



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for a brand-new term and a fresh start.

Help us to be kind, try our best, and enjoy learning together.

Please help us when things feel tricky and remind us that it's okay to ask for help.

Bless our friends, our teachers, and everyone in our school.

May our days be happy, full of learning, laughter, and care for one another.

Amen.

Welcome Back – Summer 1 Term

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some well-deserved time together.

We are looking forward to the Summer 1 term ahead and to all the exciting learning and activities planned for the children.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We're excited to see what the term brings and to work together to make it a positive and successful one for everyone.

May Day Bank Holiday

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 4th May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 5th May.

School Absences

We would like to remind families that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, such as illness or an appointment, please inform the school office as soon as possible. You can do this either by telephone or email.

Letting us know helps ensure we are aware of why a child is absent and that they are safe.

Email: stmatthews_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

Phone: 01925 730371

Tempest Class Photos

Tempest Photography will be visiting our school on Wednesday 6th May to take class photos.

If your child has PE on this day, please ensure they bring their PE kit in a bag so they can change into it after their class photo has been taken.

Term Dates 2027–2028

We're pleased to let you know that the school term dates for the 2027–2028 academic year are now available on our website. This will help families plan ahead for holidays, childcare, and other commitments.

You can view the full list of term dates, including holiday periods and inset days, by visiting the link below:

<https://st-matthews-cofe-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/term-dates/>

Parent Pay

Just a reminder of the costs for items available from the school kitchen via ParentPay:

- School lunch: £3.20
- Toast: 30p per slice
- Juice: 35p per carton

Please ensure your child's account is kept in credit on a regular basis, and that the balance does not exceed £8.00.

Warrington school meals operate an £8 limit. If the balance goes over this amount, your child will not be able to purchase food from the kitchen and will need to bring a snack from home.

Children are also welcome to bring their own snack, or they may choose the free fruit provided in school.

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

Reception 2027 Intake

We will be holding meetings for families of children joining our Reception class in September 2027.

These friendly sessions are a great opportunity to meet the staff, find out more about life at our school, and ask any questions you may have as your child starts this exciting new chapter.

Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday 24th June, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Monday 6th July, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

To book a place, please contact the school office:
Email: stmatthews_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk



Sports Day and Backup Date

We are pleased to share that this year's Sports Day has been scheduled for Friday 19th June.

As always, a great deal of time and preparation goes into organising this event so that the children can enjoy a fun and memorable day. As this is an outdoor event, it is dependent on suitable weather conditions.

If the weather is not favourable, or if circumstances change, our backup date will be Friday 10th July. We kindly ask for your understanding that, despite careful planning, decisions to postpone may sometimes need to be made to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children and staff.

Any decision to postpone will be made at 8:00am on the day, once staff have assessed the condition of the field and checked the weather forecast.

We are very keen for this event to go ahead as planned and have scheduled both the main and backup dates well in advance. In the event of a postponement, we would greatly appreciate your support and understanding. School wants this event to go ahead and will be as equally as disappointed if we have post-pone to the second date.

Y5 Ukulele Performance

Year 5 pupils recently took to the stage for a fantastic ukulele performance, showcasing the skills they have been developing this term.

The children performed a selection of upbeat and well-known songs, demonstrating impressive rhythm, coordination, and confidence. It was clear how much effort they had put into their music lessons, and their enthusiasm really shone through.

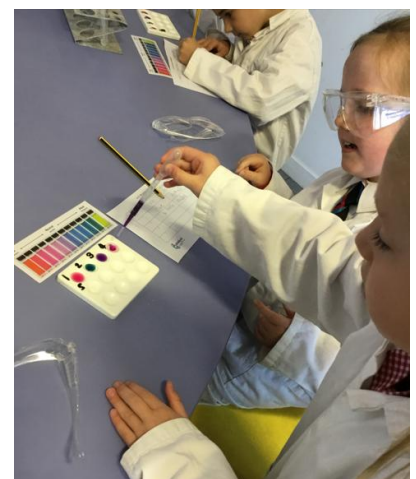
A big well done to all of Year 5 for their commitment and teamwork and thank you to all the parents who came along to support and celebrate their performance.

Year 3 Trip

Year 3 recently enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Catalyst Museum.

During their visit, the children took part in a range of interactive activities and explored fascinating exhibits, helping to bring their learning to life. They showed great enthusiasm, curiosity, and excellent behaviour throughout the day.

A wonderful time was had by all, and it was a fantastic opportunity to deepen their understanding through hands-on experiences.



Winning Logo for PTA

The PTA recently ran a competition to design a brand-new St Matthew's school logo, and we were incredibly impressed with the creativity and effort shown in all of the entries—each one was fantastic!

We are delighted to announce that the winner is Ernie Keers. Congratulations, Ernie!

As a prize, Ernie received a signed football, and his winning design will be used as our new PTA school logo.

