

## Happy Half Term

Wow the first half of the Summer Term has flown by! What a busy term it has been with lots of trips and visits, Year 6 SATs and other wonderful learning opportunities. Wishing everyone a fun filled May Half Term break. The weather looks amazing, however please take care to look after yourself and others in the hot weather by: wearing a hat, applying sunscreen regularly (especially if swimming), drinking lots of water and staying in the shade during peak heat hours (11:00 - 16:00) Please take extra care near water sources (pools, seaside/beach, lakes etc), always listen to adults and only enter water sources with an adult there. Don't play near streams or rivers, where the currents can often be unseen and risky. Enjoy splashing and swimming - but take extra care.

### Upcoming Events

#### May 2026

- 25th - 29th May: May Half Term (School Closed)

#### June 2026

- Year 4 & 5 on School Journey at Sayers Croft
- PTA Father Figures' Bake Sale with details to follow
- Crazy Hair Day
- Coffee Morning for International Day Planning
- Young City Makers Award Ceremony

#### July 2026

- Year 3 & 4 MathsWorld
- Sports Day Monday 6th July
- Key Stage Two Royal Ballet & Opera Massed Dance for Rights
- International Day



**Please ensure that your child is in school on time each day. The school gates open 08:45. Every minute late is lost learning.**

#### Attendance

Congratulations to Reception for the best attendance (100%) last week!

Last week's attendance in each class:

Attendance  
**Nursery 94%**  
**Reception 100%**  
**Year 1 92%**  
**Year 2 95%**  
**Year 3 85%**  
**Year 4 94%**  
**Year 5 91%**  
**Year 6 99%**

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every class hit 100%!

#### EYFS Classes 2026-2027

It is with regret that we have to inform parents that due to a lack of pupil enrollments (fewer than 4 pupils across both EYFS classes), St. Matthew's will not be providing a Nursery class from September 2026. Sadly, we will also not be providing a stand alone Reception class from September 2026. Any Reception children who wish to apply and join from this point, will be in a mixed Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 class in the new academic year.

We have worked closely to support those families who had applied for the Reception Class in September 2026, to find an alternative Reception class, where their child will be able to learn alongside peers of the same age and developmental level and where the school would be providing a broad and balanced EYFS experience.



## Year 1 & 2 Trip to Battersea Zoo

Year 1&2 went to Battersea Children's Zoo where they engaged in a very hands-on workshop learning about food chains. They had a guided tour of the zoo, getting to know the remarkable animals and learning fun facts. After lunch, they enjoyed developing their risk-taking and physical skills at the zoo adventure playground. They had a wonderful time! Special thanks to all the parents for volunteering their time to support the children on this trip. Also, we'd like to say thank you to the Chemical Industries Association for generously sponsoring this trip for our children.



## Thankyou PTA!

The PTA has created a beautiful fairy tale bookshelf to further encourage a love of reading for our children. They designed such a fabulous sculpture, inviting our pupils to step into a magical world of stories. They also bought new books to restock it, giving the children an excellent choice of rich texts.



## School Council

St Matthew's School Council met recently to agree our agenda for the term ahead. The pupils had many exciting ideas, including ideas for various workshops to be held in Term 6. One of our Year 1 councillors, Deon, also shared some fascinating facts about the Elizabeth Tower with us at the meeting. Did you know - in 1976 a massive failure occurred when the fly fans failed, causing the clock mechanism to over-speed, which resulted in major damage to the machinery and left the bells silent for nearly 9 months?



## School Gardens

We had a much-needed soil delivery today, so we can grow some wonderful plants in the small playground. We say a huge thank you to Mace and Joshua's grandma.



## Congratulations to Year 6

A huge well done goes to our incredibly hardworking pupils in Year 6 who worked so positively and methodically through their SATs papers last week. We are all so proud of them. A huge thank you also goes to the excellent Year 6 teaching team.