



Newsletter Autumn Term 2025-2026

Meet the Team



SENCo

My name is **Mrs Burns** and I joined the team at St Matthew's as the SENCo in 2022. I oversee the provision for all SEND pupils from Nursery through to Year 6, so I will be your point of call if you feel that you have any concerns relating to your child's development, learning or progress.

The SEND team at St Matthew's are regularly looking for ways to improve the provision for SEND pupils and their parents. This SEND newsletter is a way for the team to liaise with parents sharing with you new initiatives, changes to legislation and our achievements and successes. The newsletter will be produced termly and will keep you up to date with everything that is happening in relation to SEND at St Matthew's.



Pastoral Manager

My name is **Mrs Cadman** and I work with all children who need help to overcome difficulties that may prevent their learning. The variety of issues covered is vast, ranging from punctuality, challenging behaviour, low self-esteem, lack of confidence and raising academic achievement.

I support children to develop positive mental health and wellbeing; allowing them to enjoy learning.

I am also the school ELSA (Emotional literacy assistant support) this role enables me to support children to identify how they may be feeling and why; supporting them to manage their feelings in a positive way.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's welfare, I am always happy to talk through them with you.



SEND Governor

My name is **Mark Austin** and I've recently been appointed to the Governing Body at St. Mathew's and I'm Link Governor for SEND. I retired from teaching in 2021. My last post was Deputy Head and for a time Head of School of a large 800 placed primary school with a nursery provision in East London. As part of this role I led on Inclusion, SEND, Safeguarding and Teaching and Learning and oversaw one of London's largest autistic provisions. I have also led on SEND and Inclusion in both Cheshire and Northampton. I have worked in Teacher Training with a couple of universities and in London also trained Primary and Secondary teachers in Safeguarding, SEND and Teaching and Learning. Telford is my hometown and although my career took me away from Telford, when I retired, I was happy to move back to Wellington where I now reside.

I am also a Governor of four other Telford and Wrekin schools covering Primary, Secondary and Special. It is a delight to have joined St. Matthew's Governing Body. I have been made feel very welcome by all and I'm very much looking forward to getting to know St. Mathew's and having the opportunity to meet and work with the children, staff, fellow Governors and parents.



SEND Local Offer

The Telford and Wrekin local offer aim to bring together useful information across education, health, and social care within one website. You can find information, advice and guidance across a range of local service providers who support children and young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Telford and Wrekin Local offer – [SEND - Local offer \(telfordsend.org.uk\)](https://www.telfordsend.org.uk)

www.telfordsend.org.uk/site/index.php



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Wellbeing and Mental Health – Parent Signposting

Bee U 	All pupils	Bee U is another service that consists of 4 organisations (The Children's Society, Kooth, Healios and Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) who deliver emotional health and wellbeing services across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. New drop-in and online services are available as well as Young People and Families Mental Health Service (previously CAMHS) to help you with; getting advice, getting help, getting more help, getting risk support https://beeu.org.uk/
KOOTH 	11 years+	A free, safe and anonymous place for young people to find online support and counselling. Kooth has a team of professionals who aim to provide early response to emotional wellbeing as well as emerging mental health needs via our online platform and counselling sessions.
Young Minds 	All pupils	Young Minds is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. They work to support parents of children and young adults with mental health issues. The helpline provides support and advice to parents and carers worried about the emotional wellbeing or behaviour of a young person in their care with confidential, expert advice. https://youngminds.org.uk/

