



Date: Friday 23rd October 2026

October Half-Term Holiday – All Pupils

School will close today for the October half-term holiday.

Please remember that pupils return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**, not Monday 2nd November, as Monday is a staff training day.

St Martin de Porres Feast Day – Year 6 Pupils

On **Tuesday 3rd November**, Year 6 will be celebrating their class saint, St Martin de Porres. To mark this special occasion, Year 6 pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform and will enjoy a class celebration during the day.

Individual & Sibling School Photographs – All Pupils

Your child's school photographs are now available to purchase online at www.briaswickdirect.co.uk. Your child should have brought home a photo proof card containing a unique passcode and barcode, which you can use to view and order their photographs online.

Order by Monday 26th October to take advantage of FREE delivery to school. Orders placed after this date will be subject to delivery charges.

Children in Need – All pupils

On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need with a sporty-themed non-uniform day!

Children are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite sportswear or, if they can, as their favourite sports star or sporting hero.

We kindly ask children to bring a donation to support this fantastic cause.

Bikeability Learn to Ride – Year 4

Year 4 will be taking part in Bikeability Learn to Ride training during the week commencing **Monday 16th November**. The sessions will help children develop their balance, cycling skills and confidence when riding a bike.

Parents/carers must complete the online consent form for their child to participate. Please refer to the consent link.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/bow-lap-how>

Bikes and helmets can be provided for children who need them. Please indicate this when completing the consent form.

Dance Club – Year 1 – 6 pupils

We are pleased to offer our after-school Dance Club, run by Youth Sport Development (YSD).

The club will take place every Thursday from 3:20pm to 4:20pm, on the following dates:

- Thursday 5th November
- Thursday 12th November
- Thursday 19th November



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- Thursday 26th November
- Thursday 3rd December
- Thursday 10th December
- Thursday 17th December

Cost: £14 per child for all 7 sessions.

There are only 20 places available, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To secure your child's place, please make payment via ParentPay. Places will only be confirmed once payment has been received.

Introducing Medical Tracker – First Aid Notifications

We will soon be introducing Medical Tracker, a new system that will allow us to notify parents and carers by email whenever their child receives first aid or medication during the school day.

Please ensure the school office has your most up-to-date email address so you don't miss any notifications.

Emails will be sent from **donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk**. Please add this address to your contacts or safe sender list to prevent emails going into your junk or spam folder.

Further information will be shared with parents before the system is introduced.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a fantastic opportunity for a Teaching Assistant to join our lovely team .

We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic, caring and passionate about helping children learn and achieve their best.

If you know someone who would be a great addition to our school, please share our vacancy and help us spread the word!

Full details of the role and how to apply can be found in our vacancy advert.

<https://stm.bcwcacat.co.uk/Vacancies/>

Change to Year 1 and Year 2 PE Day

After the half-term break, Years 1 and 2 will be swapping their usual PE days.

Year 1: PE will now take place on Fridays.

Year 2: PE will now take place on Thursdays.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on their new PE day

This Week's Attendance – Overall: 92.1%

Nursery – 87.37 %

Reception – 98.42 %

Year 1 – 93.60 %

Year 2 – 91.72 %



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Year 3 – 90.00 %

Year 4 – 90.00 %

Year 5 – 98.53 %

Year 6 – 88.00 %

PE Days

Nursery – Friday

Reception – Monday

Year 1 – Friday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 3 rd November	Pupils return to school after half term
Tuesday 3 rd November	St Martin de Porres Feast Day – Year 6 Pupils
Tuesday 10 th November	School Tour and Open Event
11th-13th November	Year 6 Residential
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – Sporty Theme
w/c Monday 16 th Nov	Year 4 – Bikeability
Monday 7 th December	Year 3 & 4 Murton Park Trip

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Leave of Absence Requests

All requests are processed by the local authority. Applications **MUST** be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance via the following link or QR code:

[Term-Time Child/children Absence Request Form](#)





Please check that you select '**St Matthew's Catholic Primary School**' not 'St Matthews C of E Primary School'

Updating Your Details

Please remember to keep your contact details up to date with the school. If any of your information changes, such as your address, phone number, medical information or emergency contacts, please update this on Arbor or contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Social Media - Facebook

Just a reminder that St Matthew's is now on Facebook. We will be using our page to celebrate school life, share news, key dates and updates, and to give a glimpse into the wonderful learning taking place each day. We would love for you to follow us and stay connected with our school community. You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsbrad>

Parent Pay – All pupils

If you have not yet signed up to ParentPay, please contact the school office who will be happy to provide you with your activation code. ParentPay allows you to easily pay for school trips, lunches and other activities online.