



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 25th September

Bikeability – All Year 5 Pupils need to bring their bike to school on Monday.

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>

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!

Life Education – All Pupils

We are excited to welcome Life Education back to St Matthew's on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October.

Children will take part in fun and engaging sessions focusing on health, wellbeing and making positive choices, with a little help from everyone's favourite giraffe – Harold! 🦒💖

We know the children always enjoy these sessions and we are looking forward to welcoming Harold back to school!

Afterschool Dance Club – Year 1-6 – Book Your Place

We are excited to be offering a Dance Club with Youth Sport Development (YSD) for children in Years 1–6!

A fantastic opportunity for children to get active, learn new moves, build confidence and have fun with friends!

Thursdays – 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd October

3:20pm–4:20pm

Only £8.00 for all four sessions

There are only 20 places available and some have already been booked! Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please book as soon as possible through Parent Pay to avoid missing out.

Children will go straight from their classroom to the school hall at the end of the school day. Parents/carers should collect children from the main entrance at 4:20pm.



Newby Wiske Hall Residential – Year 6

The countdown is on! There are only 47 days to go until our Year 6 residential trip to Newby Wiske Hall, taking place from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th November.

Parents/carers should now have received a consent and medical form, along with a kit list for their child. Please complete and return the forms to school as soon as possible.

Final Payments: If you still have an outstanding balance for the residential, please ensure this is paid no later than Friday 2nd October. The original payment deadline has now passed, so it is important that all remaining balances are settled.

We are getting very excited – not long to go now!

This Week's Attendance – Overall: 95.82%

Nursery – 96.84 %

Reception – 98.89 %

Year 1 – 94.4 %

Year 2 – 93.93 %

Year 3 – 96.67 %

Year 4 – 95.00 %

Year 5 – 99.41 %

Year 6 – 92.58 %

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

Monday 28th Sept

Year 5/6 – Bikeability

Thursday 1st October

Census Day – Free school meal for all pupils

Monday 5th October

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day – F2 Pupils

Monday 5th October

St Carlo Acutis Feast Day – Year 2 Pupils

Friday 9th October

Christmas Card Competition – Deadline (return artwork to school)

Friday 16th October

Individual Photo Day

Thursday 22nd October

Pope St John Paul II Feast Day – Year 5 Pupils

11th-13th Nov

Year 6 Residential



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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.