



Date: Friday 25th September

KCU – Anti-Bullying Sessions – Year 1 to 6 pupils

On **Monday 5th October**, children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will be taking part in special anti-bullying sessions delivered through the KCU Anti-Bullying Campaign.

KCU stands for Kindness, Compassion and Understanding and the sessions will help children understand bullying, celebrate differences and learn how we can all play a part in creating a kind, respectful and supportive school community.

Harvest Festival – Monday 5th October – All Pupils

On **Monday 5th October**, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival by learning about harvest, sharing with others and supporting our local community.

We will be collecting donations for Bradford Central Foodbank and would greatly appreciate any packaged, non-perishable food items, such as tins, pasta, rice or cereals.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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!

Toys from home

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys or other personal items into school from home.

We understand that children are often excited to show their friends their favourite toys; however, bringing them into school can cause distractions during learning time and can sometimes lead to disagreements between pupils. There is also a risk of treasured items becoming lost, damaged or broken, which can understandably cause upset.

Big Soup Afternoon – Year 5 Pupils

Next Thursday 8th October, Year 5 will be putting their gardening skills to good use by making delicious soup using vegetables grown in our very own school garden!

We would love to welcome Year 5 parents and carers into school at 3:00pm for a special tasting session to sample the children's homemade soup.



Is Your Child Our Next Rock Star?

Does your child love music? iRock offers fun weekly music lessons in school, giving children the chance to join their own band, learn drums, electric guitar, keyboard or vocals, and perform with their bandmates!

- 🎵 No previous experience needed
- 🎸 All instruments provided
- ★ Build confidence and learn new skills
- 🎤 Perform in end-of-term concerts
- 🔗 Enrol online: <https://www.irockschool.com/enrol>

A fantastic £312 Raised for MacMillan

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers and school community who supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Thanks to your generous donations of cakes, buns and money, we raised a fantastic £312.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support!

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support – thank you so much!

Newby Wiske Hall Residential – Year 6

The countdown continues to our Year 6 residential at Newby Wiske Hall, from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th November!

Please start checking your child's kit list and make sure you have everything they will need for their stay. **If you still have an outstanding balance, please ensure this is paid as soon as possible, as the payment deadline has now passed.**

The children are getting very excited – Newby Wiske, here we come!

This Week's Attendance – Overall: 95.82%

Nursery – 90.53 %

Reception – 96.77 %

Year 1 – 90.00 %

Year 2 – 93.36 %

Year 3 – 92.33 %

Year 4 – 91.33 %

Year 5 – 97.35 %

Year 6 – 88.71 %



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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 5th October

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day – F2 Pupils

Monday 5th October

Antibullying Sessions – Year 1 – 6 Pupils

Friday 9th October

Christmas Card Competition – Deadline (return artwork to school)

Monday 12th October

St Carlo Acutis Feast Day – Year 2 Pupils

Friday 16th October

Individual Photo Day

Thursday 22nd October

Pope St John Paul II Feast Day – Year 5 Pupils

Tuesday 10th November

School Tour and Open Event

11th-13th November

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.



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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.