



Newsletter 24 – 9nd March 2026

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

This half-term's value is 'Forgiveness' (Ephesians 4:32)

Children's Safety after School

Please could all parents and carers make sure that their children stay on the paths around school, particularly in the car park. Some members of staff finish at 3.00pm and they are often driving out of the car park at the same time as the children finish school and leave the school grounds. We want to make sure that all children are safe.



School Photographer

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school this Thursday (12th March) to take photographs of individual children.

Family group photos will no longer be taken automatically. If you have more than one child in school and you would like a photo of them taken together, you will need to bring them to school between 8.00 – 8.20am on the above date. Please only do this if you intend to buy the photos.

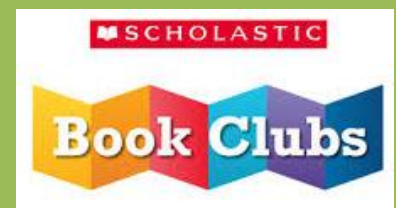
As usual, there will be the opportunity for parents to bring pre-school brothers and sisters in between 8.00 – 8.20am to be included in family group photos. For safeguarding purposes, parents need to report to the main office, not through the breakfast club or classroom doors.

Please note that this is ONLY for pre-school brothers and sisters, not older children who do not attend St Matthew's.

Scholastic Book Club

You will remember that at our Parents' Evening in December, we held a Book Fair. The company behind this, Scholastic, is providing parents and carers with another opportunity to buy books at discounted prices. As this week is World Book Day week, this is a great opportunity for you to treat your child and support school as we seek to show children that reading is fun and a great alternative to too much screen time!

Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-24264MV4> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend in the Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.



Orders need to be placed online by March 20th, 2026.

Bring a Toy to School Appeal

Many thanks for all your generous donations in support of Merciful Giving's appeal. These are sure to bring a smile to the faces of lots of children currently in hospital. I'd also like to thank Mrs Minoprio-Nicholson and the VIA group for organising our school's collection.

Goodbye Mrs Dalal!

On Wednesday we say goodbye to Mrs Dalal, one of our team of teaching assistants. Mrs Dalal has worked in many different classes during her time at St. Matthew's and Brunel since starting with us back in 2018. This year she has been working with our Robins' class each morning and the Kingfishers' class for one afternoon a week.



Mrs Dalal is leaving us to take up an exciting new role at a Children's Centre. I would like to thank Mrs Dalal for all her hard work during her many years with us. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing her well in her new role.

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

Attached to this week's newsletter:

- a flyer about a free football training offer

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Ayah Noor & Juwayriyya Noori – Robins
 Jannat Sharif – Woodpeckers
 Mohammed Bhamji – Kingfishers
 Aariz Hussain – Swallows
 McKenzie Mulleney – Doves
 Sabrina Ismaili – Owls
 M. Essa Hussain – Kestrels
 Safaa Zaman – Hawks
 Laraib Shah – Falcons
 Azaan Hussain – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Safa Ahmed & Hishaam Kayani – Robins
 Adam Sabir – Woodpeckers
 Jak Mulleney – Kingfishers
 Laiba Nasir – Swallows
 Anaya Ullah – Doves
 Ameerah Khan – Owls
 Zainab Mahmood – Kestrels
 Salman Khaled – Hawks
 Salma Ismaili – Falcons
 Haniya Ali – Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Woodpeckers
 Adam Sabir – Bronze
 Umair Shaikh, Umaima Mohsin & Abu-Bakr Siddiq – Silver

Hawks
 Aisha Hussain – Topaz
 Abu Bakr Malik – Pearl
 Sara Slonka – Silver Star

Remarkable Readers

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

Maryam Nakhuda – Woodpeckers
 Idrees Chothia – Kingfishers
 Zohaib Latif – Swallows
 Haniya Syed – Doves
 Zulekha Aswat – Owls
 Zakei Ullah – Kestrels
 Hooria Abbas – Hawks
 Salma Ismaili – Falcons
 M. Zayn Faiz – Eagles

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:
Hawks

Mr Ulhaq's Ultimate Achiever:
Azaan Jamadar (Falcons)

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:
 Hishaam Kayani (Robins) & Aishah Sidat (Kestrels)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Robins & Swallows	Woodpeckers & Kingfishers
Juniors	Kestrels (100%)	Falcons



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