the school office and we will be happy to check for you.

Vicar Alan Jewel

Some of you may know that our vicar, Alan, is due to retire after Easter. While we will be sad to see him go, we are excited for him as he looks forward to spending more time with his family and embarking on his next chapter.

It is with deep gratitude that we reflect on the immense difference Alan has made to our church and school community. Throughout his ministry with us, he has shown unwavering kindness, patience, and goodness, offering encouragement, wisdom, and steadfast support to staff, pupils, and families alike.

His presence has been a constant source of reassurance and inspiration, and his commitment to nurturing both faith and community has left a lasting legacy. Alan has supported staff with compassion and understanding, always taking the time to listen and guide with humility and care. He is also a governor at school and has been invaluable in this role.

Alan is planning to retire in May, and before then we will be sure to make time to thank him and celebrate all that he has shared with us. More information will follow in due course!

Christmas Musical Evening

Our Christmas Musical Evening was a wonderful celebration of music and community. The children delighted us with their recorder and ukulele performances, and both the choir and our staff choir sang beautifully. A big thank you to Mrs Marshall, and to Alan and our church wardens for their continued support and for helping make this event possible.

Reception Nativity

*Our Reception Nativity was truly heart-warming. It's amazing to see such star quality in pupils so young—their confidence, enthusiasm, and joy made the performance very special indeed. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and it is so lovely to see how much they have progressed with us, even in this short time.
We were so proud.*



KS1 Nativity

Wow—what an incredible KS1 Nativity! The children spoke their lines with such confidence, and their singing and dancing were fantastic. A huge thank you to our amazing KS1 team for organising the costumes, props, and backdrops. It truly takes a great deal of work, and I am extremely grateful



Christmas Jumper Day

*Last week, the children joined in the festive fun for Christmas Jumper Day, wearing their colourful and cheerful jumpers alongside their school uniform. It was wonderful to see so many festive jumpers filling the school, bringing smiles and spreading holiday spirit throughout the classrooms and playground.
Thank you to everyone for joining in and making the day so special!*

Christingle

Our Christingle service was beautiful. I was so impressed with the children's behaviour, and it was lovely to come together to celebrate such a special moment. The children sang wonderfully. Thank you to Alan for leading the service and for your prayers and blessing.



Care Home Collections for Christmas

Thank you so much for your generosity with our Care Home Christmas collection. We have been truly amazed by the kindness and support shown by our school community, and your donations will help make a real difference this Christmas.

Thanks to your contributions, we were able to make up 15 gift bags. We really appreciate everyone who has taken part and helped spread some festive cheer.



Christmas Disco

The children had an amazing time at the School Christmas disco! From the moment they entered, the hall was filled with laughter, excitement, and festive cheer. Everyone enjoyed dancing to their favourite songs, joining in fun games, and showing off their best moves on the dance floor. It was wonderful to see the children celebrating together!

Reception Grandparents Day

Reception had a fantastically festive morning on Monday with their grandparents. As part of the morning, the children with their grandmas and grandads completed activities including making a Christmas tree calenda, creating their own wooden baubles for the Christmas tree, developing their fine motor skills with some festive playdoh and even writing some Christmas wish lists for Santa. We all had a lovely time and thank you for attending this event.

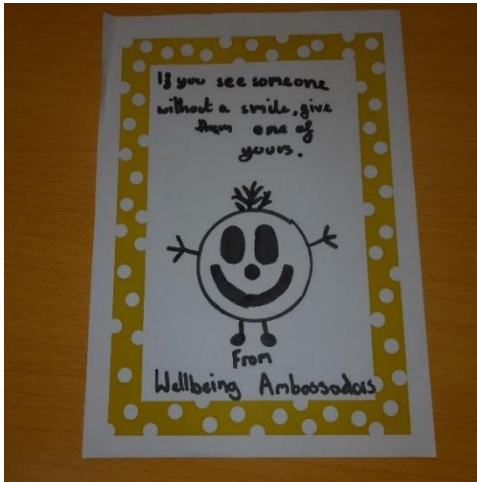


Grandparents Day



Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have been very busy this term! During break times, they have been playing games with the children and helping to make playtimes fun and inclusive for everyone. They have also updated the Wellbeing board, which brings a smile to us all, and made Christmas cards for every class. Thank you to our Wellbeing Ambassadors for all your hard work and dedication this term — it is very much appreciated.



