



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 18th September

A Child's Christmas 2026 – Christmas Card Competition

We are excited to be taking part in Bradford Council's 'A Child's Christmas' Christmas Card Competition. The winning designs will be used as official electronic Christmas cards sent to hundreds of businesses, organisations and individuals across the Bradford District.

We would love children from across school to get creative and enter!

Children should create a piece of artwork showing what Christmas means to them.

The judges are looking for imaginative, eye-catching designs. Please create an image only – do not include any words or greetings and do not make the design into a card shape.

One category is specifically for the Music & Arts Service, so children may also wish to create a festive design featuring an imaginative musical element.

Please write your child's name and year group on the back of their artwork and return it to school by Friday 9th October.

We will shortlist up to 20 entries from across the school to submit to the Bradford-wide competition. Winners will receive a prize and certificate and will be invited, with their family, to a special Christmas Festival presentation event in December.

St Matthew's Day – All Pupils

On **Monday 21st September**, we will be celebrating St Matthew's Day, our school saint's special feast day.

Children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform, and each class will enjoy a class party during the afternoon.

If you would like to contribute, please send your child in with one shop-bought, sealed item of party food for the class to share. Please do not send homemade food.

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Children with identified food allergies or dietary requirements will only be given food that has been checked as suitable for them.

Height & Weight Checks – Year 6

On Wednesday 23rd September at 9:00am, Class 6 pupils will have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Friday 25th September

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 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.



Census Day – FREE meal for all pupils

Thursday 1st October is Census Day, and to celebrate, all pupils can enjoy a school meal completely FREE of charge!

Our special Census Day menu is:

Pizza

Chunky Chips

Garden Peas

Full Salad Bar

Dessert: Chocolate Drizzle

We would love as many children as possible to enjoy a school dinner on Census Day – even if they don't usually have 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/carers 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: 95.41%

Nursery – 96.43 %

Reception – 95.93 %

Year 1 – 90.46 %

Year 2 – 94.9 %

Year 3 – 97.31 %

Year 4 – 95.26 %

Year 5 – 98.87 %

Year 6 – 93.8 %



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PE Days

Nursery – Friday

Reception – Monday starting 14th Sept

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 21st Sept

Friday 25th Sept

Monday 28th Sept

11th-13th Nov

St Matthew's Day – Non-school uniform

Macmillian Coffee Afternoon

Year 5/6 – Bikeability

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>



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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.