St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Please find attached an update from our music specialist, Mrs Philcox & Comms reminder sheet.

Don't forget! Please do click on the link to give us parent & carer feedback. Closing date end of the month! Thank you – this will help us to help you. Parent/Carer Survey 2026









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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Thank you to all our school community for raising over £500 to Royal British legion! Well done everyone!

This term we have been reminding children about how they can be safe whilst travelling to school. Children have been asked to **'Be Bright, Be Seen'** to ensure that they can be visible when travelling to school.

Free school meals

From September 2026 there will be three types of free school meals entitlement.

Some children may no longer be entitled to free school meals, whereas others may become eligible for the first time.

The three types of free school meals entitlement follow.

Targeted free school meals (TFSM)

Equivalent to benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit with annual household income under £7,400 (£616.67 a month)
- Families with no Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) subject to separate criteria

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time
- ✓ holiday activities and food programme (HAF) known as FUEL in Kingston, Richmond, and Windsor and Maidenhead
- ✓ other support that may be available at school (eg, free milk where provided)

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year.

Expanded free school meals (EFSM)

New criteria from September 2026

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit
- No limit on annual household income

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to:

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)

Who qualifies

- All children in primary school, regardless of family circumstances

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility checks are not required

If your child is affected by food insecurity over the school holidays and is not in receipt of targeted free school meals, please contact fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk

What parents and carers need to do

If you haven't already done so, please provide your details to your child's school.

- Your child's school will let you know if they need any more information from you.
- Your details are usually requested when your child starts or moves school.
- If you have any specific queries re school meal arrangements please contact your child's school directly.

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In our continued efforts to improve communication between the school and home, we thought it would be useful to remind us all how school will communicate with parents and carers.

We endeavour to respond to communication within 5 working days.

Please note that the school office opening times are from 8.30-4pm term time only. There is an answer phone system for those who wish to leave a message.

Please help us by signposting to the correct staff member so that we can follow our processes. This will ensure a timely turn around.

Please find attached REMINDER.

We loved holding our Eco Refill Sale last Monday. Thank you to the Eco Champions who were excellent.
It is great to see so many of you helping to reduce the amount of single-use plastics in the world.
Our next sale will be on Monday 7th December 2026 at 3pm.
See you there!



Online safety workshop 'Protecting young minds'

KINGSTON AND RICHMOND PARENT CHAMPIONS NETWORK

'Protecting young minds' is an interactive workshop for professionals, parents and carers on harmful online spaces.

The session is a collaborative initiative by Achieving for Children's Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN) and the Safer Kingston Partnership, and will be delivered by Groundswell.

The workshop is designed to help adults build confidence around online safety and digital wellbeing for children and young people.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate children as this is an adults-only event.

Key topics we'll explore:

- understanding harmful online influences and groups
- warning signs a young person may be engaging in harmful online activity
- using parental controls effectively
- how to hold difficult conversations
- how to access support (a comprehensive support resource pack will be shared with the delegates upon attendance)

Session details

Friday 27 November 2026, 10.45am to 12pm
In person workshop

The Old Malden Family Hub
(Former Old Malden Children's Centre),
Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5NB

How to register

Please complete this short registration form or scan the QR code to secure your place at the event.

Please arrive from 10.30am to allow time for comfort breaks and refreshments.

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