Friday Feature NEWSLETTER

Week of 9th to 13th November 2026

This half term's value: Trust

Double tap BREAK THE SILENCE to support Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week

BREAK THE SILENCE!!









Bullying

There was a bully at our school,
His name was Albert Rye.
He bullied a boy in class 4c,
And often made him cry.

We'd watch him in the playground,
But pretend we hadn't heard,
As he called him names,
And ripped his coat,
No one ever said a word.

We just stayed away from them
We let him tease and punch
And taunt poor Tim for being small
As he stole and ate his lunch.

We knew that what he did was wrong,
It really wasn't fair.
We could have stopped it,
We should have told,
It wasn't that we didn't care...



But Albert was big and very mean,
And though I'm ashamed, you see,
Each of us was thinking the same thing -
At least he's bullying him and not me.

Then, in November, a new boy arrived,
And became our friend at school.
He was kind and strong,
And brave and bold,
Everyone thought that he was cool.

One day, while we were playing outside,
He saw Albert bullying poor Tim.
And he asked us what was going on,
And why no one was helping him.

He told us that bullies are cowards,
And that bullying is very wrong.
It's our job to stop them,
It's our job to tell,
And we knew he was right all along.

So we walked up to Albert and told him,
"This bullying we won't condone,
You can't bully anyone here anymore,
Our school is a bully free zone!"

J.Shaw









"Bullying is when someone hurts another person on purpose with words or actions again and again over a long time"

"Individuals working together to potential with God"

Fire Safety

On Thursday, St Ceclia (y3) were lucky enough to have a visit from the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. They came in to educate us about what to do in the event of a fire. They also told us how important it is to have smoke alarms fitted correctly in our homes. Thre children have come home with some very important information which could help and also it allows you to create your own escape plan for your home. If you have not got a smoke alarm fitted in your home, the fire service will come to your home and fit one for free! Just call 01743 260200



Bikeability

"Four children took part in Level 2 Bikeability. We learnt lots on how to ride a bike such as : U turns on a bike, safe stops and looking behind you on a bike.
The concluseion of 2026 Bikeability is that it was extremely educational and lots of fun" by Elijah



The Bikeability instructors said that these four children were one of the most well behaved groups she had worked with and that they were a credit to St Matthew's.



Gaming Safe

As part of keeping children safe online, we encourage parents and carers to regularly check that any apps, games and websites their child uses are suitable for their age and stage of development. Many popular apps and online games include age ratings, privacy settings, online chat features and opportunities for in-app purchases. We recognise that children can sometimes feel pressure from peers to use certain apps, join online games or participate in social media trends so that they feel included. Talking openly with your child about these pressures, helping them make safe choices and reassuring them that it is okay to say no can support their wellbeing and confidence. Sources such as Internet Matters, NSPCC and Common Sense Media can help families make informed decisions and encourage positive, responsible and safe online behaviour.

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

We are once again supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal.
You can help us spread the joy of Christmas to local families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift.
We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal



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Pupils of the Week

Nursery	Nathan
R St Francis	Grayson
1: St Teresa	Mason
2: St Joseph MS	Hugo
2: St Joseph OS	Amelia
3: St Cecilia	Dylan
4: St Kateri	Olivia M
5: St Thomas	Pistis
6 : St Padre	Roxy



Prayer of the Week



Dear God,

Help us to be kind in the words we say and the choices we make each day.

Teach us to treat everyone with care, to include others, be fair and share.

Give us courage to stand up for what is right and to help others when they need our support.

Help us to remember that everyone is special, valued, loved and made unique.

When we make mistakes, help us to say sorry.

When others are hurt, help us to show compassion.

May our school be a place of friendship, respect and kindness, where everyone feels safe, happy and welcomed.

Amen.



Weekly Attendance

This week the attendance award has gone to : St Padre

1st	St Joseph 2 OS	99.5%
2nd	St Teresa 1	94.4%
3rd	St Kateri 4	94.4%
4th	St Padre 6	94.1%
5th	St Francis R	92.5%
6th	St Joseph 2 MAS	90.4%
7th	St Cecilia 3	88.9%
8th	St Thomas 5	87.2%

December Dates

03.12.26	-	Carols by Candlelight
07.12.26	9:30am	EYFS Nativity
08.12.26	9:30am	KS1 Christmas Play
09.12.26	2:00pm	KS1 Christmas Play
11.12.26	-	Rudolph Relay
15.12.26	9:30am	KS2 Christmas Concert
16.12.26	2:00pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
17.12.26	-	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day
18.12.26	-	PD Day for staff only

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Rudolph Relay

We're excited to share that we'll be taking part in Severn Hospice's Rudolph Relay to kick off the festive season!
Our relay will be held on Friday 11th December.
Sponsor forms have been handed out but if you require another please call at the office.



KS2 Christmas Songs



Some of the children in KS2 have asked for links to the Christmas songs that they will be singing in the concert. At the moment the children can only access these songs through Youtube as they are not available on Youtube Kids. We have added the links below but please be aware that adverts may pop up before a song plays so parent monitoring is advised.



Go Tell it on the Mountain
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsX3tYbai1Q&list=RDNsX3tYbai1Q&start_radio=1



He Made the Stars
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8GD8t8YKOU&list=RDH8GD8t8YKOU&start_radio=1



Silent Night
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lSI00uDb6_w&list=RDlSI00uDb6_w&start_radio=1

Applying for School Places

Applications for Reception places to start in September 2027 are now being taken by Telford and Wrekin Council. School admissions - Telford & Wrekin Council
Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 will start primary school from September 2027.
Parents need to apply for a reception place by 15 January 2027. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) must apply by 31 October 2026.