



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 11th September

Attendance and Punctuality – All Pupils

A big thank you to all our parents and carers for your support with attendance and punctuality this week. It has been fantastic to see so many children arriving at school on time and ready to start their day.

Please keep it up! Good attendance and punctuality make such a difference, helping children settle into their morning routines and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September, from 2:00pm–3:00pm, and we would love for you to come along and join us for a cuppa and a treat, while helping us raise money for a fantastic cause.

Donations of cakes, buns and sweet treats would be very much appreciated. If you are able to donate, please bring your donations to the school office.

Please come along, enjoy a coffee and a cake, and help us raise as much as we can for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Secondary School Applications - Year 6

Applications for secondary school places for September 2027 open on Saturday 12th September.

We will be holding a Secondary School Applications Parent Information Session on Thursday 17th September at 2:45pm in school. During the session, we will explain the application process and offer advice and support to help you complete your child's application.

All Year 6 parents/carers should have received an information booklet containing important guidance about applying for a secondary school place.

We strongly encourage all Year 6 parents/carers to attend the information session if possible, particularly if you would like support or have any questions about the application process.

Please see further information below regarding open evenings.

St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College - Open Evening

Date: Wednesday, 23rd September

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Headteacher's Address: 5:30 PM and 6:45 PM

Location: Ignis Site, Cunliffe Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD8 7AP

For more information, please visit [sbsj.co.uk](https://www.sbsj.co.uk) or contact the school on 01274 941941 or info@sbsj.co.uk

Free School Meals - All Pupils

From September 2026, more families receiving Universal Credit may be eligible for Free School Meals.

We encourage all eligible families to apply, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives a free meal, as registering can provide additional funding and support for your child.



Apply online:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/>

Bikeability – Years 5 & 6 - Reminder

Bikeability cycle training will take place during the week beginning **Monday 28th September**.

Year 5 will complete Levels 1 & 2, while some Year 6 children will complete Level 2 following last year's cancellation.

Children will need a suitable bike and helmet. Bikeability can provide these if required – please let the school office know.

Parent/carer consent must be completed online for your child to take part. If you have not yet completed the consent form, please do so using the link below:

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/noted-chase-rug>

This Week's Attendance – Overall 97.84%

Nursery – 98.33 %

Reception – 100%

Year 1 – 92.8 %

Year 2 – 98.85 %

Year 3 – 98 %

Year 4 – 99 %

Year 5 – 99.71 %

Year 6 – 96.45 %

PE Days

Nursery – Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Reception – Monday starting 14th Sept

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 2 – Friday

Year 6 – Tuesday

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 10th Sept

Year 4 - Swimming starts

Monday 28th Sept

Year 5/6 – Bikeability

11th-13th Nov

Year 6 Residential

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.