



Prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you for our school, our friends and our families.
Help us to be kind, caring and respectful to one another.
Give us strength when things are difficult and help us to always look out for each other.
May our school community be filled with love, joy and peace.
Amen.*

That's a Wrap on Autumn 1!

As we reach the end of our first half term, we would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable week off. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and takes the opportunity to recharge ready for the next term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the half-term holiday as we begin Autumn 2, ready for another exciting term of learning, new experiences and achievements!

A Little Reminder About School Parking

We know that the school run can be busy, and mornings and afternoons can sometimes feel a little hectic! We kindly ask all our families to show patience, kindness and consideration when parking and travelling around the school.

Please take your time, drive carefully and be mindful of other families, pedestrians and our school staff. The safety of our children is always our top priority, and a little extra patience can make a big difference.

We also ask that everyone speaks to one another respectfully. Please remember that swearing or inappropriate language is not acceptable, and we want our school community to remain a positive, friendly and welcoming place for everyone.

By working together and looking out for one another, we can help make drop-off and pick-up times safer and more pleasant for all our families.

Important: Same-Day Messages

The school day finishes at 3:20pm, and we ask that children are collected on time. If you are delayed, someone else is collecting your child, or you would like your child to attend Link Club, please telephone the school office on the day.

Please do not rely on email or Dojo messages for same-day changes, particularly after 1:00pm, as these may not be seen in time.

If your child is going home with another parent, please let the class teacher know at morning drop-off or inform the school office. This helps ensure all staff are aware of collection arrangements and keeps our children safe.

Helping Children Be Ready for the School Day

We kindly ask all families to help their children arrive at school each day with everything they need. This includes packed lunches, water bottles, swimming kits, book bags and completed homework, where applicable.

We understand that mornings can be busy and that things are sometimes forgotten! However, having everything ready before leaving home helps children settle into their day and reduces the need for forgotten items to be brought into school once lessons have started.

A quick check before leaving home can make all the difference! Please help us encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings and come to school ready for the day ahead.

Link Club – Registration Forms

If your child is joining our Link Club for the first time, please ensure that a completed registration form is provided to the school before they attend their first session. This allows families to read and agree to the club's terms and conditions.

The registration form can be found on our school website [Link Club Registration Form](#)

Alternatively, a paper copy can be requested from the school office.

Parents' Evening – Bookings Now Open

Bookings for our upcoming Parents' Evening are now open!

Please log in to SchoolCloud to book an appointment with your child's teacher if you have not already done so.

- *Face-to-face appointments: Tuesday 10th November*
- *Virtual appointments: Thursday 12th November*

Parents' Evening is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and talk about their next steps in learning.

We encourage all parents and carers to book an appointment. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

<https://strettonstmatthews.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Thrive Half-Term Club – Cancellation Notice

Please note that the Thrive Half-Term Club on Thursday 29th October has been cancelled due to low numbers booked for that day.

The club will still run as planned on Wednesday 28th October.

Reception Tours – Come and Visit St Matthew's!

Are you looking for the perfect Reception place for your child? We would love to welcome you to St Matthew's Primary School!

We are happy to arrange a private tour to give you and your child the opportunity to visit the school and experience our welcoming environment at a time that suits you.

 **Book your visit today!**

To arrange a tour or find out more, please contact our school office:

 stmatthews_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

 **01925 730371**

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes St Matthew's such a special place to learn, grow and thrive!

After-School Clubs

Bookings for our after-school clubs are still open via ParentPay and the Cheshire Sports Provisions website. Bookings will close on Friday 30th October, ready for clubs to begin on Monday 2nd November. If you have not yet booked a place, please do so before the deadline.

Miss Taylor's Christmas Cookery Club and Mrs Doyle's Art Club are now fully booked. A few places remain in Sewing Club, Choir and The Adventurous Kitchen (Cookery Club), so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

There are also spaces available in clubs run by Cheshire Sports Provisions.

Unfortunately, due to low numbers, Messy Church and Christmas Clay Club have been cancelled.

Please note that other clubs with low uptake may also need to be cancelled. If this happens, parents and carers of children booked onto the affected club will be informed.

Year 5 Supports Warrington Animal Welfare

As part of this year's Harvest celebrations, Year 5 collected donations for Warrington Animal Welfare. This linked beautifully with their reflections on God's creatures and the importance of showing kindness, compassion and care for all living things. We are very proud of the children for putting their learning into action and helping to support animals in need.



Remembrance Day

As we approach Remembrance Day, poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 2nd November. Items will range in price from 50p to £1, with proceeds supporting the Royal British Legion.

We will be holding our Remembrance Service at church on Wednesday 11th November at 10:30am. All families are warmly welcome to join us as we come together to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served our country.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will take part in the service. Our Reception children will be creating Remembrance artwork and discussing the importance of Remembrance in class at an age-appropriate level at school.

For families attending the service, we kindly ask that you sit on the chairs at the back of the church, as we need to reserve the pews for the children to sit comfortably. Once all the children are seated, we will invite families to use any available pews.

Please also note that the Remembrance Service at St Matthew's Church will take place on Sunday 8th November at 10:30am. We hope that some of our pupils will be reading a prayer and laying a wreath on behalf of our school community.

