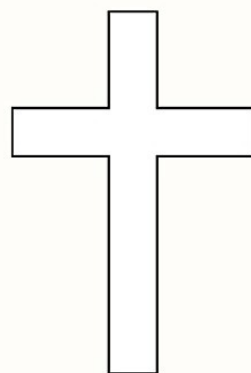


Friday News



Forward through
friendship & faith



Kind words



Kind hands



Kind actions

October

- Mon 19th** - PANTS day in school
- Tues 20th** - Peter Pan Pantomime!
- Wed 21st** - 4EM non uniform (attendance)
- Thurs 22nd** - Yr 4 Coffee Morning (Read with Me)
3AH Class worship at 14:50
Year 5 Pedestrian Training
6JM non uniform (attendance)
- Fri 23rd** - Pyjama Day (£1 donation)
4EM Class worship at 9am
Break up for half-term (15:15pm)

NOVEMBER

- Mon 2nd** - Back to school!
- Tues 3rd** - Yr 3,4,5 coffee morning (TTRS)
- Thurs 5th** - Yr 3 Coffee Morning (Read with Me)
- Thurs 12th** - 1LZ Class worship at 14:50
Yr 2 Coffee Morning (Read with Me)
- Fri 13th** - Child in Need day in school
- Wed 18th** - Anti-Bullying Day (Wear Odd Socks!)
- Thurs 26th** - 2MG Class worship at 14:50
Yr 1 Coffee Morning (Read with Me)
- Mon 30th** - Interfaith day in school

DECEMBER

- Thurs 3rd** - 3RT Class worship at 14:50
- Thurs 10th** - 1LD Class worship at 14:50



Term Dates

Academic Term starts
Mon 7 Sept 2026

Autumn half term
Mon 26th to Fri 30 Oct 2026

End of Autumn term
Fri 18th December 2026

Training Day
Mon 4th January 2027

Spring half term
Mon 15th to Fri 19th Feb 2027

End of Spring term
Thurs 25th March 2027

Summer term starts
Mon 12th April 2027

Summer half term
Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June 2027

Training Day
Mon 7th June 2027



Lunch Menu - Week 2 WC 19th Oct

Monday

Mac n Cheese (GL,MI)
Mild Veggie Chilli Wrap with Golden Rice (GL,SO)

Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Apple & Raisin Biscuit (GL) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Mild Lamb Chilli with Rice (GL)
Veggie Pasta Bake (GL,MI)

Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Apple Crumble Cake with Custard (GL,MI) or Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Roast Chicken Breast with Potatoes & Gravy (SU)
Squash & Sweet Potato Wellington with Potatoes & Gravy (GL,SU)

Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Super Oaty Flapjack (GL) or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Creamy Salmon Tortellini (GL,MI,FI)
Handmade Margherita Pizza with Wedges (GL,MI)

Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Vanilla Cookie (GL) or Fresh Fruit

Friday

Crispy Chicken Bites with Chips & Beans (GL)
Crispy Vegan Nuggets with Chips & Beans (GL)

Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Dessert Bar (GL,MI,SO) or Fresh Fruit

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THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP



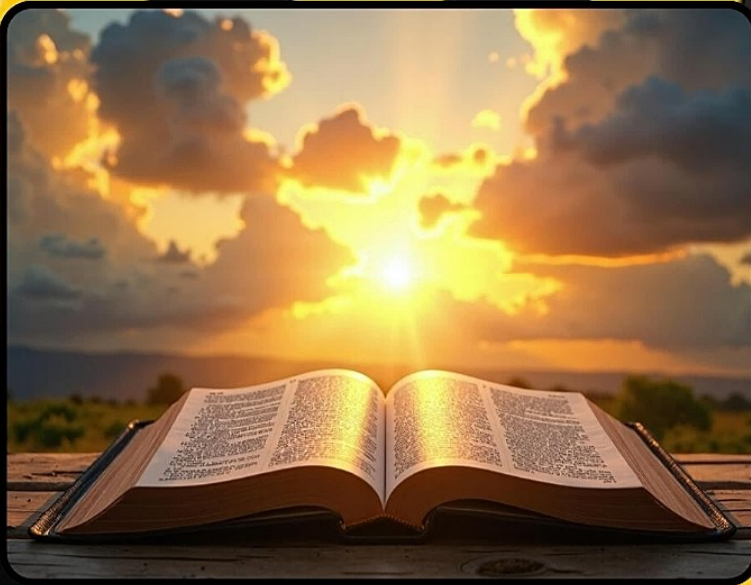
We have been thinking about.... *The Bible*

This week, we learned that the Bible has two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Old Testament tells us stories about God and His people, teaching us important lessons about how to live. The New Testament tells us all about Jesus, His life and the wonderful things He taught us. It also includes letters that help Christians learn how to follow Jesus.

