

Friday Feature NEWSLETTER



Week of 28th September to 2nd October 2026

This half term's value:
Thankfulness



TA Appreciation Day

Friday 25th September was TA appreciation day.

We would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate the incredible teaching assistants who make such a difference to the lives of our pupils each and every day.

At St Matthew's we are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring and talented team of teaching assistants. Their commitment, patience and unwavering support help our children to thrive both academically and personally, ensuring that every pupil feels valued, encouraged and able to achieve their very best.

Whether they are supporting learning in the classroom, providing additional interventions, nurturing confidence, offering reassurance during challenging moments, or simply being a friendly face and a listening ear, our teaching assistants play an invaluable role in school life. Their impact can be seen in the progress our pupils make, the smiles on their faces and the positive relationships they build every day.

To all of our teaching assistants, thank you for your continued support, dedication and commitment to our pupils. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and we are proud to have each and every one of you as part of the St Matthew's family.



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Humphs Histories

“On Tuesday 29th September, Year 4 took part in a history day learning more about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We had the opportunity to learn about Anglo-Saxon life, food and also made our own shields. At the end of the day, we had a shield battle!”

“On Wednesday, St Celia (year 3) were incredible and took part in a Viking day with Steve from Humph Histories! We learnt so much about their lives and how they managed to survive many battles. We even got to design and paint our own Viking shield. During the afternoon, we learnt how to make a shield wall using our shields and then reinacted a true Viking battle. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!”



Applying for Reception and Year 7 Places

Applying for Reception places and Year 7 Places for September 2027

Applications for Reception places and Year 7 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.

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will start secondary school from September 2027. Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by 31 October 2026.

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Pupils of the Week

Nursery

R St Francis William

1: St Teresa Finlay

2: St Joseph MS Antonia

2: St Joseph OS Amelia-Rose

3: St Cecilia Sienna

4: St Kateri Harrison

5: St Thomas Chloe

6 : St Padre Evie



Prayer of the Week

A Prayer of Thankfulness

Dear Lord,

**Thank you for our school, for our families
and for all our friend**

**We thank you for the opportunities we have
and for all the help we receive from others.**

**Help us to feel thankful, to say "thank you"
to others and to show others that we
appreciate them.**



Amen.



Weekly Attendance

**This week the attendance
award has gone to : St Padre**



1st	St Padre Yr 6	96.9%
2nd	St Joseph OS Yr 2	96.1%
Joint 2nd	St Teresa Yr1	96.1%
Joint 2nd	St Cecilia Yr 3	96.1%
3rd	St Francis R	95.6%
4th	St Kateri Yr 4	95.5%
5th	St Joseph MAS Yr 2	94.2%
6th	St Thomas Yr 5	91.6%

Headlice

**Unfortunately we have had reports that
some pesky visitors have arrived in school.
Could we please ask that you all check
your children's hair over the weekend and
treat wherever required. We understand the
frustration parents have with this however
the only way we will erradicate them is if
we all work together.**



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