Spreading Christmas Kindness at Warrington Hospital

Theo showed wonderful Christian values by helping his family make their annual donation to every patient on the Dementia ward and to the families on the Neonatal ward at Warrington Hospital.

He knows how amazing the staff are and how hard they work. Theo loves helping to choose the gifts and hand them out, and it's lovely that the nurses look forward to seeing him each year.

A big thank you to Theo for sharing his time, energy, and kindness — a true example of giving and compassion in action.



Neville Jones Cross Country

We are delighted to share that Gabriel represented St Matthew's at the Warrington Schools Athletics Competition on Saturday. Although this is not an event we attend as a school, pupils are able to sign up independently each year.

Competing against around 54 boys, Gabriel achieved an excellent 3rd place, earning a bronze medal. A fantastic result. Well done, Gabriel!



200 Club Winners

November Draw

1st prize – A. Stewart £60

2nd prize – J. Hand £30

3rd prize – M&W Hough £10

After-School Clubs

We still have some spaces on the clubs below. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Monday -

KS1 & KS2 Multisport & KS2 Science

Tuesday -

KS2 Mixed football & KS1 & KS2 Choir

Wednesday -

KS1 & KS2 Basketball & KS2 Cookery

Thursday -

KS1 Mixed football, KS2 Digital Wizards & KS2 Spanish

Friday -

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics & KS1 & KS2 Hockey

You will not be able to book clubs from Friday 2nd January; this is so that we have the registers ready for them to start on Monday 5th January 2026.

School Calendar 2025-2026

Spring 1 st Half Term		
Monday	5 th January	School Opens – Spring 1
Wednesday 7 th January		Y2/Y3/Y4 Trunk Theatre – Great Fire of London
		Lymm High School Athletics
Friday	9 th January	Year 4 Class Assembly (Year 4 Parents Invited 2:30pm-3:00pm)
Monday	12 th January	Y3/Y4 Warrington Wolves
Tuesday 13 th January		KS2 SATS parents' workshop (3:30pm-4:30pm)
		Parent Drop-in Session for Early Help (1:00pm-3:00)
Wednesday	14 th January	Y5 Residential Briefing 8:20am in the hall
Friday	16 th January	Y4 Residential Final payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
Wednesday 21 st January		Bishop Julie Visit
		Y5 Cheshire Fire Visit (In school)
Thursday	22 nd January	Wicked Worldwide Sing Along
Wednesday	21 st – 23 rd January	Y4 Residential to Robinwood
Tuesday	27 th January	Bag 2 School Collection (9:00am)
Wednesday	28 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly (Year 2 Parents Invited 2:30pm-3:00pm)
Thursday	29 th January	Y1/Y2 STEM Junior
Friday 30 th January		Y5 Residential Final payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
		Y6 Residential Fourth payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
Monday - Friday	2 nd -6 th February	National Storytelling Week
Wednesday	4 th Feb	Yr & Year 6 pre-measurement
Thursday	5 th Feb	Bridgewater visit year 6
Friday	6 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday	9 th February	Parent Drop-in Session for Early Help (1:00pm-3:00)
Wednesday	11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday	11 th - 13 th February	Y5 Condoover Hall Residential
Friday	13 th February	PTA Crazy Hair Day
Friday	13 th February	School Closes – Spring 1 – 3:20pm
Monday	16 th Feb	Thrive Holiday Club

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, From all of us at St. Matthews!

School will resume on Monday, 5th January 2026