



# St Matthew's Messenger



SPRING HALF TERM 1 2025

JANUARY 2025

*Dear Parents/Guardians*

*Welcome back and Happy New Year!*



*It has been lovely to see the children return to school so happily. The term has certainly started with a wintery feel which makes everything look beautiful, but very slippery. Thank you for your patience on the mornings where we have been doing last minute gritting of the playground to make it safe. Please remember to send in named, warm coats or fleeces at this time of year especially on Forest school days. All children do need welly boots in school as the field is muddy. Mrs Owen has reported that some children without gloves, hats and waterproofs have been cold during forest school sessions this week. Teachers try really hard to make sure children have all of their belongings but things do go astray. If they are named they are easily returned but do please check lost property as you would be surprised the range of lost items we already have!*

*May 2025 be a happy and healthy one for you and your families.*

*Best wishes  
Ros Stamper*

*Respect, Faith, Friendship, Achievement*

### **TRANSFORMING PLAYTIMES**

After the huge success of the Santa dash the play leaders have spent time with Mr Harris deciding how to spend their share of the money. They have looked at buying sets of playground equipment that will be used each day offering a different activity each session. The PTFA have provided funds for the purchase of a storage shed so that all kit can be kept in good condition and easily accessible to the playground. Thanks to all fund raisers!

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Our wrap around after school club, running until 5.30pm, has started well this week. Children in the first session are enjoying hot buttered crumpets, brioche, fruit, cheese and biscuits before they settle into games, construction and crafts. There are still places available if you feel this would help with your child care arrangements. Do contact the school office for more information.

### **PTFA**

The next PTFA meeting is being held at the Woodlark Pub on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm. All welcome. This is a new committee so it's a great time to come along and get involved. Please try and support as the team are trying to organise some more fun events for the children.

### **FOREST SCHOOL**

Mrs Owen is desperately looking for parent/grandparent helpers for forest school sessions. She is only able to do more exciting and challenging activities if she has more adult support. Please contact the office if you feel you could help or come along for a trial session to see what it's all about!

### **FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS**

<b>FOREST SCHOOL TIMETABLE SPRING 1 TERM</b>	<b>MORNING 9AM</b>	<b>AFTERNOON 1PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		Y4 ASH
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Y2 APPLE	Y6 BEECH
<b>FRIDAY</b>	YR RAINBOWS Y1 OAK	Y5 SYCAMORE

It is important that you remember to provide your child with the correct Forest School kit for the above sessions i.e. long sleeved tops, jogging bottoms, wellies/walking boots, warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves and waterproofs. Unfortunately, Mrs Owen does not have enough spare items to accommodate pupils who turn up without their proper kit.

### **STOMACH BUG GOING ROUND SCHOOL**

If your child has vomited or suffered with diarrhoea please leave 2 full school days from the last bout of vomit or diarrhoea before returning your child to school. We are currently experiencing a continued number of children being absence due to a stomach bug in circulation. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **PERMANENT CHANGE TO DINNER MENU – WEEK 3**

TUESDAY

GREEN OPTION

VEGETABLE GOUJONS (Instead of Vegetable Cottage Pie)

## **SPRING 1 TERM**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Thurs 16<sup>TH</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Epiphany led by Year 4 @ St Matthew's Church 10.15am (Year 4 Parents invited only)</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Governors' Teaching &amp; Learning Meeting 6.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>KS2 Gymnastics – Oakmoor School (By invitation only)</b>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Cross Country @ Perins School, Alresford – details to follow (By invitation only)</b>
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Basketball Yrs 3/4/5 &amp; 6 @ Oakmoor 3.30pm – 5pm (By invitation only)</b>
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Sportshall Athletics @ Perins School, Alresford – details to follow (By invitation only)</b>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Girls' Football Tournament @ Bohunt – details to follow (By invitation only)</b>