

St Matthew's CE Primary School

Weekly Headteacher Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at St Matthew's – there has been some amazing work going on, children have been so engaged in lessons and making me so proud!

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance winners this week are **Year 6 with 98.9%** - this is absolutely incredible!

Punctuality winners were Reception with only 1 late mark this week!

Whole school attendance this week is 94.1% - it's going back up!

Whole school attendance this year so far is 94.5% - let's keep it as high as possible!

After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs have been bursting with energy and enthusiasm, and we couldn't be prouder of how wonderful the children have been each week! Their behaviour has been outstanding, showing fantastic engagement, teamwork, and kindness across every activity. It has been such a joy to see them dive into new skills and thoroughly enjoy spending extra time with their peers. In fact, their positive attitude means we haven't had a single behavioural incident that would compromise anyone's spot. Thank you for your continued support in making our after-school programs such a huge success!

Wear Yellow Day

This Wear Yellow Day, our community truly shone bright for young people's mental health! A massive thank you to everyone who donned their brightest yellow gear and generously contributed to our fundraising efforts for the YoungMinds Charity. Thanks to your incredible engagement and donations, we raised over £80, directly supporting YoungMinds' vital mission to ensure no young person has to face their mental health struggles alone. Your energy, enthusiasm, and generosity make a tangible difference. Thank you for standing bright and showing our youth that they are never isolated in how they feel.

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**

School Photographs

School photographs were taken on Monday, October 5th. Your child should have brought home a QR code leaflet with their individual photo attached. Please note that all photograph orders and purchases must be made online directly through the photographer's portal using the code provided.

House Points

The house point collection continues! Well done to everyone for continuing to work so hard and showing our SHINE values, alongside following the school expectations.

