



# SMRCHS ROUNDUP

# 02.04.2026

## SMRCHS Culture Day 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,  
As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Working in partnership with you makes a real difference to the experiences and outcomes of our young people, and we are truly grateful. This term, we have placed a strong focus on supporting the wellbeing of our Year 11 students as they prepare for their upcoming examinations. We recognise that this can be a demanding and sometimes anxious time, and we are proud of the maturity, determination, and commitment they have shown. Alongside this, it has been wonderful to see students across all year groups working hard, engaging positively in their learning, and enjoying school life. Regular attendance remains a key priority for us. Every lesson counts, and consistent attendance has a significant impact on both academic progress and wellbeing. We appreciate your support in ensuring that students attend school whenever possible, including on days when they may have minor ailments, as this helps to build resilience and maintain routine.

One of the highlights of this term has been our annual Culture Week. It was a vibrant and joyful celebration of the diversity within our school community. Students and staff were treated to performances from our gospel choir during lunchtime, enjoyed a variety of delicious national dishes, and took part in activities such as henna hand painting and the sharing of cultural artefacts. The week culminated in a fantastic fashion show and dance performances, showcasing the pride and richness of different cultures. It was truly a memorable and uplifting experience for all involved.

Going forward, as we look ahead to the Easter break, I would like to wish all our families a happy, holy, and peaceful Easter. We hope this time provides an opportunity for rest, reflection and time together. If you need support over the break, email [confide@smrchs.com](mailto:confide@smrchs.com).

Summer term starts on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 8:30am**.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.  
Mr Passarello  
Deputy Headteacher

Due to increased activity on our social media pages, Roundup will now be sent home every half-term.

# We Pray · We Care · We Achieve

# SMRCHS Chaplaincy

**May the Resurrection of our Saviour  
be a constant reminder of his love  
and promise of eternal life**



As we approach the season of Easter, we are reminded of its deep significance within the Catholic faith. Easter is the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ and bringing a message of hope, renewal, and new life. It is a time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual growth.

In preparation for this important season, our students were given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or simply spend time in conversation with Fr. Job and Fr. Nic. We were incredibly grateful to welcome Fr. Job into our school community; he shared how inspiring students themselves expressed how much they valued this opportunity, with many saying they appreciated the chance to pause, reflect on their lives, and consider how they can continue to grow as individuals.

As we break for the Easter holidays, we would like to wish all students, staff, and their families a happy and holy Easter. May this time provide everyone with a chance to rest, renew, and re-energise for the term ahead.

## **St Joseph's Penny... A Special Well Done to 7F**



**A special mention goes to pupils in 7F for their dedication to fundraising. We have been raising money for St. Joseph's Penny and this form were given the task to design their own money box. A huge well done to Zaynab, Blessing and Stephanie.**

**We Pray · We Care · We Achieve**

# Attendance Team



## Attendance Team

As we come to the end of this half-term, we would like to take a moment to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. Your partnership makes a real difference to the success, wellbeing, and progress of our students, and we truly appreciate your efforts.

A reminder that school will re-open to all students on Monday 20th April 2026. The upcoming half-term is a short but very important one, with 24 school days in total. Every single day counts. Missing even a small number of days can have a significant impact on learning, progress, and confidence. We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day, on time, so they can make the most of all available learning opportunities.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on:

**Monday 20th April 2026.**

If you require any support or advice to help your child to improve their attendance, please get in touch with us at school or email: [Attendance@smrchs.com](mailto:Attendance@smrchs.com)

- G Matthew: Strategic Attendance Lead
- J Anderson: Attendance Lead
- S Ross: Attendance Officer / Safeguarding Officer

**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**



# Arbor



## Important Notice for Parents & Carers

**From 20 April 2026, we will  
no longer be using ParentPay.**

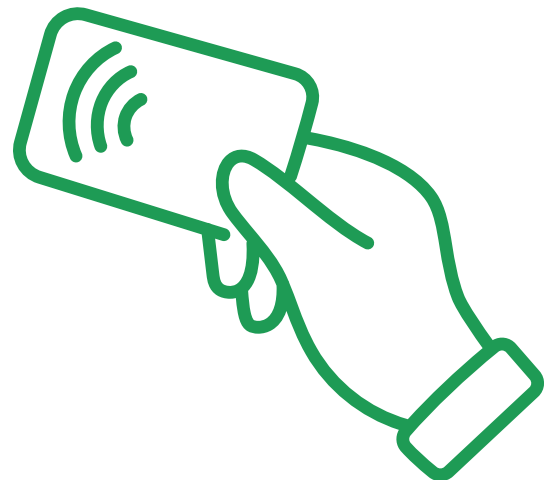
All payments for lunches, refreshments,  
and school trips will be made via Arbor.

