St Matthew's CE Primary School
Weekly Headteacher Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic week at St Matthew's – we are super proud of all the hard work we are seeing!

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance winners this week are **Year 3 with 97.8%** - this is absolutely fabulous!
Punctuality winners were Nursery with no late marks this week!
Whole school attendance this week is 93.9%
Whole school attendance this year so far is 94.2% - let's keep it as high as possible!

Rock Steady – Monday 16th November

We are thrilled to share that we have had enough children sign up for Rocksteady to officially go ahead! Lessons will kick off this coming Monday, and we can't wait to hear the children practicing their band skills and making some fantastic music together.

Children in Need



Thank you so much for all of your kind and generous donations! The children have had a wonderful day and enjoyed all of their Pudsey bear activities and learning about why we support the Children in Need charity.

Winter Weather – wrap up warm!

As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day. We go outside for break times whenever possible, so please make sure they are wrapped up warm. Don't forget to label all coats, hats, and gloves so they can be easily returned if misplaced!

Read Write Inc. (RWInc)

We recently transitioned to a new writing scheme for Early Reading and Phonics called Read Write Inc. The programme is wonderful and we are delighted to see how successful it has already been. The children are producing some wonderful work and their reading abilities are improving all the time! Thank you so much for your continued support with reading at home; it makes a massive difference to their confidence and progress in the classroom.

Ordering School Lunches

Just a friendly reminder that you can pre-order your child's school dinners from home via School Spider. Doing this together gives you the chance to help your child pick meals they will enjoy, and it also saves valuable time during morning registration, allowing the children to jump straight into their morning activities.

Earrings - reminder

For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE or swimming lessons. Please note that Grand Central will strictly not allow children wearing earrings to participate in swimming. Please ensure earrings are removed on these days.

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Great Athletes – Danny Butler – Wednesday 18th November

From the Peak District's edge to performing for the Queen at the Platinum Jubilee Pageant, Danny's journey is one of resilience and passion. Told he might never walk again, he pivoted from motorcycle trials to become a top cyclist, inspired by his father. With accolades including European Champion, five-time British Elite Champion, and UCI World #3, Danny has proudly represented Team GB for over a decade. Please see the video link to find out more!
https://greatathletes.org/athletes/danny-butler/
Danny will be visiting school to work with all children so please can all children come to school in PE Kit for this event. Children have also brought sponsor forms home linked to the event so please donate for a fantastic cause!

After School Clubs - REMINDER

Please see the below information about after school clubs for this half term. As always, we ask that children follow our three behaviour expectations at clubs; be kind, be ready, be safe. If a child does not follow this, their place will be revoked from the club for the safety of children and staff.

Club	Staff	Day	Year groups	Numbers
Choir	Mrs Gregory & Miss Costin	Monday	Year 1 - 6	25
Film Club	Mr Edwards	Monday	Year 1 - 6	25
Winter Crafts	Miss Hanley & Miss Sandbach	Tuesday	Reception, Year 1 & 2	25
Craft Club	Mrs Gregory & Miss Costin	Tuesday	Year 3 - 6	25
Board Games	Mr Edwards	Thursday	Year 1 – 6	25

House Points – Autumn 2 running total

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	**629**
Hope	**729**
Inspire	**775**
Nurture	**692**
Empower	**672**

Weekly Reflection

Embracing Nurture

This week, we are reflecting on the gentle and life-giving value of nurture - the ability to care for, encourage, and help others grow to their fullest potential. Nurture is love in patient action; it is tending to the needs of those around us, offering steady encouragement, and creating space for others to flourish. At St Matthew's, nurture reminds us that we are all called to help one another thrive. When we offer patience, support, and kindness to others, we cultivate a welcoming, loving environment where everyone feels valued, encouraged, and free to grow.

