St Matthew's CE Primary School

Weekly Attendance Newsletter – 23.10.26

LET YOUR LIGHT Shine Matthew 5:16

Attendance Team
Miss Henry
Ms Burton
Mrs McDonald

School Times
Gates open: 8.40am
School Starts: 8.50am
Gates close: 9.00am

Gates open: 3.10pm
School ends: 3.20pm
Gates close: 3.35pm

Doors open: 8:50am Parents are responsible for the safety of their children until doors open and their child is in the school building.

Register closes: 9am
Any children arriving after 9am will need to sign in at the Front Office where they will be marked late.

Unauthorised Late: 9:30am
Any children arriving after 9:30am will be marked in as an unauthorised absence. This affects their full morning attendance mark.

UNAUTHORISED REASONS FOR ABSENCE
A cough, the common cold, birthday treat, tiredness, meeting relatives, sibling unwell, new baby, Mum/Dad unwell, holidays, too hot, not being able to bring your child to school. We do ask for more information other than just 'unwell'.

MY CHILD IS GENUINELY ILL
If your child is genuinely ill then, of course, they will need to remain at home. Please contact the school office before 8:50am to leave a message on our answerphone service, school spider or Study Bugs, with a reason that details their absence.

Year Group	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	97%	95%	84.5%	97.4%	92%	97.2%	92%	93.1%
Late Marks	0	3	8	7	13	13	8	11

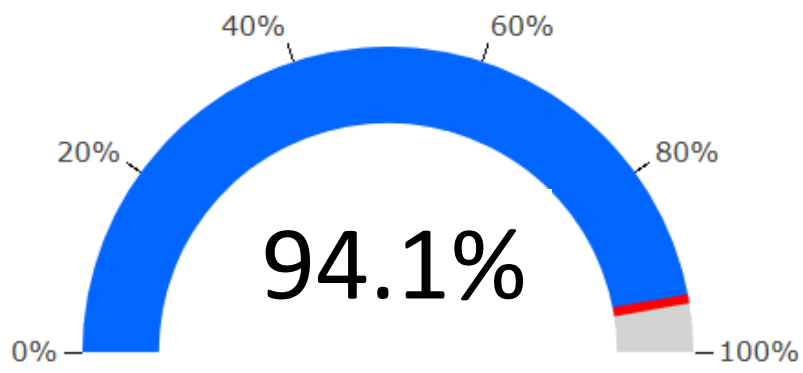
New Attendance initiative – 35 to THRIVE!
As we head into the new term, we are excited to launch our brand-new attendance initiative: **35 to THRIVE!** We are challenging every student to aim for 35 days of continuous, top-tier attendance following the holidays. This is your child's chance to be a true **HERO** **H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady, **O**n time!
Arriving on time and ready to learn each day builds strong habits, keeps students connected with their friends, and ensures they don't miss out on vital learning moments. Let's work together as a school community to hit the ground running this term and show what it means to THRIVE!



Studybugs

REMINDER!
Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.
Get the app or register now (https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

Whole School Attendance this week! Our aim is 95%



School Attendance
94.1%

School Persistent Absence (PA)
20.8%

School Absence Rate
5.9%

National Average Attendance
95.9%

National Average Persistent Absence (PA)
13.9%

National Average Absence Rate
4.1%

35 to SHINE Winner!
Year 6 will have their treat after the holidays and all 100% children have been entered into the raffle! Winners will be drawn during the first week back!