If you haven't registered for Arbor yet:

- Download the Arbor app
- Enter your email address
- Click 'Forgotten password' to set up your account

### Need help?

[contact@smrchs.com](mailto:contact@smrchs.com)  
(Alternatively visit  
reception during  
school hours)



**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**

# SMRCHS Library

Welcomes Special Guest...

Award-winning Author, Danielle Jawando

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

5 MARCH 2026

See Myself  
in Books



**SMRCHS Library welcomed award-winning author Danielle Jawando for Read Manchester's See Myself in Books Festival!**

A group of our Y9 and Y10 pupils took part in The Power of Seeing Yourself in Stories workshop, exploring the importance of representation, finding your voice and writing stories that matter. The inspiring session ended with a lively Q&A, encouraging pupils to read more, write bravely, and believe their stories deserve to be heard.

**[#readmanchester](#)**

**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**

# SMRCHS Easter Bake Off



Well done to all who took part in the Great SMRCHS Easter Bake Off. The standard was extremely high, and we extend our congratulations to the winners, whose baking was truly exceptional.

EASTER  
*Bake off*

ALICIA 10B

WINNER!

1<sup>ST</sup>

2

3

4<sup>TH</sup>

KATIE 8F

FELICIA 10C

HAZEL 8H

We Pray • We Care • We Achieve

# Soulful Voices

A special lunchtime treat...  
Our SMRCHS Soulful Voices  
Choir warmed us up beautifully  
for our Culture Week...



Soulful Voices rounded off last week with a fantastic performance for the whole school during lunchtime. Their voices filled the SMRCHS hall as students enjoyed their lunch... What a brilliant way to kick off Culture Week!



**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**

# Sponsored Walk Sale Water Park



**Mustard Tree**  
Combatting Poverty – Preventing Homelessness

## **Mrs Hill**

I was a very proud teacher as a group of pupils took part in the charity walk this term. Although the turnout was smaller than usual, those who attended demonstrated fantastic commitment in support of the Mustard Tree Charity. Together, the group raised an impressive total of £84.40. Well done to all pupils who braved the cold on a Saturday morning, your efforts are truly commendable.

**We now look forward to our next walk, which will take place on 8th May at Jumbles Country Park, Bolton.**

**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**

# SMRCHS Library

OPEN



## Ultimate Reading Challenge... Completed!

A massive congratulations to Emilee B 10E who has successfully completed the SMRCHS Ultimate Reading Challenge!

## World Book Day

On World Book Day, we were delighted to welcome award-winning local author Kimberly Whittam, who has recently released her second book, Angel.

Our Year 8 pupils took part in an inspiring workshop with Kimberly, where they explored storytelling, creativity, and the writing process. To make the day even more special, each student received a signed copy of Angel!

A huge thank you to Kimberly for such an engaging and memorable experience for our students.

## Happy Reading this Easter!

Take some time to unwind this Easter break and enjoy the wellbeing benefits of reading with a few simple ideas:

- Pick up a book you love and set aside a little time each day to read, even 10 minutes can boost your mood
- Try a podcast or audiobook while you're out for a walk, doing chores, or simply relaxing
- Build reading into your routine by pairing it with a daily habit, like breakfast or bedtime
- Share recommendations with friends and family, you might just discover your next great read!

## Pupil Librarian Shout Outs!

A huge thank you and congratulations to our amazing Pupil Librarians. These fantastic students help keep our library running smoothly.

Special thanks to;

- Anamika 10A, Charlotte 10E, Baraa 10I, Oluwatofunmi 10I
- Shalom 9A, Crystabel 9B
- Possible 7A, Somto 7A, Progress 7A, Winifred 7G, Heritage 7G, Bernice 7I, Miylee 7J

Thank you for shelving with care! Thank you for helping others discover new stories! Thank you for being reading role models!

Your dedication, hard work, and love of reading make a real difference, keep up the brilliant work!

