

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Please find attached our 'Spotlight on Spelling' which we hope you will find useful.

There will be two non-uniform days in exchange for bringing in donations for the Summer Fair. Friday 5th and 12th June will be non-uniform days.

Screen time tips

The government have issued new guidance on how much time children below the age of five should spend on screens:

- Children below two years should avoid screen time other than for shared activities that encourage interaction.
- For children between the ages of two and five, screen time should be kept to no more than one hour a day.

There are also recommendations on content.

- Fast-paced, social -media style videos and AI tools should be avoided because it may affect how young children learn to concentrate.

The guidance refers to 'safe screen swaps' such as replacing screens at mealtimes with background music, conversation, table games or colouring. It also recommends avoiding screens for an hour before bedtime and reading stories together instead.

Parenting Smart

This website- place2be.org.uk – has lots of parenting advice from child mental health experts, to read or watch videos such as: my child keeps getting angry and lashing out, my child thinks they need to be perfect, my child has meltdowns, supporting children with their homework.



St Matthew's Wish List

<https://amzn.eu/4Ctlwvt> If you find something you would like to purchase, just add it to your basket and follow the same process as if you were ordering something for yourself. You are really helping the school when you choose something off this list. Thank you so much!

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Sports Mornings

KS2 Sports Morning will be held on Monday 15th June. The Reception and KS1 Sports Morning will be held on Monday 22nd June.

The Phonic Screen Check for all of Year One pupils (and any re-sits in Year 2) begins on Monday 8th June

"FoSMPs, on behalf of the school, have secured a place in the **Waitrose Community Matters Green Tokens Scheme at the Surbiton branch of Waitrose**. If parents/carers/grandparents and friends are shopping at Surbiton Waitrose please support the school by placing Green Tokens in FoSMPs/St Matthews box (it is labelled).

The Green Tokens Scheme is at the front and rear of the store. If we secure enough tokens FoSMPs will benefit from between £500 to £1500 to support school projects, in particular **Let's Get Cooking**. Thank you for supporting the school."



Coming soon to Year 4, the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Over the next half term, Year 4 pupils will be working towards sitting the Multiplication Tables Check (known as the MTC) in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Click here for more information about the check.

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Pupils receive dedicated times tables lessons during the school week and complete practice as part of their home learning. We also ask parents and carers to continue to support pupils to practice their tables regularly at home.