Thank you to everyone who took part and made the competition such a success.



The Jewel Jamboree

We are delighted to invite you to The Jewel Jamboree, a special event to celebrate Vicar Alan's retirement and the wonderful contribution he has made to our community.

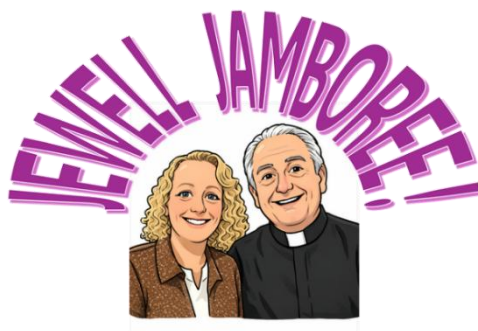
The celebration will take place on Sunday 10th May, 3:00pm – 6:00pm, at The Park Royal.

The afternoon will include performances from our musicians and choir, and we would love as many members of our community as possible to join us for this special occasion.

There will be a £10 charge for adults, which will contribute towards food and venue costs and can be purchase here [PCC of St Matthews Stretton](#)

In addition to the community event, the children will also be celebrating Vicar Alan's retirement in school on Friday 8th May with a special party lunch. The afternoon will include party hats, music, and lots of fun!

Children are invited to come into school wearing bright rainbow-coloured clothing in exchange for a donation to the church.



A Big Thank You to Our PTA and Families

A massive thank you to our PTA for all the fantastic events they have organised this year, and to our families for their generous and kind donations.

The money raised so far has already made a real difference, funding new reading boxes, log seating near Kitty's Shed, football goals, and books to support our PSHE curriculum.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in helping us enrich the experiences of all our children.

School Calendar 2025-2026

Monday	4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday	5 th May	School Opens
Wednesday	6 th May	Tempest Class Photos
Thursday	7 th May	Parent Workshop (Mindfulness and Young People Mental Health with Holly Bailey) 9:00am School Hall
Friday 8 th May		YR Class Assembly (YR Parents Invited 2:30pm-3:00pm)
		Rev Alan Jewell Retirement Celebration (Children to wear Rainbow Coloured-Clothing)
Monday	11 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 19 th May		YR Warrington Museum Trip
		Y5/Y6 CDAT Rounders Event
		Y4 Viking Day
Thursday 21 st May		Y1/Y6 Warrington Islamic Association School - Visit to School
		Y2 Evacuee Day (Dress as an Evacuee)
Friday 22 nd May		PTA Pyjama Day (in exchange for teddy donations)
		School Closes – Summer 1
Thursday	28 th May	Thrive Holiday Club
Friday	29 th May	Thrive Holiday Club
Monday	8 th June	School Opens – Summer 2
Tuesday	9 th June	Y5/Y6 QuadKids Athletics Competition
Monday-Friday 8 th - 12 th June		Y4 Multiplication Check
		Phonics Screening
Friday	12 th June	PTA Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for children and grown-up tombola)
Monday	15 th June	YR Forest School Trip
Wednesday	17 th June	YR Parent Welcome Meeting (3:30pm-4:30pm)
Thursday	18 th June	CDAT Cricket Event
Friday 19 th June		Sports Day (Access to the school field from 9am)
		Disability Awareness Day
Monday	22 nd June	School Diversity Week
Wednesday	24 th June	Reception 2027 Showround (3:30pm-4:30pm)
Tuesday	30 th June	Y6 Grandparents Day (9:30am-10:30am)
Wednesday	1 st July	Y6 Bridgewater Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd July		Y6 Bridgewater Transition Day
		Y5 Class Assembly

		<i>(Y5 Parents Invited 2:30pm-3:00pm)</i>
<i>Monday 6th July</i>		<i>North Cheshire Sports Event</i>
		<i>Reception 2027 Showround (3:30pm-4:30pm)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7th July</i>	<i>RockSteady Concert (Rocksteady Parents Invited) 9:30am</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8th July</i>	<i>EYFS End of Year Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 9th July</i>		<i>Y6 Chester Cathedral</i>
		<i>KS1 Music Festival</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10th July</i>	<i>Sports Day Back up Date (Access to the school field from 9am)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>14th July</i>	<i>Y5/Y6 Production (2:00pm-3:30pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>15th July</i>	<i>Y5/Y6 Production (2:00pm-3:30pm)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>16th July</i>	<i>Y6 Enterprise Day</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>18th July</i>	<i>PTA Summer Fair</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>20th July</i>	<i>St Matthew's Got Talent</i>
<i>Tuesday 21st July</i>		<i>Transition Day – Years R to 5</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>22nd July</i>	<i>Y6 Leaver's Service in Church (2:30pm All Welcome)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>23rd July</i>	<i>School Closes – Summer – 2:00pm</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>24th July</i>	<i>INSET DAY</i>