A Prayer for Nurturing Hearts

Dear God

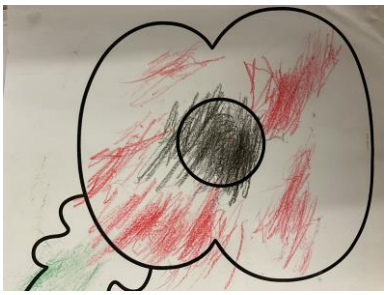
Thank you for caring for us and helping us grow each day. Fill us with a spirit of nurture so that we may notice when a friend or classmate needs encouragement, support, or a helping hand. Teach us to speak words that build others up, to offer patience as we learn together, and to care gently for everyone in our community. May our St Matthew's family always be a place where Your love helps every person flourish.

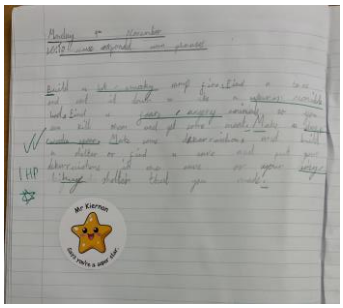
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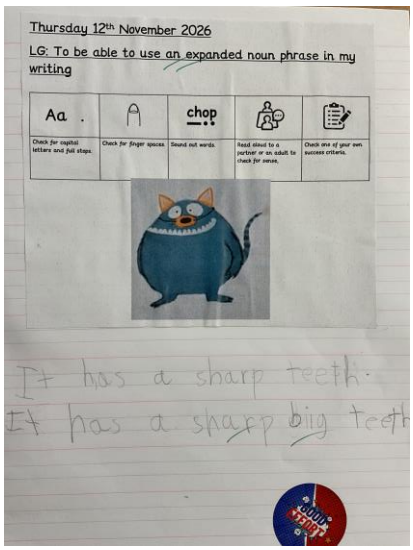
Work of the Week – 13.11.26

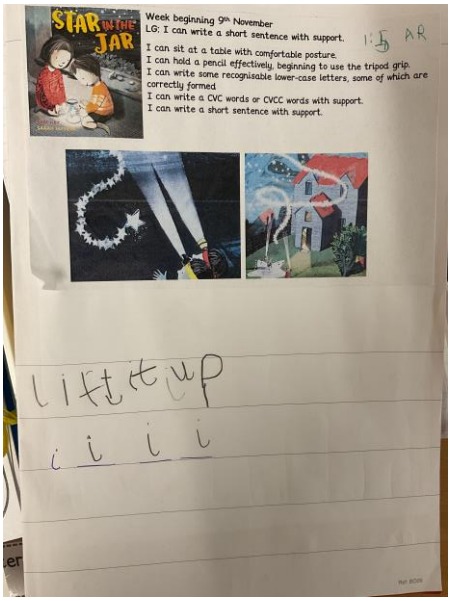
Well done to our amazing work of the week children – we are so proud of you!

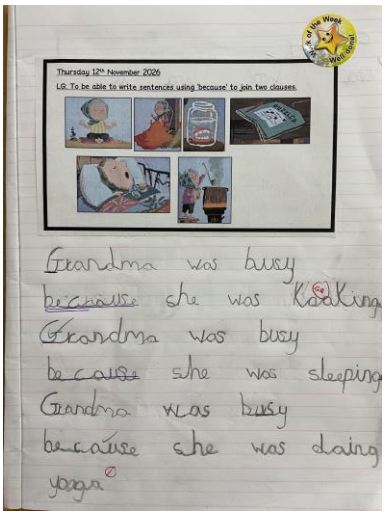
Reception		**Georgie-Rae**	
Year 1	**Arohon**	Year 2	**Sami**
Year 3	**Raham & Willow E**	Year 4	**Letizia**
Year 5	**Estera**	Year 6	**Holly**

