

Stretton St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

'Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright'



Friday 30th January 2026

Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for our school, our teachers, and our friends.
Bless our learning, help us to be kind to one another,
and guide us to make good choices every day.
Amen.

School Gate Times

Just a reminder about school gate times:

Morning: The gates open at **8:40am** and close promptly at **8:50am**.

If you arrive after this time, children will need to enter through the school office, where they will be marked as late.

We understand that unexpected circumstances can happen, but arriving on time helps children settle into their day, feel confident, and make the most of their learning.

Home Time: The gates open at **3:20pm** and close promptly at **3:30pm**.

Please make sure you arrive on time to collect your child, so the end-of-day routine runs smoothly and safely for everyone.

Contacting the School

*Just a reminder that the school office phone lines open at **8:00am** each morning. The Link Club phone lines open at **7:30am** but from this time it is for **Link Club bookings only** and **should not be used to report absences**.*

If you need to report absences or other messages, you can email the school office at stmatthews_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk and the team will pick it up.

*Otherwise, you can contact the school office by phone from **8:00am** on 01925 730371.*

Staff Carpark

*Just a reminder that the staff car park is for **staff and visitors only**. Please do not use the staff car park, especially the disabled bay.*

For Link Club drop-offs in the morning and pick-ups in the evening, please use either the Pewterspear carpark or the Church carpark.

*If your child is being dropped off later than usual or needs to be picked up earlier than usual, you will need to use either one of these car parks and **not the staff/visitor car park**.*

We have staff and visitors coming at different times of the day, and using the staff car park is causing obstructions.

Staffing News

Today is Mrs Calder's last day with us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Calder for her hard work and dedication, particularly in ensuring a thorough handover of her class and responsibilities to Mrs Ball and Mrs Smith. We wish her a wonderful maternity leave and precious time with her little girl, and we very much look forward to hearing some updates in the future.



Today also marks Mrs S Smith's last day, who is starting a new chapter as she begins her retirement. Mrs S Smith has been a wonderful addition to the St Matthew's team, and her absence will be a huge loss to us all. We would like to thank her for the kindness, patience, love, and care she has shown to the children and the wider team. We wish her a very happy retirement, filled with craft, rest, and special time with her family and much-loved grandchildren.

Welcome to Our New Staff Members

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Maguire and Mrs Delahunty to our school community.

Mrs Maguire will be joining us from 4th February, replacing Mrs S Smith, and Mrs Delahunty will be joining us from 23rd February, replacing Mrs Doyle.

We look forward to both Mrs Maguire and Mrs Delahunty becoming part of our school community and wish them every success in their new roles. Please join us in giving them a warm St. Matthews welcome!

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 6th February, children will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day!

Throughout the day, they will enjoy fun maths activities and join in with Dress up for Digits. Children are welcome to wear an item of clothing with a number on it – this could be a football shirt, cap, netball top, or even a onesie!

We've also set up a Just Giving page for anyone who would like to donate and support the NSPCC.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stretton-st-matthews-c-of-e-primary-school-8?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Let's make it a fun and memorable day while raising money for a great cause!

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 parents/carers can now order Leavers' Hoodies for their children online. Full details on how to order, including costs and deadlines, have been shared via email separately.

Wicked Singalong

The children had a fantastic time at the Wicked singalong in school! The hall was filled with singing, laughter, and excitement as the children joined in enthusiastically with the songs. It was a joyful experience and a wonderful treat for everyone involved.



After-School Clubs

*Our after-school clubs will go live for booking on **Monday, 2nd February at 9:00am**. Please take a look at the list of clubs that will be running in Spring 2.*

Please note Monday – Wednesday clubs will run for 6 weeks, and Thursday - Friday clubs will only run for 5 weeks.

Monday -

YR, KS1 & KS2 Multisport, Year 3 and Year 4 Netball & KS2 French

Tuesday -

KS2 Mixed football, KS1 & KS2 Choir & KS2 Clay Club

Wednesday -

KS1 & KS2 Basketball & Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cookery Club

Thursday -

YR & KS1 Mixed football, YR & KS1 Board Games & Year 4, 5 & 6 Sewing Club

Friday -

YR & KS1 Gymnastics & KS1 & KS2 Non-Contact Boxing

Robinwood Residential Trip

Year 4 had an amazing time at the Robinwood Residential Trip! From climbing walls and problem-solving challenges to team games and outdoor adventures, every day was full of excitement and laughter.

It was wonderful to see the children trying new things, supporting each other, and making memories that will last a lifetime. We are so proud of how confident, resilient, and enthusiastic they were throughout the trip!

We are immensely proud of how well they represented both themselves and St Matthew's, and we hope they enjoyed the trip as much as the staff who joined them did.



Year 5/6 Netball Competition

Well done to our Year 6 children who played brilliantly at the netball tournament this week! They showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. We are so proud of the effort they put into every match – you represented the school brilliantly!



Thrive Half Term Holiday Club

Mr Aspinall from Thrive will be running a half-term holiday club at our school on **Monday 16th February**.