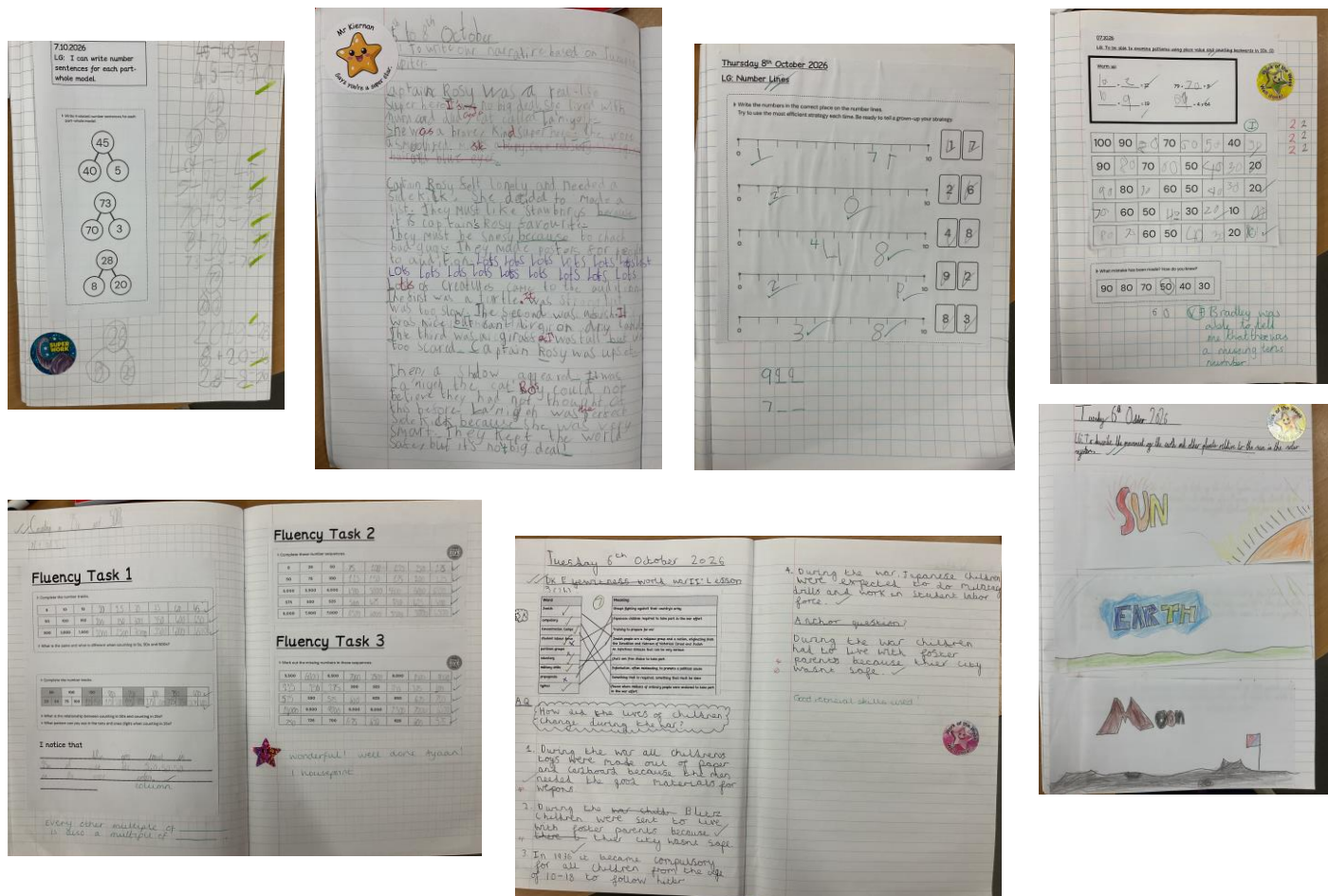


Succeed	1507
Hope	1465
Inspire	1615
Nurture	1490
Empower	1530



Well done to our amazing work of the week children – we are so proud of you!

Year 1	Malika	Year 2	Bradley
Year 3	Lily	Year 4	Ayaan
Year 5	Eesa & Zak	Year 6	Ivy



Living with Respect

This week, we are pausing to reflect on the vital value of **respect** - the foundation of how we treat one another at St Matthew's. True respect means recognizing that every person in our school family is unique, valued, and loved by God. It shows in the way we listen carefully when others speak, how we care for our shared equipment and environment, and how we celebrate our differences. When we treat each person with quiet courtesy and honour their feelings, we build a community where everyone feels safe to learn, grow, and be themselves.

Dear God,

Thank you for creating each one of us so wonderfully unique. Help us to show **respect** in all our words and actions every day. Teach us to listen gently to others, to value different ideas, and to treat our school, our world, and one another with care. May our St Matthew's family always be a place where everyone feels valued, heard, and appreciated.

Amen.

Future Dates

Tuesday 13th October – Neurodiversity Workshops – Year 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 15th October – Year 5 Bikeability – more info to come via school spider

Friday 16th October – Year 5 Pilgrimage to Chester Cathedral

Friday 16th October – Year 6 Hockey Tournament at Bredbury St Mark's

Thursday 22nd October – Bible Encounters Assembly

Friday 23rd October – Freddie Fit

Friday 23rd October – school closes for half term

Saturday 31st October – Year 7 High School Application Deadline

Monday 2nd November – school reopens after the half term break

Monday 2nd November – Year 5 Bikeability all week – more info via school spider

Friday 4th November – WW1 Soldier & Gladiator Visit for Year 6 and Year 4

Monday 16th November – Y5/6 Football Tournament at the Power League

Wednesday 18th November – Year 4 trip to Chester – Roman Experience

Wednesday 18th November – Inspirational Athlete Visit

Friday 20th November – Year 5 Light Cinema Trip

Wednesday 25th November – Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th November – Year 4 Light Cinema Trip

Thursday 26th November – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops – Year 2, 5 & 6

Thank you for your continued support, as always.

Warmest Regards,



Mrs Rachel McDonald
Headteacher