

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Please find attached useful details of a **Night -time Wetting** Workshop for Parents and Carers, along with some helpful websites that you may wish to research.

As the temperature will still be extremely hot on Friday, we are postponing the shared **OPAL play** afternoon with parents/carers until Friday 10 July at 2pm. Thank you for your understanding.



Tuesday 21 July - Friday 24 July 2026
Monday 27 July - Thursday 30 July 2026
8.00am - 5.00pm
£40.00 per day

Book through School Gateway or contact the School Office to book using childcare vouchers or tax free childcare

A Kind Reminder: Short and Confident Goodbyes at Drop-Off

We would really appreciate your support with drop-off routines. Children take their cues from the adults around them. When we show confidence and calmness at drop-off, it helps them feel safe, secure, and ready to start their day. The most helpful approach is a short, positive, and consistent goodbye routine. While it can be tempting to stay a little longer when your child is upset, extended goodbyes can sometimes make it harder for children to settle, as they may feel uncertain about whether you are leaving. A brief, reassuring goodbye works best. For example:
"You're going to have a great day. I can't wait to hear about it later."

"I love you, and I'll see you after school."

"See you later, alligator... in a while, crocodile!"

After saying goodbye, please hand your child over to a member of staff and leave promptly. Our team is experienced in helping children settle and will make sure they are supported and cared for. Thank you for working with us on this. Your consistency and support make a huge difference in helping children develop confidence, independence, and a positive start to their school day.

St Matthew's Wildlife Photography Competition 2026

As you will now know, we are excited to host our first Wildlife Photography Competition this week and next. We hope this will inspire our pupils to get themselves down to our Meadow and get noticing the amazing nature all around them!

To ensure that this event is as inclusive as possible, the children will have the opportunity to take their photos in school with school equipment- so there is no need to do anything at home!

Please do encourage your child to enter though and take an interest in what nature they report!



Categories- Prizes for all category winners

Reception Flora

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KS1 Flora

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LOWER KS2 Flora

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UPPER KS2 Flora

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As temperatures set to rise even further, please remember to send your child in to school this week in their P.E. kit and a hat with a water bottle and sunscreen applied.

A reminder that a week on Sunday, 5th July, at 10.45 is a special service for Education Sunday and new parents and families are encouraged to attend, along with anyone else who fancies coming along. Do feel welcome!



Please note that this event has a change of time- **now 10am** in the hope that it won't be quite as warm. Please meet at the front of school as usual and please bring gloves, a litterpicker if you have one and a bag! Thank you!



A reminder that next Monday at 3.30pm is the meeting of the **Racial Justice Working Party**. We would love to see you! It is a very welcoming group and a great opportunity to share your ideas! Do come along!

Year 2 had an amazing time at Hampton Court Palace. After exploring the Magic Garden, we took part in two exciting Tudor workshops: Entertaining the Tudors and Tudor Times. Through hands-on activities, we learned about the food, music and entertainment enjoyed at Tudor banquets as well as what daily life was like during Tudor times. We can now plan a party fit for a king and have gained a much deeper understanding of life in Tudor England!



St Matthew's Wish List

<https://amzn.eu/4Ctllwvt> 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!