## A huge shout out to our amazing Library Reading Stars this term!

- Nissi 10G, Baraa 10I, Anamika 10A
- Oluwadarasimi 9I, Divine 9J
- Abeera 8E, Priscilla 8E, Eferatha 8A, Emmanuella 8E, Nancy 8C, Ololade 8C, Adeyanju 8C
- Bernice 7I, Leah 7H, Precious 7I

These pupils have shown fantastic enthusiasm for reading, whether that's diving into new books, recommending great reads, or being regular visitors to the library.

Your love of reading really shines, keep turning those pages! Keep discovering new stories! Keep inspiring others to read! You are true reading champions!

# SMRCHS Careers

This has been a busy term for careers at St Matthew's.

As part of the Year 9 options process, advisors from Career Connect met with several pupils to help them make decision about their options. Not only did the pupils find this helpful, Career Connect were really impressed with the pupils' engagement.

Year 10 have also been having careers meetings as they head toward Year 11 and the all-important next steps following their time at St Matthew's. Year 11 have been busy making sure they have applied for these steps and many pupils are now getting interviews for their chosen colleges.

March saw National Careers Week. As well as form time activities and special assemblies, we are also delighted to welcome three former pupils back to school for talk with pupils at lunchtime. Pupils met with Paul, whose fascinating career looking after our waterways prompted lots of questions; George, whose stories of a 40 year career with the Army have taken him all over world and brought all his medals (including his MBE!) and Adam, who works in software engineering. All three shared their career journeys, journeys, including the highs and the lows, and left the pupils in no doubt that with hard work, there are no limits.



**We Pray · We Care · We Achieve**

## SMRCHS ROUNDUP



JOIN THE CELEBRATION  
AND CONVERSATION

# #NCW2026

2<sup>ND</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>

MARCH 2026



The week after National Careers Week, 80 pupils in Year 10 visited the National Apprenticeships Fair at Salford Community Stadium. Here, they met with apprenticeships providers from early years settings to non-destructive metal testing and absolutely everything in between. The pupils' behaviour and engagement was outstanding and as well as coming away with bags of "merch", they also had meaningful conversations that might help them decide their future.

**There's plenty more to come this year, including drop-downdays for Years 7 and 8 and college taster days for Year 10. And of course, we continue to support pupils as they plan their next step.**

**NOW**

**FUTURE**

**PAST**



# Partner Primary Basketball Festival



## **St Matthew's hosted another successful Partner Primary Basketball Festival!**

A big thank you to St Patrick's, St Edmund's, St John Bosco and Christ the King for taking part.

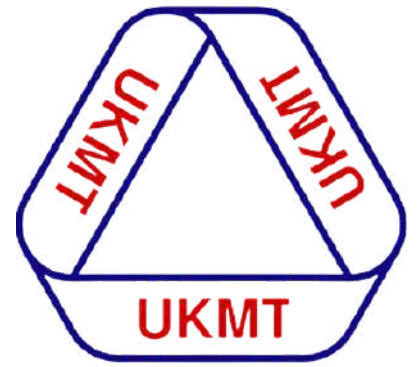
Congratulations to Christ the King, who were crowned champions.

A special shout-out to our fantastic SMRCHS Sports Leaders who officiated the event, they did an amazing job inspiring the next generation!

Thank you to Yordanos, Felicia, Cedina, Brian and Brandon.

**We Pray · We Care · We Achieve**

# UKMT MATHS CLUB



## What is UKMT?

- UKMT is 60 minute, 25 multiple choice challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think.
- The top scoring students will receive a Certificate of Distinction or a Certificate of Merit depending on their score. Each of the top 20 scorers receive a gold medal, the next 30 a silver medal and the next 50 a bronze medal. All medalists will also be awarded a book prize (the title varies from year to year).
- Taking part in this challenge is a fantastic feature to include in your college application!

## The Challenge...

This term, St Matthew's entered the two top set pupils of Year 9 into the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

A total of 60 pupils took part in the challenge, with 10 pupils achieving a Bronze certificate and 5 pupils awarded a Silver certificate, an outstanding set of results!

### Silver Certificate Recipients:

- Frank (Best in the Year)
- Freya
- Afnan
- Crystabel
- Shalom

This is an incredible achievement, and we are very proud of all who participated.



