



# Matthew's C.E (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Centre



*'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Philippians 4:13*

## Friday Feature: 8th November 2024

This half-term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Trust



*'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'* Psalm 18.2

Please find attached to the feature the home school value that you can complete with your child at home.

### Dear Parents/Carers

We have lots of events to look forward to this half-term. We have listed them below and on the future dates section e.g. Christmas Performance dates.



### Attendance Award

Each week we will be giving out an award for the class with the highest attendance. This week it was given to Mr Skelton's class who had attendance of 96.24%. Well done!

### Homework and reading - All classes except Miss Edwards, Miss Williams and Nursery

We are introducing a new spelling scheme called 'Spelling Shed' so your child will come home with a task connected to the spellings of the week and words to practise.

As usual they will have either English or Maths work to complete every other week.

We are also introducing a new mathematics electronic programme called 'Rockstars' to help with multiplication.

We will send more information home next week to let you know more!

## Anti-Bullying Week: 11-th-15th November



We are focusing on Anti-Bullying next week and the theme this year is **'Choose Respect'** Throughout the week the children will be looking at bullying and how to find help when they need it. Our Safeguarding Board children will be reviewing our Anti-Bullying policy. We are asking children to design a poster at home to bring back on Thursday 21st November about 'Anti-Bullying.' We will let the children know more information about this next week. You can find more information here: [anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk).

## Children in Need: Friday 15th November

On Friday 15th November we will be supporting BBC Children in Need event. This year the theme is 'What is your superpower?' We are asking children to wear **yellow or a superhero outfit** for a donation £1 to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.



## Samaritans Christmas Present Appeal

We will be taking part in the Samaritans Christmas Present Appeal this year. Please support your local Appeal by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need. Please drop donations off at the school office.





## Wild Tribe

Early Years thoroughly enjoyed exploring the 'Enchanted Forest' in their first Wild Tribe session this week. One of the favourite activities that both Nursery and Reception loved was climbing the tree!



## PARKING

Please can parents refrain from parking on resident's driveways or block their driveways. We are receiving a lot of complaints. Thank you

<h3>Weekly prayer</h3>	<h3>Pupils of the Week</h3>	<h3>Readers of the Week</h3>
<p>Father God</p> <p>Thank you for all your love and forgiveness.</p> <p>Thank you for always supporting us through our challenges and showing us the right path.</p> <p>Thank you for your love and guidance on our first week back.</p> <p>Thank you for your kindness and help.</p> <p>Thank you for being there when we need you.</p> <p>By R/1 St Teresa</p>	<p>Nursery Kenzie</p> <p>Reception :St Francis Mila</p> <p>R/1: St Teresa Dylan</p> <p>1/2: St Nicholas Iziah</p> <p>2: St Joseph Jacob</p> <p>3: St Cecilia Aaliyah</p> <p>3/4: St Sophia Becky</p> <p>4/5: St Kateri Demi</p> <p>5/6: St Thomas Poppy</p> <p>6: St Padre Christodia</p> 	
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### P.E. Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Edwards R/1 Miss Blocksidge 2 Mr Doughty 3/4 Mr Skelton 4/5	Miss Williams R Miss Plant 1/2 Miss Blocksidge 2	Miss Edwards R/1 Mrs Wyre 3 Mrs Barfield 5/6 Mr Bailey—6	Miss Boole N Miss Williams R Mr Skelton 4/5 Mrs Barfield 5/6 Mr Bailey—6	Miss Plant 1/2 Mrs Wyre 3 Mr Doughty 3/4

### Well Done

On Friday 01/11/24 Evie and her Dad visited the Telford gurudwara (temple) to celebrate Diwali.

This was a program within the NHS where Evie’s dad works - as part of diversity and inclusion - breaking barriers within the local community.

She watched the service taking part and sampled some food and then lit candles as part of the celebrations – reflecting the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.



### Future Dates

15th Nov	Children in Need—wear yellow and £1 donation
12th Dec	PM - KS1 Christmas Performance
13th Dec	AM—KS1 Christmas Performance
16th Dec	PM—KS2 Christmas Performance
17th Dec	AM—KS2 Christmas Performance
20th Dec	Last day of school
6th Jan	Back to school

### Applying for Reception Places for September 2025

Applications for Reception places and Year 7 places to start in September 2025 are now being taken by Telford and Wrekin Council. [School admissions - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 will start primary school from September 2025. Parents need to apply for a reception place by **15 January 2025**.



# 12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

## 1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.

## 2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

## 3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.

## 4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.

## 5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.

## 6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.

## 7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.

## 8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.

## 9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.

## 10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.

## 11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.

## 12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.