

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Our Vision is to enable our whole school community to live life in all its fullness

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You may notice scaffolding on part of our school over the weekend of 4/5 July. The second phase of our roof works will be undertaken from 6 July and is due to complete by the end of September-weather dependent. Please bear with us!

Our fabulous FoSMPs have confirmed that a brilliant £4,200 was raised at the Western-themed Summer Fayre! Thank you all! Brilliant job!



Tuesday 21 July - Friday 24 July 2026
Monday 27 July - Thursday 30 July 2026
8.00am - 5.00pm
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Class Swap morning- Farewells and Hellos

Today in school there is a tremendous buzz around the place with the children having spent time meeting their new teacher/s for next year. They are happy and excited.

On that topic, it feels an appropriate time to update you on some staffing changes for September. At the end of this academic year we say farewell to Mr Collard who retires after working at St Matthew's for 23 years! What amazing service! We are so grateful to him! We say farewell to Mrs Horne, Mrs Bonnet and Mrs De Klerk who have worked at our school for a year. We also say goodbye to Mrs Weymouth from the school office after 2 years. All of these staff have given so much and we wish them every happiness.

We shall also say our very best wishes to Mrs Chamberlain who is expecting her first child at the start of August. We shall keep you informed once she has had her baby and I am sure she will come in and show off her new precious bundle to the children. We thank all these staff very much for all that they have brought to our school. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work with us and wishing them well as they begin the next phase of their journeys.

We are also thrilled to welcome some new members of the team for next year. Hello and welcome to Mr O'Connor who will be a class teacher in Year 5 Sapphire Class and Miss Benchettab who will be class teacher of Turquoise class. We hope that they will feel very welcome and supported.

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For our intrepid adventurers in the current Y5, there will be a Braeside Meeting for parents and carers on Monday 13th July at 3.30pm.

The first phase of renewal for the Reception Learning Area is due to begin during the Autumn term. We will keep you posted!

Thank you to all those who turned out to do the Community Litterpick on Saturday. We were fewer than usual (though Lucy in Year 1 also helped but disappeared before the photo opportunity!) but what we lacked in numbers, we made up for in spirit! Thank you for giving your time to help our community and look after God's world!



Today is also the **transition day** for our current Year 6's to spend time in their local Secondary School. We wish them every good wish as they take this next step in their educational journey.

Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school before the end of term. **EVERY DAY COUNTS** and in the coming days we shall be doing transition work so that they feel happy and able to manage the next class.



Our Sports Mornings were a wonderful celebration of determination, teamwork and school spirit, with both our EYFS & KS1 and KS2 children enjoying two fantastic mornings of competition. The sunshine was beaming throughout both events, but our pupils showed incredible resilience, giving their best in every activity and never giving up. Children took part in a variety of exciting events, including running races, javelin, jumping and shooting, demonstrating their growing sporting skills and enthusiasm. What stood out most was the excellent sportsmanship shown by everyone. Pupils encouraged and cheered on their friends throughout the morning, celebrating each other's achievements and showing kindness and respect, regardless of the results. It was wonderful to see such positive team spirit on display. Congratulations to **Hampton House**, who were crowned this year's overall winners. A huge well done also goes to every child who took part. Their determination, effort and encouragement of one another made both Sports Mornings a tremendous success and a memorable occasion for all. These two mornings truly reflected our school vision of enabling our whole school community to *live life in all its fullness*. Through perseverance, teamwork, encouragement and the joy of taking part, our pupils demonstrated that success is about far more than winning—it is about growing in confidence, supporting others and striving to be the very best version of themselves.

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!