We **Pray** • We **Care** • We **Achieve**

# SMRCHS TECHNOLOGY SUPERSTARS



**Well done to all our  
Technology Superstars!**

<b>Media</b> Miss Elliott	Erin Y10	Maraynn Y11			
<b>Food Technology</b> Mrs Walsh	Jamie Y9				
<b>Textiles</b> Miss Raynes	Anna Y8				
<b>Resistant Materials</b> R Higgs	Niamh Y7	Ethan Y8	Taya Y9	Lenny Y10	Filip Y11
<b>Food Technology</b> Miss Richardson	Yaseer Y8				
<b>Food Technology</b> Mrs O'Leary	Esther Y8	Ocean Y8			
<b>Food Technology</b> Mr Napier	Blessing Y7	Dylan Y9			

**We Pray · We Care · We Achieve**

# SMRCHS RE SUPERSTARS

**Well done to all our RE Superstars!**

Teacher	WK: 26
Mrs Callison	Lola & Saimon (Y7)
Miss Cooper	Favour (Y11) & Joshua (Y7)
Mr Hall	Khadija (Y8) & Tofumni (Y10)
Mrs Hill	Bernadette (Y8)
Mrs Lennon	Mason (Y10) & Chanel (Y10)
Mrs O'Leary	Bernice & Saul (Y9)
Ms Tormey	Minahal & Michael (Y9)
Mrs Ackers	Lily (Y7)
Mr Passarello	Maisey & Miley (Y11)
Mr Robinson	Ramzan (y11) & Hawwa (Y8)
Mr Rodriguez	Ola & Ava (Y7), Aneela (Y9)
Ms Wrigley	Taio & Charlotte (Y10)

so proud  
of  
You



We Pray • We Care • We Achieve

# SMRCHS TOP ART AWARD



**Huge congratulations to all the students who achieved the SMRCHS Top Art Award!**

Well done to all these WINNERS!

Keep inspiring us with your amazing art!

Year	Miss Elliott	Mrs Lee	Miss Khalid
7	John & Scarlett	Rayaan	Felix
8		Hawwa	Fareedah
9	Blaze & Olivia	Sarah	Aniya
10	Maisie	Samantha	Charlotte
11		Nabella	Presley
Savio	Timaya		

**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**

# SMRCHS MATHS SUPERSTARS

Well done to all our SMRCHS Maths Superstars!!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mousa	Harry	Graziella	Sultan	Masie
Justus	Elizabeth	Daniel	Lydia	Oyinda
Nathaniel	Phoebe	Mustafa	Felicia	Alicia
Sarah	Eugene	Mustafa	Ayaat	Gracie
	Hastyar	Aya	Thaleaya	Shazib Mansoor
		Melissa	Harvey	
		Marcel	Theo	
		Melody	Mason	
		Eminence	Adesuwa	
		Jj	Devon	
		Abraham		

We Pray • We Care • We Achieve

# Savio Art

Inspired by local artist Linzi Ramsden



## Miss Elliott

Savio students have demonstrated excellent creativity and enthusiasm this term through the design and painting of their own clay tiles, inspired by the work of Linzi Ramsden. They explored colour, pattern and texture to produce distinctive pieces which connect effectively when displayed together, showcasing both individual expression and collaborative thinking.

The final outcomes are vibrant and imaginative, providing a strong example of how students can work collectively to create a cohesive and impactful piece of artwork.



We Pray · We Care · We Achieve

# Year 7

Top 5 Achievers:

Ahmed

Oscar

Haimanot

Emmanuel

Nevaeh

Top Attending Form:

7G

100% Attendance

217 Students



## Year 7 Netball Team



### Mrs Hill

Our Year 7 netball team competed in the Manchester Play-Off competition last week. Whilst they were unfortunately defeated in the first round by a strong St Bede's team, the experience proved to be a valuable one. The opposition fielded players who compete at club-level netball, presenting a particularly high level of challenge.

Despite this, our Year 7 girls demonstrated exceptional resilience and determination, maintaining their effort and commitment throughout the match.

We Pray · We Care · We Achieve

# Year 8



## Top 5 Achievers:

Ahmed

David

Samuel

Mohammed

Ghazal

## Top Attending Form:

8E



100% Attendance



221 Students

We Pray • We Care • We Achieve

# Year 8 Stations of the Cross



## Miss Elliott

would like to commend her Year 8 classes for their oil pastel depictions of the Stations of the Cross. The standard of work was excellent, with students producing thoughtful and visually striking pieces that captured the subject matter with great sensitivity and care.



