

Stretton St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

'Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright'

Friday 7th November 2025



Prayer

Lord our God, rule over us in strength, and grant us your light.

Let your Spirit be with us to confirm what has already taken place in our hearts, so that we have joy and trust even under all the strain and stress of this life.

Shine into the darkness of the world.

Shine for all people.

May we be shown more and more clearly what we have been created for.

Strengthen our faith for the future, our faith in everything good, for however hidden the good may be, it must at last come to light.

May we and all the world bring praise and honour to you.

Amen.

REMINDER - School Safety and Security

For safety and security reasons, please do not use the green button in the foyer to let anyone into the building, even if this is known parents.

It is essential that office staff manage building access so that all visitors can be properly greeted and any necessary safety checks can be completed.

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

Parent Pay

In line with other schools, and at the request of Warrington School Meals, we are taking steps to reduce the overall debt on Parent Pay.

From Monday 20th October, when an account accumulates a debt of £8.00 or more, children will not be able to order a school snack. They can, however, have the free fruit from school or they can bring in their own healthy snack from home.

Parent Pay do send regular email reminders out to parents if a child has a debt on their account. Therefore, please make sure you are checking your emails as well as your child's Parent Pay account on a regular basis.

Warrington School Meals will inform school when a child's account has been cleared, so that they can continue to purchase a school snack.

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

Safety of children

If your child cycles to and from school (UKS2), can you please speak to them about bike safety - lights, reflective items, helmets and care when crossing roads. We sent a message out to parents UKS2 parents but please do speak to your children at home regarding the routes they take on their bikes and how to stay safe on their journey to and from school.

Pewterspear and the Church Car park

We have been made aware of a number of accidents on the Pewterspear and the Church car park. Although we are not responsible for private car parks or the church car park, this is a concern for the health and safety of our whole school community.

If accompanying children with bikes and scooters, please ensure they are close by and dismount in the car park area.

Pewterspear has a one-way system, please respect this and take your time and care.

Reminder for Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service will start in church at **10:30am on the 11th of November** and we hope that you can all join us for this.

This service will have children from Yr 1- Yr 6

(Reception will be producing some artwork on that day and will discuss Remembrance at an age-appropriate level in class.)

Please can we kindly ask that you sit on the chairs at the back, we do need all the pews for our children to be able to be seated comfortably.

Once we have seated the children, if there are pews available, we will invite you to take a seat.

Please also note that the Remembrance Service at St Matthew's Church is due to take place on the Sunday the 9th of November at 10.30am, some of our pupils will be reading a prayer and laying a wreath on behalf of the school community. We would love to see you there!

Year 6 trip to Cheshire Military Museum

Year 6 had a wonderful trip to Cheshire Military Museum to support our learning about both world wars. We explored different artefacts, read some sources from local soldiers, and even diffused a (potato) bomb!



Class Pages

Overviews of your child's learning are updated on our website each half term. This gives you an overview of what your child will be learning in each curriculum area.

Please view them here -

[Class Pages | St Matthew's CofE Primary School](#)

Crazy Hair Day

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part and donated for Crazy Hair Day, the children and staff did an amazing job, and we managed to raise an amazing £352.78!

This money will be spent on the refurbishment of Kitty's shed (much of this is already complete and we are just awaiting some more seating for outside the shed.)

It will also be going on some reading swap boxes that will be at the front of school for our whole community to use!

This is an initiative the Reading Council will be leading on.

Our reading council boxes will be installed by next week. We are kindly asking for donations of books from Nursery age - Year 6. If you are able to donate even just one book, this would get our book swap shop going and we would be very grateful.



Thank you so much for your continued support!

School Garden

Our Global Citizens have been planting some lovely winter bulbs and flowers in our garden to get it going before we begin to plant some fruits and vegetables as we enter the new year. Thank you, Mrs Clarke who has come back to support us!



Plea for Class Readers

We would really welcome any volunteers who are able to support reading in classes. This requires no experience, and we would be very grateful of the support.

If you are able to afford any time (or know any grandparents who would be able to help), we'd be very grateful. We would be very happy to support anyone in being confident to support readers and this really does have a huge impact on the children's progress.

Reminder of our Coffee Morning



Miss Chalmers

WOW, what can we say apart from a BIG thank you to Miss Chalmers who has just celebrated 35 years as a teaching assistant in our school.

The support that you have given not only to the children, but also to staff members in this time is immense. Thank you, Miss Chalmers!



Thrive Christmas Fun Day

Thrive will be holding a Christmas Fun Day on Monday 22nd December (9:00am-3:30pm) They hope to see lots of you there.



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CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2025

A DAY OF SPORT, GAMES AND CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

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

WHERE: ST MATTHEWS COFE PRIMARY, WA4 4NY

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 ASPINALL & MR THOMPSON TO LEAD SESSION



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We are pleased to announce a day of Sporting Fun on Monday 22nd December 2025.

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, Andy Aspinall and Bayley Thompson. 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.



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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

FEBRUARY HALF TERM:

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026 (9AM - 3:30PM)

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

Autumn 1 st Half Term		
Monday	10 th November	Year 1 Phonics Talk to Parents (2:30pm)
Tuesday 11 th November		Y4/Y5 Swimming
		Remembrance Service in Church 10:30am (All Welcome)
		Parents Evening (Face to Face) (3:30-6:10pm)
Wednesday	12 th November	Parents Coffee Morning in School (9:00am –10:30am – with Miss Calder, Mrs Watson & Early Help representatives)
Thursday	13 th November	Parents Evening (Virtual) (3:30-6:10pm)
Tuesday	18 th November	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday 19 th November		Year 6 Class Assembly (Year 6 Parents Invited 2:30pm-3:00pm)
		Clay Day
Thursday	20 th November	Year 3 Norton Priory Trip
Friday 21 st November		YR Vision Screening
		Y4 Residential Second Payment due https://app.parentpay.com/
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/strettonstmatthewsprimaryschoolpta
Tuesday 25 th November		Y4/Y5 Swimming
		Y3/Y4 Big Sing – Audacious Church Project (In School)
Wednesday 26 th November		Year 3 Class Assembly (Year 3 Parents Invited 9:30am-10:00am)
Thursday 27 th November		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
Thursday	4 th December	Y3/Y4 Big Sing Rehearsals
Friday	5 th December	Musical Evening in Church (time tbc)
Saturday/Sunday	6 th /7 th December	Christmas Tree Festival at Church
Sunday	7 th December	Y3/Y4 Big Sing Concert
Monday	8 th December	Christingle (2:30pm – All Welcome to Church)
Tuesday	9 th December	Y1/Y2 Nativity (9:30am - Y1 Parents) Tickets on sale shortly
Wednesday	10 th December	YR Nativity (9:30am) Tickets on sale shortly
Thursday	11 th December	Y1/Y2 Nativity (9:30am - Y2 Parents) Tickets on sale shortly
Tuesday	16 th December	RockSteady Concert (9:30am – RockSteady Parents Welcome)
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.