



Prayer

We ask that you give us the strength and courage to carry out our daily tasks with a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn.

Guide us through each lesson and help us understand complex topics that may come our way by giving us the grace we need to remember and retain knowledge.

Amen

REMINDER – School Safety and Security

We have noticed that parents and visitors are still being let into the foyer area.

It is essential that office staff are aware of who is entering and leaving the building at all times. For safety and security reasons, please do not let anyone into the foyer area, even if they are known parents.

Thank you for helping us maintain a secure and welcoming environment for all.

School Gates

A polite reminder that our school gates are locked at 8:50am and 3:30pm.

For the safeguarding of staff and children, we kindly ask parents to vacate the playground as soon as you have dropped off or picked up your child(ren).

The end of the day is particularly important, as sports clubs and Link Club cannot access outside provision until the school site is fully secure.

While it is lovely to see how much the children enjoy staying to play, we must close the gates by 3:30pm so the club has its full session time.

Please know we are never being unfriendly—our children's safety is always our top priority.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year R New Starter Photos

Our Reception children's photos are now featured in the Warrington Guardian.

You can view them here:

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/25575431.91-reception-classes-warringtons-first-class-supplement/>

Year R Nativity Tickets

Christmas Nativity tickets are on sale from the school office.
Please uptake your two tickets by Friday 28th November 2025.

An email will be sent out to parents after this date, if we have any spare tickets left – these will go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis (we cannot hold tickets)

Nativity performance for R parents – Wednesday 10th December (9:30am)
Nativity performance for Year 1 parents – Tuesday 9th December (9:30am)
Nativity performance for Year 2 parents – Thursday 11th December (9:30am)

Hockey Success

What an incredible hockey competition! Our Year 6 team showed outstanding teamwork, perseverance, and determination—even playing brilliantly in the rain. We're proud to say they won every game! A huge thank-you to Lymm High School for being such fantastic hosts.



Reading Boxes

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA, whose support has enabled us to purchase our new Book Swap Shops.

Our new seating for outside Kitty's Shed has also arrived. As soon as we get a break in the weather, we will complete this lovely outdoor makeover.



Remembrance Service – Tuesday

We were so impressed with the children's behaviour and the respect they showed in church during the Remembrance Service.

*The artwork, prayers, poetry, and music they produced to mark this special day were truly fantastic.
A big thank you to all the families who joined us in commemorating this important day.*

A huge thank you to Mrs Marshall for her continued passion for Music, which is always a key element of our church services, and to Alan and our church wardens for facilitating these special events.

Our Reception children discussed the meaning of the poppy at an age-appropriate level and created Play-Doh poppies in class.



Sunday Remembrance Service

Led by Christian and Ella, our Year 6 Ethos members read the beautiful prayers they had written and laid a wreath at the cenotaph.

They were fabulous representatives of our school, demonstrating respect, maturity, and compassion throughout the service.



Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have been working hard! They designed wellbeing bags for our staff for Parents' Evening and handed them out on Tuesday. They were very well received—well done, team!

Wellbeing Poster Competition

This week the Wellbeing Ambassadors met and judged the entries for the Wellbeing Poster Competition. The winning entries will be displayed in Kitty's shed & around our school. Well done to our 3 winners (Class R, Class 1 and Class 4).



A Huge Thank You to Mrs Reeves

Every child in the school had the opportunity to create something beautiful with clay. The children thoroughly enjoyed making a range of wonderful pieces—from tree decorations to candlestick holders. This creative day was a fantastic way to nurture their artistic abilities and to meet an artist who has built a career from her passion for creation. We cannot thank Mrs Reeves enough for dedicating her time and sharing her expertise with our children.



Anti-Bullying Week

Our School Council led a thoughtful whole-school worship, reminding us of the importance of looking out for one another and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

Throughout the week, children took part in a variety of friendship activities, including making friendship bracelets to share with others as a symbol of support and kindness.

Even our staff joined in, taking part in a special kindness activity that encouraged everyone to spread positivity across our school community.

*It has been a wonderful week that strengthened our message:
"In our school, kindness matters."*

Thank you to Miss Chalmers and School Council for leading this week.

PTA Movie Night and Christmas Light Switch-On

A quick reminder that our School Movie Night takes place on Monday 24th November, followed by the Christmas Tree Light Switch-On at 5:30pm. Food will be available to buy, along with drinks and snacks. We look forward to a lovely festive evening together! All welcome!

