

Friday Feature NEWSLETTER



Week of 6th to the 10th July 2026

This half term's value:
Respect



Kingswood

Our visit to Kingswood was an exciting and engaging outdoor learning experience that combined adventure, teamwork, and history. Throughout the day, we took part in a variety of activities designed to build confidence, communication, and problem-solving skills. One of the highlights was tree climbing, where we challenged ourselves to climb high into the trees while learning how to use the safety equipment correctly. This activity helped develop resilience and confidence as we pushed ourselves beyond our comfort zones.

We also participated in peg orienteering, using maps and clues to locate markers around the site. This encouraged teamwork, navigation skills, and careful observation as we worked together to find each location. During the nature trail, we explored the local environment and used riddles to learn more about animals, wildlife, and habitats found around Kingswood. This provided an opportunity to appreciate nature and understand the importance of protecting the environment.

Another memorable activity was the rope course, which tested our balance, coordination, and determination. Supporting one another through the challenges helped strengthen our teamwork and trust.

In addition to the outdoor activities, we had the opportunity to see an Anderson shelter, which gave us an insight into life during the Second World War. Learning about how families used these shelters during air raids helped us better understand the experiences of people living through wartime Britain.

One of the highlights of the trip was also spending time with our friends in the dormitories. We enjoyed relaxing together after the day's activities, sharing stories, laughing, and talking about our favourite moments. It was a great opportunity to strengthen friendships and make memories that we will remember for years to come.



“Individuals working together to potential with God”

Pupils of the Week

Nursery	Lilly
R St Francis	Henry M
1: St Teresa	Theo
1/2: St Nicholas	Jaxson
2: St Joseph	Willow
3: St Cecilia	Sheriff
3/4: St Sophia	Milana
4: St Kateri	Chloe & Riley
5: St Thomas	Che
6 : St Padre	Peniel



Prayer of the Week



Dear God,

Thank you for our school, St Matthews.

Help us to show compassion to everyone we meet, and to always act with integrity.

Guide us to seek justice in all we do and grant us the wisdom to make good choices.

May we show commitment to our learning and our friends, showing kindness and respect to all.

Help us to live by these values every day.

Amen

Weekly Attendance

This week the attendance award 
has gone to : St Thomas 5

1st	St Joseph 2	97.6%
2nd	St Teresa 1	93.6%
3rd	St Padre 6	93.4%
4th	St Thomas 5	93.3%
5th	St Nicholas 12	92.9%
6th	St Sophia 34	91.7%
7th	St Cecilia 3	91.6%
8th	St Francis R	91.6%
9th	St Kateri 4	83%

Attendance Thank You

Thank you to the children and parents in the following classes whose attendance improved this week.

- Nursery 30**
- Nursery PM**
- St Teresa 1**
- St Joseph 2**
- St Kateri 4**
- St Thomas 5**



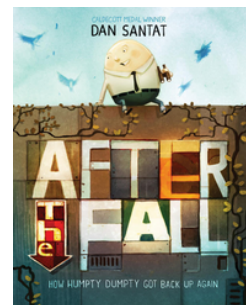
**Attendance
Matters**



“Individuals working together to potential with God”

Miss Yeate's Favourite Book

“My favourite book is, ‘After the Fall’ by Dan Santat. This is the story of Humpty Dumpty after his adventure on the wall. I love the story because it is all about overcoming challenges and believing in yourself. I especially like the surprise twist at the end of it! Every time I read this book with my children, I love seeing their faces light up as they see a little bit of Humpty in themselves and hear the message to never give up on their dreams. Such an excellent book which never loses its charm, no matter how many times I share it.”



Abuse

Unfortunately our staff are still experiencing occasional verbal abuse from parents. This will not be tolerated and we do reserve the right to ban parents from the school premises if such abuse continues.

We are also aware of instances outside the school gates of parents verbally abusing other parents. Again, if this continues parents will be asked to stay away from site.



Future Dates

14.07.26	Year 6 Leavers Worship
14.07.26	Year 6 Prom at Caseys
16.07.26	Year 6 Graduation
17.07.26	Break up for Summer
02.09.26	Back to School

Contact Info

Miss J O'Connell



email: a3358@taw.org.uk



01952 386260

“Individuals working together to potential with God”