The Bible has been translated into many languages so people all around the world can read it. Even though it was written a long time ago, many people believe its messages still help and guide them today.

The Bible is more than a story to read. It is a message to learn from and live by.



Share our prayers



Dear God,

*Thank You for the gift of the Bible.
Help us to read it, learn from it, and
follow Your ways every day. Thank You
for loving us and guiding us on our
path with Your Word.*

Amen



*This week, we showed courageous advocacy by working together to make a difference,
both in our classrooms and across our wider school community*

MESSAGES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Zumar in 3RT - 8 years old!
Aida-Rose in 1LD - 6 years old!
Shastikaa in 2MG - 7 years old!
Mustafa in RSH - 5 years old!
Scarlett in 2MG - 7 years old!
Vienna in 2MG - 7 years old!
Eliana in 1LZ - 6 years old!
Jazel in NPM - 4 years old!

Mr Small!



HALL OF FAME!

Has your child achieved something outside of school that they are proud of?

Parents and carers are welcome to send any of their child's achievements into us at school via email at stmatthews@fraysacademytrust.org so that they can be celebrated in our weekly newsletter!

SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding is a priority at our school, and we are committed to ensuring that all children feel safe, supported and valued.

Should you ever have any concerns, or need advice, please speak to Mr Small, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or contact MASH on 01895 556644.

As the weather becomes colder, wetter and windier, we would like to remind parents and carers that children should now begin wearing their winter school uniforms instead of shorts and summer dresses.

Please also ensure that your child brings a suitable coat to school each day, as we will continue to make use of outdoor spaces whenever possible.



BREAKFAST CLUB!



Don't forget that St Matthew's offers a **free** Breakfast Club from **08:15 every day** to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Children can choose from a selection of toast, cereal, yoghurt or fruit.

For our families who need earlier childcare, the doors will be open from **07:45 each day**, with a charge of **£1 per day** via Parent Pay.

Did you know our school website can be translated into a range of languages?



 Social Media



Simply click the world icon on the right-hand side of the home page and select your preferred language!

LATEST NEWS



Class of the week!



Each week, children across the school earn points for demonstrating positive behaviour, including using good manners, being kind and helpful, listening well, and participating in lessons. At the end of the week, the class with the most points win an extra break time!

Upper School - 1st place 4FA with 629 points!
Lower School - 1st place 2MG with 889 points!

This week's attendance for Early years

Nursery	RCB	RSH
90.1%	90.3%	90.2%

Whole School Attendance



Whole school attendance from the start of the academic year is **94.7%**.

For the week beginning **Monday 12th October 2026**, whole school attendance was **94.8%**.

Our school target is 96%.



This week's attendance for Lower School

1LD	1LZ	2KH	2MG	3AH	3RT
97.8%	95.6%	92.5%	93.9%	98.2%	95.9%

Merit Certificate Awards



RSH	Mustafa	RCB	Evangeline
1LZ	Karolina	1LD	Aarya
2MG	Mohshin	2KH	Pola
3AH	Ana	3RT	Brad
4FA	Ruby	4EM	Ailey
5RR	Anaya	5LR	Debo
6RS	Filip	6JM	Maria

This week's attendance for Upper School

4EM	4FA	5LR	5RR	6RS	6JM
98%	95.5%	89.5%	96.1%	96.1%	95.8%

COMING UP NEXT WEEK!



MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER - PANTS DAY

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe, we will be taking part in PANTS Day, an NSPCC initiative that helps children learn important personal safety messages in an age-appropriate way.

Throughout the day, children will take part in activities including poster making, creative work, and class discussions about consent, boundaries, respect, privacy, and appropriate toilet behaviour. These activities will help children understand how to stay safe, respect others, and know who they can talk to if they have any worries.

We look forward to an engaging day that helps children build confidence and develop the knowledge they need to keep themselves safe.



Children should come to school in their uniform as normal.



THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER - YEAR 5 PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

On the morning of Thursday 22nd October, our Year 5 pupils will take part in Pedestrian Training. This important session will help children develop the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe when walking near roads, including how to identify safe places to cross and make sensible decisions when travelling independently.

