



Matthew's C.E (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Centre



'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Philippians 4:13

Friday Feature: 8th December 2023

This half-term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Compassion

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3:12



Dear Parents/Carers

We have begun Advent this week, which started on Sunday 3rd December and lasts until Christmas Day. We have lit the first purple candle this week, which represents Hope. A candle will be lit each Monday until the last week when we will light the remaining candles. We will light the candles as below:

1st purple candle: 3rd December: Hope

2nd purple candle: Peace: 10th December: Peace

Pink candle: 17th December: Love

3rd Purple candle: Christmas Eve: Joy

White candle: Christmas Day: Jesus



The children have been practising their Christmas performance and Carols and we are really looking forward to everyone joining us in the next couple of weeks.

Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will be on Wednesday 13th December commencing at 6pm (not 5.30) - children who are singing should come to school at 5.40pm so that we arrive at the Church together.

Experience Church

On Tuesday classes 3 and 3 / 4 visited St Matthew's church to take part in Experience Christmas. We all had the best time, exploring different activities which each taught us about the Christmas story. We listened to volunteers from the church as they told us different parts of the story, it was all so interactive and we particularly enjoyed giving the baby Jesus our gift wishes at the end. This swept us all into the Christmas spirit!



Weekly prayer



Dear God

We are thankful for the world.

Thankful for the food you produce.

Thankful for our family and friends

The houses we live in,

Nature that surrounds us

and the kindness that we have been given.

Amen

Sensei's Commando of the Week

Compassion	Alfie
Courage	Macie-Rae
Generosity	Ivy Lu, Jethro and Yaw
Respect	Maddie
Justice	Jack and Nches
Minecrafters Legends	1st—Chidera and Austin
	2nd—Noah
	3rd—Seb

Applying for a Reception School Place

The portal is now open for parents to apply for a reception school place in September 2024.

The closing date for Reception places (born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20) is the 15th January 2024.

More information on applying for a place can be found on the Telford and Wrekin website.

Future dates/events

11.12.23— 2pm Nursery and Reception class Christmas performance

12.12.23—9.30am—Nursery and Reception class Christmas performance

13.12.23—6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

14.12.23—2pm KS1 Christmas Performance

15.12.23—9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance

18.12.23—2pm KS2 Christmas Concert

19.12.23—9.30am KS2 Christmas Concert

20.12.23—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

22.12.23 – PD Day

25.12.23 to 5.1.24 – Christmas Break

12.1.24—Year 6 Height and Weight check

Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week



		Readers
Reception :St Francis	Sera and Gurkirat	Lucian
R/1: St Teresa	Milana and Harper	Sakhi
1/2: St Nicholas	Astin and Freya	Nia
2: St Joseph	Ethan and Luna	Olivia
3: St Cecilia	Che and Zaydan	Aizah
3/4: St Sophia	Affino and Kayden	Peniel
4/5: St Kateri	SJ and Emily	Sam
5/6: St Thomas	Poppy and Christodia	Jess J
6: St Padre	Theo and Isabella	Esther

Well Done to :

Lola who has gained three medals for her gymnastics!

Poppy made a fuzzy felt nativity scene at home.—isn't it lovely?

Kayceleigh received a trophy for most improved dancer 2023 and medals for taking part in various dance competitions.



Christmas Tombola and 50/50 Raffle

This year, thanks to a kind donation by Toys Gifts Telford we are running a Christmas Tombola. Tickets are £1 each. There are lots of prizes, from jigsaws and colouring books to santa hats and craft kits.

Tickets available from the school office and all profits will go to School Funds.

We will also be running a 50/50 raffle—which will be drawn on the last day of term.

These tickets cost £1 each and winner will receive 50% of the proceeds, with the other 50% going to School Fund.

Thank you for your support