Year 3 Trip to Norton Priory

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Norton Priory Museum this week. The children took part in an exciting workshop where they explored what life was like in in the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The trip also included an outdoor fire pit experience, where they learnt how fire was used in early life and sampled some 'woolly mammoth' marshmallows!

The pupils were enthusiastic, curious, and wonderfully behaved throughout the visit. A huge well done to Year 3 for representing our school so brilliantly and thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us on our trip. We're very grateful for your support!



E-Safety

Just a reminder that our E-Safety page has lots of useful tips and guidance to help support your child as they learn to manage their own devices:

<https://www.stmatthewscephprimary.com/e-safety/>

As a school — and nationally — we have seen an increase in online incidents that have a direct impact on children in school, affecting friendships, self-esteem and overall wellbeing.

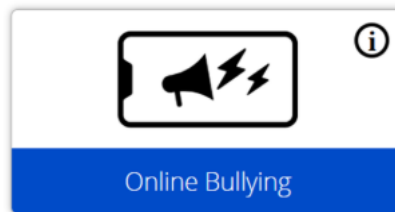
Our E-Safety and PSHE curriculum explores themes such as:

- Cyberbullying
- E-Safety
- Appropriate and inappropriate content
- What to do if children feel upset or uncomfortable by content, they view ...and much more.

We strongly recommend discussing with your child which apps they are accessing and ensuring that adequate parental controls and supervision are in place to monitor their device usage.

E-Safety learning in school

Our e-safety focus for this half term is Online Bullying.



In our classes over the next few weeks, we will be exploring age-appropriate questions and learning linked to online bullying. This ranges from how to encourage positivity/kindness online, recognising what online bullying looks like, what we can do if we think we or someone else are being bullied online and, in upper KS2, learning how to block and report on a variety of apps that we may come across whilst online.

To support your child with their learning and understanding, discuss the question below and how the responses may impact our online usage and behaviour.



School Calendar 2025-2026

Autumn 1 st Half Term		
Monday 24 th November		PTA Christmas "Kick Off" Movie Night (3:30-5:00pm) & Light Switch on (5:30pm-7:00pm) https://www.tickettailor.com/events/strettonstmatthewsceprimaryschoolpta
Tuesday 25 th November		Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday 26 th November		Year 3 Class Assembly (Year 3 Parents Invited 9:30am-10:00am)
Thursday 27 th November		Y4 Grandparents Day (9:00am-10:00am)
		YR-Y6 Flu Immunisation
Friday 28 th November		Scholastic Book Fair (2:30pm-4:00pm)
		Y5 Residential Second payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
		Y6 Residential Second payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
Saturday	29 th November	Parish Council Christmas Tree Light Switch on (at the Pavillon)
Saturday/Sunday	29 th /30 th November	Christmas Tree Festival at Church
Monday	1 st December	Scholastic Book Fair (2:30pm-4:00pm)
Tuesday	2 nd December	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Friday	5 th December	Musical Evening in Church
Saturday/Sunday	6 th /7 th December	Christmas Tree Festival at Church
Monday	8 th December	Christingle (2:30pm – All Welcome to Church)
Tuesday	9 th December	Y1/Y2 Nativity (9:30am - Y1 Parents)
Wednesday	10 th December	YR Nativity (9:30am)
Thursday	11 th December	Y1/Y2 Nativity (9:30am - Y2 Parents)
Monday	15 th December	YR Grandparents Day (9:30am-10:30am)
Tuesday 16 th December		RockSteady Concert (9:30am – RockSteady Parents Welcome)
		EYFS/KS1 & KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 th December		Y4 Residential Parent Briefing 8:20am in the hall
		YR & KS1 Christmas Disco 3:30pm-5:00pm (details to be sent out shortly)
		KS2 Christmas Disco 5:00pm-6:30pm (details to be sent out shortly)
Friday	19 th December	Y4 Residential Third payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
Friday	19 th December	School Closes – Autumn 2 – 2:00pm
Tuesday	30 th December	Y5 Residential Third payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
Spring 1 st Half Term		
Monday	5 th January	School Opens – Spring 1

We appreciate your understanding that school tries to provide a wealth of experiences and at times due to staffing or unforeseen circumstances, diary dates need to change.