We would love to see you there as we come together to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Celebrating Henry's Success!

A huge congratulations to Henry, who competed in the Regional Finals of the British Indoor Karting Championship in Nottingham on Saturday!

Henry secured an amazing 3rd place in the Grand Final, competing against the top 20 Cadet drivers from Warrington, Manchester, Liverpool and Stockton-on-Tees. After competing in three heats, a semi-final and the Grand Final, Henry has successfully qualified for the National Finals – a fantastic achievement!

The National Finals will take place at TeamSport Warrington on Saturday 14th November and will be televised on YouTube. If you would like to go along and support Henry, he would be delighted to see some familiar faces cheering him on!

<https://bikc.co.uk/live/>

Well done, Henry! We are so proud of your achievement and wish you the very best of luck in the National Finals!



Tri-Kidz Visit

We had a fantastic visit from Tri-Kidz! The children enjoyed taking part in fun, active activities, developing their skills, building confidence and, most importantly, having lots of fun. Well done to everyone for getting involved and giving it their best!



Harvest Collection – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous donations to our Harvest Collection in support of Warrington Foodbank. We are delighted to share that our donations weighed an amazing 218 kilos!

Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to local families and individuals who need a little extra support.

Thank you for helping us to show our school values and for supporting our local community. We are so grateful for your kindness!



PTA Read-a-Thon

Our school-wide Read-a-Thon is underway! Running until the October half-term, this initiative aims to encourage a love of reading, support our school's literacy objectives and promote the use of our Swap House Libraries.

To keep the event fun, inclusive and achievable for all families, sponsorship will be kept simple:

- 10p per book read
- A maximum of 40 books per child, meaning sponsorship will be capped at £4 per child.

We hope this initiative will inspire children to enjoy reading, discover new stories and make the most of our Swap House Libraries.

Thank you for supporting our PTA and helping us nurture a love of reading across the school.

Year 6 Cheshire Military Museum Trip

Year 6 stepped back in time during their visit to the Cheshire Military Museum, discovering fascinating stories and artefacts that brought the past to life. The children explored the museum's collections and learned more about the experiences of soldiers and how military history has shaped the world we live in today.

It was a brilliant chance to build on their classroom learning, with real objects and historical displays helping them imagine what life was like during different periods in history. The children showed great interest in the exhibits and enjoyed uncovering more about the past.

A big well done to Year 6 for their fantastic attitude and engagement throughout the visit. It was a memorable day full of discovery and historical learning!



Year 2 Martin Mere Trip

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful adventure at Martin Mere Wetland Centre, where they explored the natural world and spotted some of the amazing wildlife that calls the wetlands home.

The children had the opportunity to observe different birds, learn about their habitats and discover how wildlife survives in its environment. With so much to see and explore, the visit sparked lots of curiosity and gave the children plenty to talk about.

Experiences like this are a fantastic way to bring learning outdoors, helping children develop a greater appreciation for nature and the importance of looking after our environment. Year 2 had a brilliant day making discoveries and enjoying everything Martin Mere had to offer!



Thrive Football Competition

We were delighted to welcome pupils from other CDAT schools to our school for the Thrive Football Competition. Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils proudly represented our school, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event.

It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to come together, enjoy competing and build friendships with children from other schools. Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school so brilliantly!

School Calendar 2026-2027

Autumn 1 st Half Term		
Friday	23 rd October	School Closes – Autumn 1 – 3:20pm
Autumn 2 nd Half Term		
Wednesday	28 th October	Thrive Holiday Club - Booking Form
Friday	30 th October	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Residential Payment Due https://app.parentpay.com/
Monday	2 nd November	School Opens – Autumn 2
Tuesday	10 th November	Parents Evening (Face to Face) (3:30-6:10pm)
Wednesday	11 th November	Remembrance Service in Church 10:30am (All Welcome)
Thursday 12 th November		Parents Evening (Virtual) (3:30-6:10pm) Y2/Y3/Y4 Trunk Theatre – Great Fire of London
Friday	13 th November	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday	18 th November	Y6 Class Assembly (2:30pm)
Thursday	19 th November	Year 3 Norton Priory Trip https://app.parentpay.com/
Friday	20 th November	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Monday	23 rd November	Year 1 Phonics Talk to Parents (2:30pm) (Please note change of date)
Wednesday	25 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly (Year 3 Parents Invited 2:30pm)
Thursday	26 th November	Y4 Grandparents Day (9:00am-10:00am)
Monday 30 th November		Scholastic Book Fair Y4, Y5 & Y6 Residential Payment Due https://app.parentpay.com/
Wednesday	2 nd December	YR Nativity (9:30am) (Tickets will be available to purchase shortly)
Friday 4 th December		Y4/Y5 Swimming PTA Christmas PJ/Onesie Day (in exchange for a selection box) PTA Christmas Movie Night & Christmas Light Switch on
Monday	7 th December	Christingle (2:30pm – All Welcome to Church)

Please take a moment to check the school calendar dates, as some dates may have changed or been updated.

Any dates highlighted in yellow indicate a change, so please pay particular attention to these.