



# 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: 24th November 2023

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

*'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'* Colossians 3:12



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another busy week with lots of learning and activities. Some of our children represented out school in a Kurling competition—see below. We are very proud of all our children and the way they behave when they go out on trips.

### No Pens Day

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November we will be taking part in 'No Pens Day' and asking children to donate £1. No Pens Day is a chance for children to have some fun raising valuable funds for Speech and Language UK while learning about the 1.9 million children who struggle with talking and understanding. As well as raising money teachers have lots of fun activities planned.

Please help us make a difference by donating £1. Thank you for all your support. Mrs Burns

### Gurdwara

On Monday St Sophia class went to visit the new Gurdwara in Telford and we had an amazing time! We learnt about the 5K's, walked around the Guru Granth Sahib and even saw where they put it to bed at night! The people at the Gurdwara were so generous and even fed us a scrumptious meal. We ate curry, rice, bread and even rice pudding! We had the best morning and learnt so much about their religion. The most important lesson we learnt was that the people at the Gurdwara were so generous and they demonstrated to us how we should treat others.

### Kurling

Well done to the children who represented our school yesterday. We have feedback that the behaviour and attitude was amazing.

"Yesterday me and my friends went on a trip to Wrekin College, to take part in a Kurling competition. When we got there it was a bit scary because there were loads of people we had to play against. It was hard to get it on the target but, we won two rounds, and we lost one round. During the afternoon we got used to it which meant it became less scary and more fun. Overall, we had lots of fun, and would like to do it again." By Ben



### Reading Areas

As a school, we are looking at developing our reading areas. We believe that great reading spaces spark curiosity and imagination and create a place that entices children to explore and 'get lost in a good book.' We would really like these areas to be homely and comfortable and to reflect our own children's inspiration and dreams. Therefore, donations would be greatly received. This may include battery powered lamps, seating, fairy lights, teddy bears (EYFS and KS1), cushions or bean bags. Please only donate items that are new or are in good condition. Many thanks, Mrs Hulme

## Weekly prayer



Thank you God for making poorly people well again,

Thank you God for all the doctors and nurses in the hospital,

Thank you God for the medicine we have to help people,

Thank you God for making people who feel down happy again,

Thank you God for the carers that took care of my uncle when he was ill,

Thank you for always being around us when we need you

Amen

By 45JB

## Sensei's Commando of the Week

Service	Lola
Perseverance	Amelia J and Daphne
Trust	Kelsey
Respect	Isabelle
Justice	Kaiden and Scarlett
Minecrafters of the week	Ryan and Milosz

## Applying for a Reception School Place

The portal is now open for parents to apply for a reception school place in September 2024.

The closing date for Reception places (born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20) is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

More information on applying for a place can be found on the Telford and Wrekin website.

## Future dates/events

- 28.11.23—Flu vaccination
- 11.12.23— 2pm Nursery and Reception class Christmas performance
- 12.12.23—9.30am—Nursery and Reception class Christmas performance
- 14.12.23—2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
- 15.12.23—9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
- 18.12.23—2pm KS2 Christmas Concert
- 19.12.23—9.30am KS2 Christmas Concert
- 20.12.23—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
- 22.12.23 – PD Day

## Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week



		Readers
Reception :St Francis	Holly and Blue-Rose	Isaac
R/1: St Teresa	Paisley and Milana	Arlo
1/2: St Nicholas	Davyd and Astin	Jayda and Rowen
2: St Joseph	Jayden and Riley	Yumi
3: St Cecilia	Freddie and Reeda	Maddie
3/4: St Sophia	Evie and Ruby	Daphne
4/5: St Kateri	Charlie R and Indie	Kyllun
5/6: St Thomas	Poppy and Akifa	Leighton
6: St Padre	Esther and Max	Ethan

## Christmas Tombola and 50/50 Raffle

This year, thanks to a kind donation by Toys Gifts Telford we are running a Christmas Tombola. Tickets are £1 each. There are lots of prizes, from jigsaws and colouring books to santa hats and craft kits.

Tickets available from the school office and all profits will go to School Funds.

We will also be running a 50/50 raffle—which will be drawn on the last day of term.

These tickets cost £1 each and winner will receive 50% of the proceeds, with the other 50% going to School Fund.

Thank you for your support



## Well Done

Well done to AJ who went to Asda and changed his penny tub and decided he wanted to donate to the hospital children's ward Christmas donation—he packed up his basket with 23 selection boxes with a massive smile on his face.

That is so kind AJ—well done.



## Mrs Barfield

On December 16th Mrs Barfield will be shaving her hair off to raise money for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund where she received treatment for breast cancer. Alongside the sponsored head shave, she is also raising extra funds through a raffle. Tickets cost £5 to be in with the chance of winning the following prizes:

- Warped Sports paintball (Cosford) whole day including lunch for 10 people!
- Go Ape Cannock tickets for 2 guests!
- Hollywood Bowl x 2 lots of 4 tickets!
- Tickets to the Snowdome in Tamworth
- £50 voucher to spend at The Crown Pattingham!
- Family ticket to Hawkstone Park follies!
- Family ticket to Jungle Boogie (Codsall)!
- Family ticket for the Telford steam railway!
- Family ticket to Wonderland Telford!
- Afternoon tea for two at Park House Hotel, Shifnal Park House!
- Family ticket to Attingham park!
- Entry for 2 to West Midlands Safari Park!
- family ticket to Exotic Zoo Telford!
- 6 general admission tickets to Monmore Green dog racing!
- 2 childrens tickets to Dudley Zoo!
- Family ticket to Majestic Cinema Bridgnorth!
- Cream tea for 2 at Halfpenny Green Vineyard!
- £20 voucher to use at Lytchgate Coffee shop Pattingham!
- Bottle of wine from Pattingham Vineyard!
- Christmas cake!
- Booze hamper!
- Chocolate hamper!
- candle hamper!

Tickets are £5 per ticket. These can be purchased by donating the £5 straight to Mrs Barfield's JustGiving page and then emailing her ([jessie.barfield@taw.org.uk](mailto:jessie.barfield@taw.org.uk)) with your mobile number or by sending money in an envelope to school marked Mrs Barfield's Fundraiser with your name and mobile number included.

If you don't wish to buy a raffle ticket but would like to sponsor Mrs Barfield as she 'braves the shave', sponsorship money can also be directly donated to the JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jessica-barfield-1694464878666?newPage=true> or scan the QR code on the attached poster.