



Newsletter 12 – 24th November 2025

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Trust' (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Data Collection Form – pupil information form

This week Mrs Patel in the office will be sending home a data collection form for parents and carers to check and amend if necessary. It is very important that we have up-to-date information about all our children and so please make every effort to fully check this form and return it to school as soon as possible. It is vital that we have current contact details in case of emergency, as well as alternative people to contact if we cannot contact you for any reason. We would really appreciate it if you could return these by the end of this week, Friday 28th November. Thank you.

School Closures due to Snow

After last week's cold weather, here are a couple of reminders about how we inform parents about school closures:

- If school has to be closed due to the weather, we will let you know by texting you (we would aim to do this by 8.00am). It is therefore vital that we have an up-to-date phone number for you.
- A message will also be posted on the school website in the form of a black pop-up message on the home screen (www.stmatthewsblackburn.com).



If you do not hear anything by these methods, school is open as usual.

When it does snow, please be prepared to use the main pedestrian entrance next to the car park gates on Withers Street – Mr Orange does a great job of making sure that this entrance is clear and he doesn't have time in the morning to make sure that all the other entrances are completely safe.

Values In Action Group

From next week and, until the last week of term, our Values in Action group are once again collecting items for Advent. Donations will be made to the Salvation Army or Blackburn Foodbank. This year we are collecting various small items particularly suitable for boys or girls, such as:

- Sweets/chocolate
- Books
- Toiletries (toothbrushes toothpaste, hair accessories, shampoo, body sprays)
- Stationery (e.g. felt tips, pens, colouring books)
- Small toys (e.g. soft toys, fidget toys)
- Small items of clothing (e.g. hats, scarves, gloves, socks)

Of course, this is completely optional – please do not feel that you have to take part. We are trying to put our school values in action by helping the care for people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please note that all items must be new. Thank you!

Car Park Safety

Please encourage your children to always stay on the paths around the car park, particularly when leaving after-school clubs. There are often members of staff driving through the car park at the time when children are leaving after-school clubs and at this time of year, it is quite dark at that time. We want to avoid accidents at all costs.

Parking in front of the School Gates

When picking children up from after school clubs, please make sure that you do not park in front of the car park gates so that members of staff can leave the car park.

Best wishes



Julian Rogers
Headteacher

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Alayna Shafiq – Robins
 Abu-Bakr Siddiq – Woodpeckers
 Amna Kauser – Kingfishers
 Bilal Hussain – Swallows
 Inaayah Mulla – Doves
 Azaan Jamadar – Owls
 Yousuf Iqbal – Kestrels
 M. Adam Patel – Hawks
 Umar Hussain – Falcons
 Adam Shah - Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Adan Sabir – Robins
 Faris Syed – Woodpeckers
 Idrees Chothia – Kingfishers
 Khadija Malik – Swallows
 Ayra Kayani – Doves
 Amna Hussain – Owls
 M. Essa Hussain – Kestrels
 Ahmed Mulla – Hawks
 Malik Hasan – Falcons
 Sakina Shah - Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Doves
 Sara Holme – Sapphire
 Aafiyah Bhamji – Gold

Kestrels
 Zayn Chopdat – Bronze, Aayza Farooq – Emerald,
 Umaimah Bhamji – Sapphire

Hawks
 Salman Khalid – Gold, Kristofers Kilpe – Sapphire
 Zakariyya Motala – Bronze Star
 Ebraheem Sadiq – Ruby

Eagles
 Sakina Shah, Ayesha Nadeem & Shan Akhtar – Silver Star

Remarkable Readers

Children who have impressed their teachers with their reading this week:

Jannat Sharif – Woodpeckers
 Abeera Chaudhry – Kingfishers
 Laiba Nasir – Swallows
 Yusuf Mangera – Doves
 Abdul Rehman – Owls
 Umaimah Bhamji – Kestrels
 Tamima Begum – Hawks
 Ritaj El-Morchidi – Falcons
 Nazia Farid - Eagles

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:
Doves

Mr Ulhaq's Ultimate Achiever:
Hussain Ali Shah

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:
 Zainab Hussain (Kingfishers) & Ayaan Siddique (Owls)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Swallows	Kingfishers
Juniors	Falcons (100%)	Eagles