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER - BLACK HISTORY DAY

To celebrate Black History Month, children will take part in a special off-timetable day of learning, creativity and reflection. Throughout the day, pupils will explore the lives and achievements of influential Black people from history and the present day, learning about their contributions, resilience and impact on the world.

Activities across the school will include researching inspirational figures, exploring Black British history, discovering inventors, artists and authors, creating artwork and posters, enjoying music and storytelling, and learning about different cultures, traditions and communities. Children will also have the opportunity to share their learning with other classes and celebrate the themes of identity, diversity, belonging and respect.

Children should come to school in their uniform as normal.



MESSAGES



This week, an email was sent to parents and carers with details of how to activate their new MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) account.

MCAS is a new system for our school, and we are currently in the early stages of rolling it out!

Over time, we hope that MCAS will become a key platform for accessing information, including your child's attendance, reports, booking parents' evening appointments, and other important school communications.

As we continue to develop and use the system, we would really appreciate your feedback. If you experience any issues or have suggestions about what works well (or what doesn't!), please let us know so that we can improve this for everyone!

WHAT'S THE SCORE?!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST MATTHEW'S FOOTBALL TEAM ON THEIR FIRST MATCH OF THE SEASON!

THE TEAM WORKED BRILLIANTLY TOGETHER, CREATING PLENTY OF CHANCES WITH GABRIEL SCORING A FANTASTIC FREE KICK TO SECURE A 1-0 VICTORY.

WELL DONE TEAM!



Pantomime in School!

We are delighted to share that we have been offered a Free pantomime performance of Peter Pan on Tuesday 21st October!



The performance will be attended by Years 1, 2 and 3, alongside a small number of children from Years 4, 5 and 6. We understand that this will be disappointing, and would love to be able to accommodate everyone, however this is not possible due to limited space, and availability.

We are very grateful for this wonderful opportunity to bring a little pantomime magic into our school!

