St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School

9th October 2026

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Children's Hair

Can we ask that children with long hair wear it tied back when in school please. Children engage with lots of activities during the day and it is easier and safer for them if it is tied back… it also reduces the chances of catching or passing on headlice. Thank you.



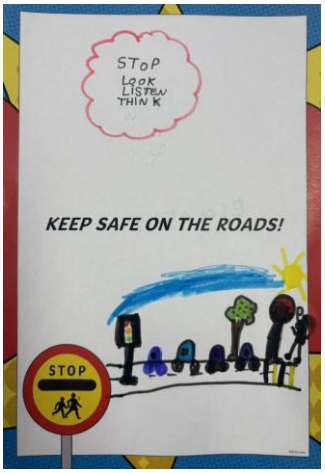
A message from Miss Harris

This week, I would like to share with you some concerns about children's safety first thing in the morning as they wait for the gate to open and come into school.

It has been reported to me, and I have seen, children arriving at school very early (from about 8.20am in some cases) and some are then playing games by running around the front of the school, on the road leading to the garages next door, in an out of parked vehicles and around the car park. There isn't a very large area to play in at the front of the school and I am sure you will share my concerns that accidents could happen in these circumstances and there could be significant injuries.

I would like to ask for your help please.

While we are pleased that children are keen to arrive for school, we ask that they do not arrive at school too early in the morning. There is little space out of the front of the school and so, when they do arrive, we ask that they do not run around – particularly on the road and in the carpark. The gate opens at 8.40am and so arriving at around 8.40am would be safest – the children can then come straight into school.



Please do talk with your child/ren about being safe when coming to school and on the roads – thank you for your support.

Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup

Punctuality data continues to be strong this week… really well done everyone! We have compared the overall punctuality percentage for the school, 98.1%, with last year – during this week last year, the punctuality was 93.8%. What a huge improvement!

Attendance data has improved this week too – the school attendance percentage for this week is 95.7% - this is not far below our target of 96%. Fabulous work everyone!

Attendance Ted



Willow Year R 96%	**Elm Year 1 92.7%**	**Ash Year 2 92.5%**	
Birch Year 2 95.5%	**Chestnut Year 3/4 98.2%**	**Hazel Year 3/4 96.8%**	**Pine Year 3/4 95.4%**
Maple Year 5 98.4%	**Sycamore Year 5 98.5%**	**Oak Year 6 94%**	**Yew Year 6 95.1%**

Punctuality Pup



Willow Year R 98.9%	**Elm Year 1 95%**	**Ash Year 2 100%**	
Birch Year 2 100%	**Chestnut Year 3/4 94.6%**	**Hazel Year 3/4 100%**	**Pine Year 3/4 99.1%**
Maple Year 5 97.8%	**Sycamore Year 5 98%**	**Oak Year 6 99.1%**	**Yew Year 6 96.5%**

Job Opportunity

Solo Cleaners are looking for a someone who is willing to clean at St Matthew's School for a few hours at the end of each day, and be part of the team who deep clean the school several times a year. If you are interested in the role and would like to find out more, please contact the school office and we can pass your contact details onto the company.

Forest School

We are so fortunate to have Mr Gillinder come into school each week to lead Forest School sessions with our classes.

Next week, on Thursday 15th October, Birch Class (Mrs Deacon and Mrs Brown) will be engaging with Forest School.

Can we ask that children wear weather-appropriate clothing that you don't mind them getting a bit grubby please. Thank you.

Harvest Service

The Harvest Service on Monday was a special time to celebrate and be thankful for harvest time and an opportunity to reflect on how we can support others at this time of year. We were delighted to hold the service, again this year, at St Matt's Church and have Reverend Rob speak as part of the Service. Our Year 3/4 children who led the service, with Rob, revisited the Parable of the Mustard Seed, the parable we have adopted to depict our vision of supporting everyone to grow and develop.

It was lovely to have all children at the church, the first visit for our Reception class, and we would like to thank Year 3/4 children for leading the service.

Thanks also go to everyone who donated goods. Volunteers from the Community Larder came into school yesterday and collected them – there was quite a collection! – and our Leading Lights visited the Community Larder today to understand where the donations have gone and how our community will benefit. We very much appreciate your support with all the donations.



Dates for your Diary

Term 1:

- Thursday 15th October @ 2.30pm – Phonics and Reading meeting for parents of pupils in Year R/1
- Thursday 22nd October – Last day of Term 1 for pupils

School closed to pupils from Friday 23rd October and reopens on Monday 2nd November.

Term 2

- Monday 2nd November – Term 2 begins
- Thursday 5th November @ 2.30pm – Times Tables Meeting for parents of pupils in Year 3/4
- Tuesday 17th November, 3.30- 6.30pm – Parent Consultations
- Thursday 19th November, 3.30-5.30pm – Parent Consultations
- Friday 18th November – End of Term 2

The calendar for 2026-2027 can be found on our school website by following this link – please do take a look before booking holidays: Term Dates

