



## 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: 27th September 2024

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



*'Always be thankful' 1 Thessalonians 5.16*

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

Dear Parents and Carers, thank you for the wonderful cake donations today. Lots of you came and joined in with eating cake and raising money for charity. We will update you with the total next week.

Please see below for some other events coming up.

#### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday 22nd October at School—Reception and KS1 at 9.15am and KS2 at 2.30pm. Any donations of non perishable items can be donated at any time between now and then, any fresh produce, please can you bring it in on the morning of the 22nd. Please come along to see the festivals.

#### 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.




#### World Mental Health Day

On **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** we are inviting children and staff to wear yellow for World mental health day. Children are not expected to bring in any money for this.

The afternoon will start with a worship assembly in the hall, followed by bible meditation in class. The rest of the afternoon will be off timetable for children to complete a piece of work based on 'what makes me happy'. This could be an art-based project or a team building activity.

We hope that this will be an enjoyable and thoughtful day.



<h3>Weekly prayer</h3> <p>Father God</p> <p>We are thankful for our family, friends and the things we eat.</p> <p>We appreciate all the beautiful nature that you have created.</p> <p>Thank you for this world that we live in.</p> <p>Amen</p> <p>By 45 ST Kateri</p> 	<h3>Pupils of the Week</h3> <p>Reception :St Francis Daniel</p> <p>R/1: St Teresa Jayden</p> <p>1/2: St Nicholas Lucie</p> <p>2: St Joseph Jayda</p> <p>3: St Cecilia Alicja</p> <p>3/4: St Sophia Henson</p> <p>4/5: St Kateri Favour</p> <p>5/6: St Thomas Samuel A</p> <p>6: St Padre Ivy-Lu</p> 	<h3>Readers of the Week</h3>  <p>Reception :St Francis Amelia Rose</p> <p>R/1: St Teresa Ezra</p> <p>1/2: St Nicholas Sera</p> <p>2: St Joseph Rosalee</p> <p>3: St Cecilia Nyah-Rae</p> <p>3/4: St Sophia Freddie</p> <p>4/5: St Kateri Macie-Rae</p> <p>5/6: St Thomas Emily B</p> <p>6 St Padre Gia</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	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

### Future Dates

1st Oct	Photo mop ups for those children who missed On the 19th September
10th Oct	Wear Green day for World Mental Health
22nd Oct	Harvest Festival Reception/KS1—9..15am KS2—2.30pm
24th Oct	Last day of school and Mufti for Breast Cancer—£1 donation please
4th Nov	Children back in school
20th Dec	Last day of school

### Attendance

The Department for Education are placing a strong emphasis on attendance at the moment. We would ask that you telephone school every day that your child will be off by 9am—unless, for example, they have been sick and you have already advised us that they will be off for 48 hours.

### Applying for Reception places and Year 7 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**.

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 will start secondary school from September 2025.

Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by **31 October 2024**. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) must also apply by 31 October 2024.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is an easily accessible, child-friendly version of YouTube, offering a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment which is suitable for young children. Although YouTube Kids is obviously intended to be an extremely child-friendly platform, it's still raised concerns over its advertising policy, as well as inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

## SETTING UP

- 1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect to it with your own YouTube account.
- 2 Input the child's name, age and birth month.
- 3 Select the type of videos you want to include for them, based on their age and your own personal choice.
- 4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos to accept and reject.
- 5 Once you've made your choices, the app is ready for the child to use!

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Adverts on YouTube Kids are as pervasive as they are on its parent app. If you'd prefer a child wasn't exposed to ads, a paid subscription to YouTube Premium removes adverts on YouTube Kids. It's worth remembering, though, that this won't block adverts or promotions which creators include in their videos – and children are still able to watch channels belonging to fast food or toy companies.

### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there have still been reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important to communicate openly with children if they're exposed to any inappropriate content, to help them feel more comfortable coming to you in the future. It's also a good idea to report inappropriate clips, which can be done by tapping the three dots in the corner of the video.

### DISABLE THE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which may be useful in preventing a child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what younger users can watch. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that children are only exposed to recommended videos that have been deemed suitable for their age group.

### RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit a child's daily usage: it automatically stops the video when it reaches the pre-set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction, which can potentially lead to youngsters staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what the child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video they've watched.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. This may require some time being spent finding channels and content that young people will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and the child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about.

## Meet Our Expert

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