Kasey (8Y6)



Acksah (8X3)



Salem (8X6)



Annabelle (8X3)



Omovbiye (8Y3)



Poppy (8X3)



Pippa (8X3)



Niall (8X6)



Faizan (8Y3)



Jacob (8X3)



Sam (8X6)



Nikita (8Y6)



Grace (8Y3)



Lilly (8Y3)



Elizabeth (8Y3)

We Pray • We Care • We Achieve

# Year 9



Top 5 Achievers:

Francis

Abdul

Jaedon

Vincenzo

Kyllian

Top Attending Form:

9F 

100% Attendance

203 Students



## Year 9 Basketball Team



### Mr Skelton

Our Year 9 basketball team secured an excellent 66–42 victory against St Bede's. The team's performance reflected a high level of skill, teamwork and determination. A massive well done to all our players.



We Pray • We Care • We Achieve

# Year 10



## Top 5 Achievers:

**Elsie**



**Archie**

**Ethan**

**Arlo**

**Emilee**

## Top Attending Form:

**10G**



**100% Attendance**



**219 Students**



**We Pray · We Care · We Achieve**

NATIONAL  
**APPRENTICESHIP &  
EDUCATION EVENT**  
**NORTH WEST**  
MANCHESTER

**Year 10**  
The National  
Apprenticeship Fair



Year 10 had a fantastic time at the National Apprenticeships Fair held at Salford City Stadium, exploring the wide range of opportunities available, from early years to the armed forces and everything in between! Thank you to everyone who took part.

**#CareersEducation #NationalApprenticeships**



**We Pray · We Care · We Achieve**

# Year 11



## Top 5 Achievers:

**Finn**

**Louie Floyd**

**Debbie**

**Chibuikem**

**Daneeka**

## Top Attending Form:

**11EY1, 11YM1, 11YM2 and 11YM3**

**100% Attendance**

**209 Students**

## Year 11 Netball Team



Well done to our Year 11 Netball Team who secured 3rd place in the Manchester Netball Cup!

A fantastic achievement...

We're so proud of you all!

**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**

# Year 11

## Amazing Study in Oil Paint



We are incredibly proud to celebrate Presley in Year 11, who has produced this outstanding piece in his very first attempt using oil paint. The result is truly stunning, full of depth and expression. Well done, Presley! It's clear you've discovered a medium that really suits your artistic talent. We look forward to seeing more of your beautiful work in the future.



**We Pray • We Care • We Achieve**



# SMRCHS

## Easter School 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Sign in</b> 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Sign in at the OLC gate	Sign in at the OLC gate	Sign in at the OLC gate	Sign in at the OLC gate	Sign in at the OLC gate
<b>Session One</b> 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Combined Science - targeted	R.E.	English	History	Maths - targeted (Higher & Foundation)
	Triple Science - targeted	French - Foundation	Geography - targeted	Enterprise	
	Art	German - Foundation	Construction	Computer Science - targeted	
	Food	Spanish - Foundation	Music (GCSE)	Digital IT - targeted	
	Sports Studies	Food		Textiles	
<b>Lunch</b> 11.30 - 12 noon	Lunch for pupils staying for a.m. & p.m. sessions	Lunch for pupils staying for a.m. & p.m. sessions	Lunch for pupils staying for a.m. & p.m. sessions	Lunch for pupils staying for a.m. & p.m. sessions	Lunch for pupils staying for a.m. & p.m. sessions
		Construction			
<b>Session Two</b> 12 noon - 2 p.m.	Combined Science - targeted	French - Higher	English	History	Maths - (Higher & Foundation)
	Triple Science - targeted	German - Higher	Construction	Enterprise	
	Art	Spanish - Higher	Music (GCSE)	Computer Science - targeted	
	Food	Food		Digital IT - targeted	
	Sports Studies	Construction		Textiles	
<b>SIGN UP</b>					

We Pray • We Care • We Achieve



# Safeguarding @ SMRCHS



[confide@smrchs.com](mailto:confide@smrchs.com)

## Support over the Easter holiday:

Hopeline UK

0800 068 4141

42<sup>nd</sup> Street.org.uk

Mental health support / Can self refer for 1/1 work

Theproudtrust.org.uk

Mental health support and advice for LGBTQ+

SHOUT

Text SHOUT: 85258

Papyrus

Prevention of young suicide  
Text: 07786 209 697

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Kooth is a digital mental health and well-being platform primarily designed for young people