St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School

22nd October 2026

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Forest School

After the break, on Thursday 5th November, Elm Class (Mrs Butcher and Mrs Salmon) will be working with Mr Gillinder in our Forest School.

Please can children wear weather-appropriate clothing that you don't mind them getting a bit grubby. Thank you.



A message from Miss Harris

We have reached the end of Term 1 – what a lot has been achieved this term! The children have worked so hard and I am sure now need a break! 😊

Over the last fortnight, lots of Year 6 children have engaged with Bikeability – teaching them about road safety on their bikes. Such a valuable opportunity for them to remain safe on the roads. They were commended for their good behaviour and concentration too – even in the soggy weather!



Thank you to everyone who have donated goods for the Shoebox Appeal – we will send these onto the Rotary Club for them to organise into Christmas gifts for children in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. The items will be collected on Friday 6th November.

Some advance notice – we will be hosting the Book Fair again during the week of 9th November where you will be able to visit it in the hall as you have done previously. Perhaps an opportunity to get some Christmas gifts for children?

We hope you enjoy a good week with your children and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.



Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup

Punctuality data has been so very positive this term. Thank you to everyone for working hard to get into school on time. It makes such a difference to the start of the day for children.

Attendance data for the school during Term 1 has been better than last year – up to this week where it has taken a dip! Let's hope all the illness passes over for when we begin Term 2 so we can continue with this improvement.

Attendance Ted



Willow Year R 91.8%	**Elm Year 1 85.2%**	**Ash Year 2 83.3%**	
Birch Year 2 87.5%	**Chestnut Year 3/4 96.1%**	**Hazel Year 3/4 95%**	**Pine Year 3/4 78.1%**
Maple Year 5 93.4%	**Sycamore Year 5 92%**	**Oak Year 6 92%**	**Yew Year 6 97%**

Punctuality Pup



Willow Year R 100%	**Elm Year 1 98.6%**	**Ash Year 2 100%**	
Birch Year 2 100%	**Chestnut Year 3/4 96.6%**	**Hazel Year 3/4 100%**	**Pine Year 3/4 98.6%**
Maple Year 5 97.1%	**Sycamore Year 5 98.7%**	**Oak Year 6 98.9%**	**Yew Year 6 98.9%**

Black History Month

We have enjoyed learning about influential people, both in the past and present, through Black History month. Children learn about influential people with African heritage, and those from across the world, throughout the year, but it has been so valuable to celebrate 100 years of Black History Month.



Competition: Design a picture / poster to represent our vision or values

We have painted the corridor leading from the entrance to the school and now need to brighten it up!

We are asking children to enter a competition to create a picture / poster to represent the vision and values of our school. The winning entries will be enlarged and professionally printed. Our full vision statement can be found on our website and is based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Here is a section:



> At St Matthew's, we believe in growth; we know that each and every seed has the potential to flourish. We aim to provide good soil to nurture and establish strong roots enabling all to grow with high aspirations, as individuals and as a community.
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> *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."* (Matthew 13, v 31-32)

Our values are: Kindness, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility.

Children are invited to design a picture / poster of either the vision or one or all of the values. We will then ask a group of children to judge the entries and choose which to have professionally printed and put them on the wall. Designs should be on A4 or A3 paper and should be bright and colourful.
Closing date for entries is Friday 6th November. Please can children hand entries to their teacher.

We look forward to receiving the entries after the break… happy designing!

Dates for your Diary

Term 1:

- Thursday 22nd October – PTA Event: School Discos
- 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
- Monday 9th November – Book Fair in school this week
- Tuesday 17th November, 3.30- 6.30pm – Parent Consultations
- Thursday 19th November, 3.30-5.30pm – Parent Consultations
- Monday 23rd November – Flu immunisations
- Friday 18th December – 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