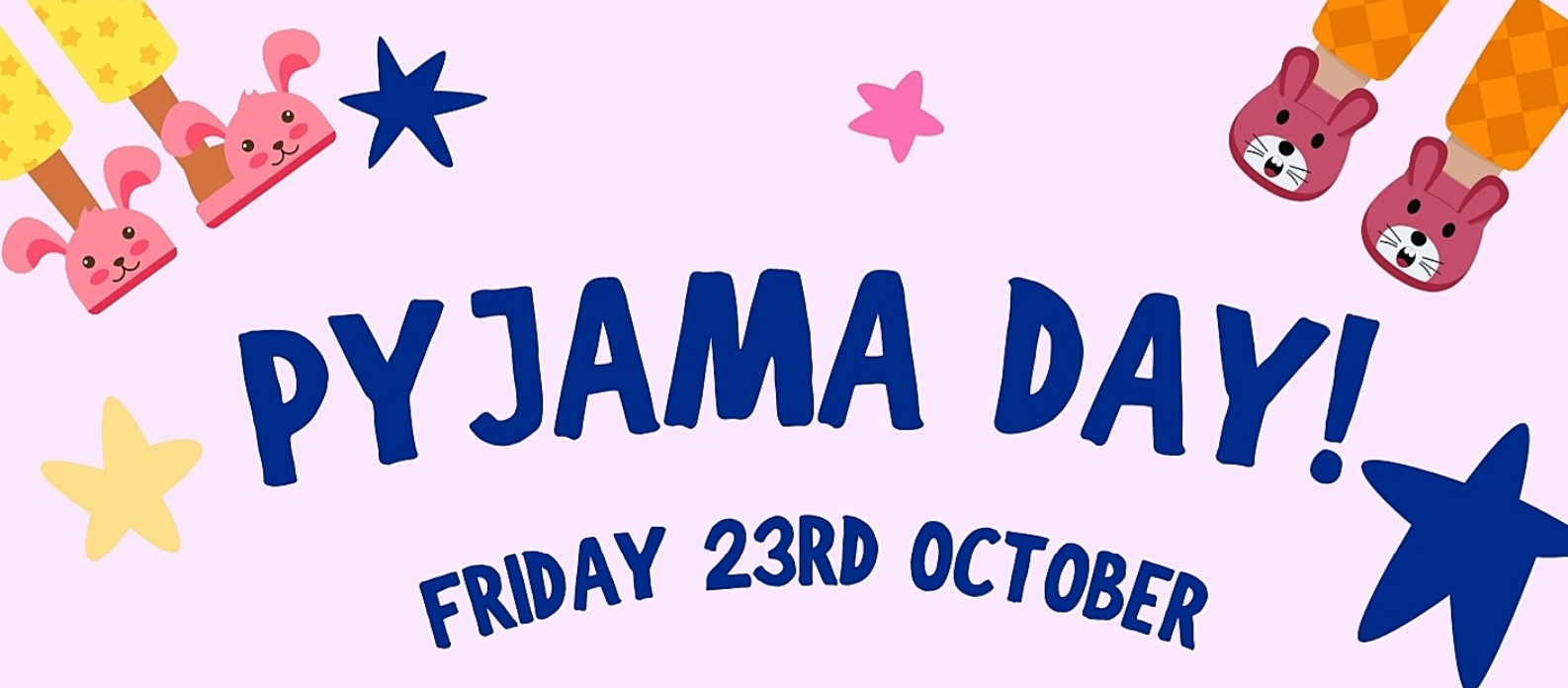


STAFF UPDATES

We are delighted to share that after careful consideration, Mr McCarthy will remain as the Year 6 teacher for the rest of this academic year. Since September, he has worked hard to build strong relationships with the children and support them in making a successful start to Year 6. We know that the children will be delighted that he will continue their Year 6 journey with them!

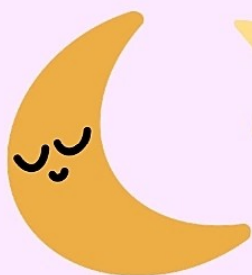
We are also pleased to welcome Mr Ford as the new teacher of Year 5. Having already spent time working in school this term, Mr Ford has got to know the children well and quickly built positive relationships around the school. He will take over after half-term, from Tuesday 10th November, and the class will become 5KF.

Mrs Raja will now return to her HLTA role, supporting teaching and learning across the school. We would like to thank Mrs Raja for all of her hard work and dedication in helping the children settle so successfully into Year 5.



PYJAMA DAY!

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER



£1 DONATION

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4EM have won a non-uniform day for their class on Wed 21st Oct for good attendance!

6JM have won a non-uniform day for their class on Thurs 22nd Oct for good attendance!

Parents & Carers in 3AH are invited to come along on Thursday 22nd October at 14:50 to watch their Class Worship!

We hope to see you there!



FOOTLOOSE FRIGHT FEST

A FULL DAY OF SPOOKY FUN!

Join us this October half-term for a jam packed day of dance, games, crafts and Halloween challenges!

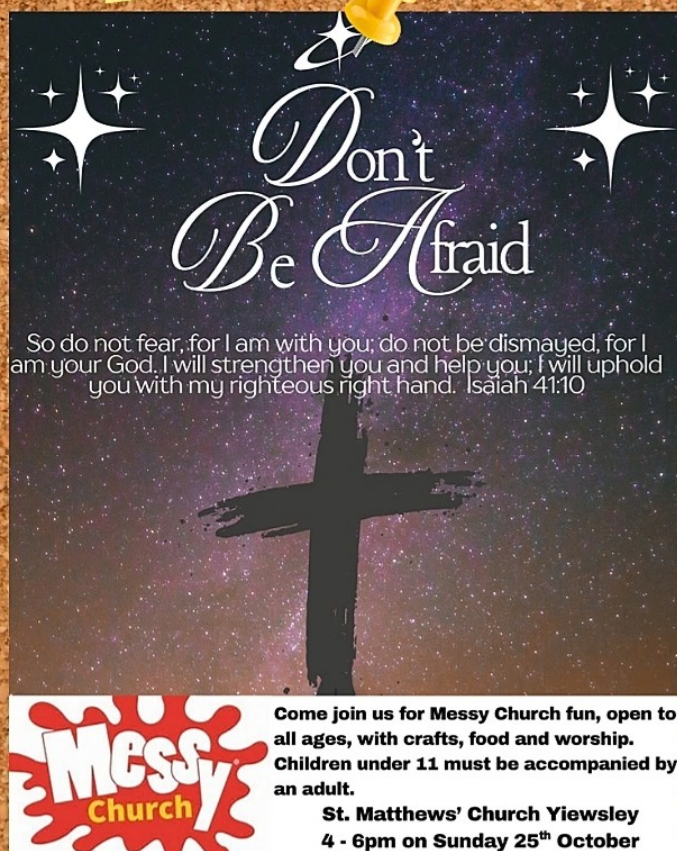
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Don't Be Afraid

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Messy Church

Come join us for Messy Church fun, open to all ages, with crafts, food and worship. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

St. Matthews' Church Yiewsley
4 - 6pm on Sunday 25th October