He will also be running clubs during the Easter and Summer holidays. Please see the attached poster for more information on all the dates.

To book a place or for more details, contact Andy Aspinall:

☎ 07834 372247 | ✉ andy@welcometothrive.co.uk

A fun and exciting day awaits – don't miss out!



**FEBRUARY HALF TERM
SPORTING FUN**
MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

**A DAY OF SPORT, GAMES AND FUN
COMPETITIONS**

ENJOY A DAY OF SPORTING FUN TRYING SPORTS SUCH AS:
FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, NONE CONTACT BOXING, ARCHERY
AND FENCING ALONG WITH A RANGE OF COMPETITIONS AND
PRIZES

WHERE: ST MATTHEWS COFE PRIMARY, WA4 4NT

TIMES: 9AM - 3:30PM

COST: £25/CHILD/DAY (25% SIBLING DISCOUNT)

AGES: 5 YEARS OLD - 11 YEARS OLD

WHO: CHILDREN MUST PRE-BOOK, NO WALK INS WILL BE
ACCEPTED. CHILDREN FROM OTHER SCHOOLS
WELCOME.

COACHES: MR THOMPSON & MR MOTTRAM TO LEAD SESSIONS





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We are pleased to announce a day of Sporting Fun on Monday 16th February 2026.

The day will be based on staying active and having fun, whilst the children get to grips with a range of sports, including Fencing, Archery, Ultimate Frisbee and Handball, along with some traditional sports too, including Football and Basketball.

Players will benefit from working with our qualified coaches, Bayley Thompson and Lucas Mottram. Sessions will be themed around technical development and fun, with plenty of Christmas themed competitions and challenges, giving the children the chance to win prizes!

The day will take place at the St Matthews COFE Primary. Children from all schools are welcome to attend. There are limited spaces so ALL participants must Pre-Book.

PLAYERS WILL NEED

- Suitable clothing for outdoor play
- Waterproofs
- Sun Hat/Sun-Tan Lotion
- Inhalers/Medication as required
- Plenty to drink
- A packed lunch
- Exceptional Manners and Behaviour

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Call Andy Aspinall on 07834372247
- Email Andy
andy@welcometothrive.co.uk

HOW TO BOOK

Contact Andy Aspinall to book direct
and to receive your unique payment link.

Call or Text: 07834372247
Email: andy@welcometothrive.co.uk

Details required:

- Childs Name and Date of Birth
- Emergency Contact Name and Number
- Medical Details
- Any other relevant information that may help us support your child.



HOLIDAY COURSE DATES 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

We are please to confirm holiday courses and fun days will take place at Stretton St Matthews on the following dates in 2026

EASTER HOLIDAYS

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2026 (9AM - 3:30PM)
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026 (9AM - 3:30PM)

SUMMER HALF TERM

THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2026 (9AM - 3:30PM)
FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026 (9AM - 3:30PM)

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 27TH, TUESDAY 28TH AND WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY 2026
&
MONDAY 24TH, TUESDAY 25TH AND WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST '26



School Calendar 2025-2026

Spring 1 st Half Term		
Friday	30 th January	Y5 Residential Final payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
Monday - Friday	2 nd - 6 th February	National Storytelling Week
Wednesday	4 th February	YR & Year 6 Pre-Measurement
Thursday	5 th February	Bridgewater to Visit Year 6
Friday	6 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Wednesday	11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday	11 th - 13 th February	Y5 Condoover Hall Residential
Friday	13 th February	School Closes – Spring 1 – 2:00pm
Monday	16 th February	Thrive Holiday Club
Spring 2 nd Half Term		
Monday	23 rd February	School opens – Spring 2
Friday	27 th February	Y6 Residential Final payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
Monday	2 nd March	Y3/Y4 CDAT Football Tournament (In School)
Thursday	5 th March	World Book Day
Friday	6 th March	Y1 Beeston Castle Trip
Wednesday-Friday	11 th - 13 th March	Y6 Residential to CMC Adventure
Monday 16 th - 20 th March		British Science Week
		Neurodiversity Week
Thursday 19 th March		Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip
		Gingerbread Sock Biscuits on Sale (3:20pm in Playground)
Friday 20 th March		Red Nose Day
		World Poetry Day
		Gingerbread Sock Biscuits on Sale (3:20pm in Playground)
Tuesday	24 th March	Parents Evening (Face to Face) - Early Help Station in the hall
Thursday	26 th March	Parents Evening (Virtual)
Friday 27 th March		PTA Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for an Easter Egg)
		PTA Easter Bingo (Time TBC)
Monday	30 th March	PAN Performance
Tuesday	31 st March	Easter Service in Church (9:15am All Welcome)
Wednesday	1 st April	Infant Music Festival
Thursday	2 nd April	School closes – Spring 2 - 2pm
Summer 1 half term		
Friday	17 th April	Inset Day
Monday	20 th April	School Opens – Summer 1