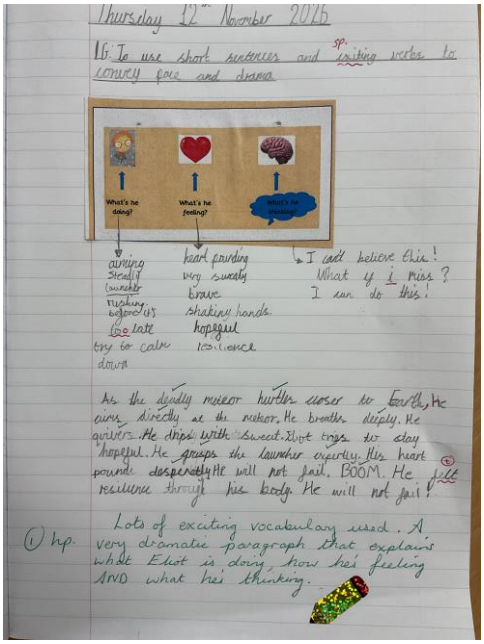


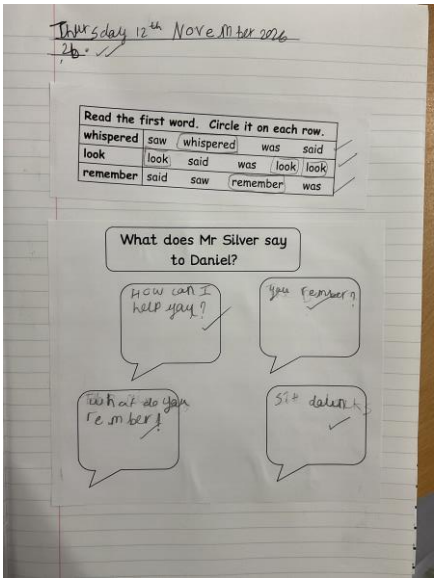


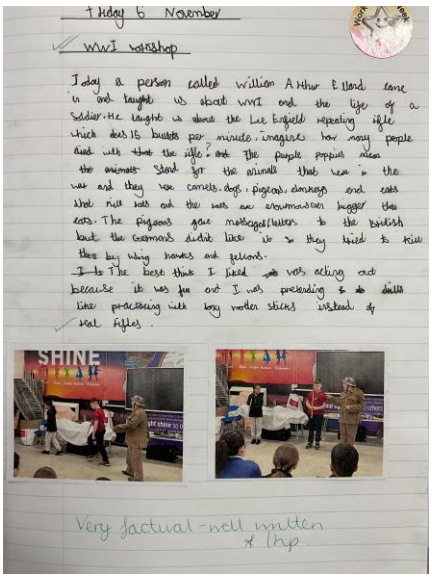












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Future Dates

Monday 16th November – Rock Steady to start in school – if your child has signed up

Tuesday 17th November – Y5/6 Football Tournament at the Power League – 1pm onwards

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

Wednesday 18th November – Inspirational Athlete Visit – all children to wear PE kit

Wednesday 18th November – Nursery Parents Evening – from 12pm

Friday 20th November – Year 5 Light Cinema Trip – 9am onwards

Friday 20th November – Year 3 start their Forest School Sessions – 1pm onwards

Friday 20th November – Year 6 at Crucial Crew – 1pm onwards

Wednesday 25th November – Parents' Evening for Reception to Y6 – 3pm onwards

Thursday 26th November – Year 4 Light Cinema Trip – 9am onwards

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

Tuesday 1st December – Christmas Story Trail for KS2 at Stockport Baptist Church

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 5 at Stockport Academy for Moana Performance

Tuesday 8th December – EYFS Nativity – 9.45am at St Matthew's in the school hall

Wednesday 9th December – KS1 Nativity – 9.45am at St Matthew's in the school hall

Wednesday 9th December – EYFS Nativity – 2pm at St Matthew's in the school hall

Thursday 10th December – KS1 Nativity – 2pm at St Matthew's in the school hall

Wednesday 16th December – Year 3 Nativity at St Matthew's Church

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner Day – party clothes to be worn

Thursday 17th December – Year 4 Bamford Close Visit

Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas Break at 1.30pm

Thank you for your continued support, as always.



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