



Newsletter 39 – 13th July 2026

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

This half-term's value is 'Endurance' (Galatians 6:9)

Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to last week's Sports Day. The weather was just about perfect – dry but not too hot. Everyone who took part enjoyed themselves – children and parents alike!

Treat Tuesday!

As a special treat for the children, an ice-cream van will be visiting the school tomorrow. The van will be selling ice creams at a specially reduced price of just £1. If you would like your child to buy an ice cream, please send them in with £1. All children will be able to come in non-uniform on this day. It's a way of congratulating the children on all their hard work this year.



Class Teachers for September 2026

Next year, class teachers are staying in the same classes except for one class - the Woodpeckers. Mr Woodward is leaving St Matthew's for a year to take up a temporary leadership role in another Blackburn school. We wish him all the best with this and look forward to seeing him back here in September 2027. Miss Hannah Darken will be teaching the Woodpeckers' class from September 2026.

Kingfishers' Class Assembly

A big thank you to our Kingfishers' class for their fantastic Caribbean-themed assembly last week. Thanks also to all the parents and carers who came along to support their children.



End of Year Reports – Thursday 17th July

Your child will bring home their end of year report this Thursday. The report will give information about your child's progress, attainment and attendance. In addition to this, Reception reports will include information about their progress towards the Early Learning Goals, Year 1 reports will include information about the Phonics Screening Check, Year 4 reports will include information about the Multiplication Tables Check and Year 6 reports will include their SATs results. You will also have confirmation of your child's class teacher for September.

Summer Holidays

A reminder that school closes at 3.00pm this Friday for the summer holidays and re-opens at 8.20am on Thursday 3rd September for the autumn term.



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Thursday 16th July

On Thursday our Year 6 children in the Eagles' and Falcons' classes will be presenting their Leavers' Service at 8.40am. Parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited to join us for this – bring your tissues!

We will also be presenting the Year 6 awards at this service so that parents aren't having to make two trips. Year 6 children who are receiving an award on Thursday have already received a text letting them know.



End of Year Prizegiving Service – Friday 17th July

On **Friday** we finish the year with our annual Prizegiving Service for children from Reception up to and including Year 5. This starts at 8.40am – please only attend this if you have received a text telling you that your child will be receiving a certificate or award as we really struggle with space in the hall.

Online Safety

The following link will take you to the updated version of the parental controls booklet on our school website:

<https://www.stmatthewsblackburn.com/attachments/download.asp?file=954&type=pdf>

The booklet gives parents and carers help and advice in setting up controls on apps and websites to prevent children from being able to access harmful material online. Please take a look.

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

Attached to this newsletter:

- Information about HAF activities on offer from BwD – there are four weeks of activities in various locations

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Sami Abdrabou & Hishaan Kayani – Robins
Haadiyah Khan – Woodpeckers
Yusuf Kayani – Kingfishers
Hasnain Taj – Swallows
Rayhan Rizwan – Doves
Zeeshan Nain – Owls
Aleena Bhamji – Kestrels
Fatima Geloo – Hawks
Azaan Jamadar – Falcons
Haniya Ali – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Zinab Khil & Zaynab Zohaib – Robins
Zakariya Latif – Woodpeckers
Nina Hasan – Kingfishers
Hassan Iqbal – Swallows
Zara Rizwan – Doves
Amna Hussain – Owls
Faiza Akhtar – Kestrels
Shamsa Hooti – Hawks
Subhan Atiq – Falcons
Haniya Ali – Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Woodpeckers

Yahya Latif, Zakariyah Latif & Ismail Mahmood – Gold
Maliha Khan & Hannah Muhammadi – Bronze
Aliza Chaudry, Zayn Bhojani &
Umaima Mohsin – Ruby

Doves

Zahra Akhtar & Farah Hussain – Jet

Falcons

Ritaj El Morchidi – Ruby

Remarkable Readers

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

Mariyah Munshi & Amirah Bhamji – Robins
Abu-Bakr Siddique – Woodpeckers
Safa Ali – Kingfishers
Azaan Khan – Swallows
Aahil Muhammad – Doves
Ahmed Hassan – Owls
Aleena Bhamji – Kestrels
Abu-Bakr Malik – Hawks
Fatima Aziz – Falcons
Haniya Ali – Eagles

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:
Kingfishers

Mr Ulhaq's Ultimate Achiever:
Abeera Chaudhry (Kingfishers)

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:

Hannah Muhammadi (Woodpeckers) & M. Awan Ameen (Doves)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Swallows	Woodpeckers
Juniors	Falcons	Owls & Hawks



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Week 1

Day	What's On	Location	Time
Monday 3rd August	Story Explorers	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Move and Groove	Hancock St CC	10 - 11.30am
	Summer Sensory	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Summer Sensory	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Wensley Fold CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Story Explorers	Highercroft CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Livesey	1 - 2.30pm
Tuesday 4th August	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Darwen	3 - 4.30 pm
	Story Explorers	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Summer Sensory	Hancock St CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
Wednesday 5th August	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Livesey	3 - 4.30pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Shadsworth	12.30 - 2pm
	Nature Detectives	Hancock St CC	1 - 2.30pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Shadsworth	3 - 4.30pm
Thursday 6th August	Nature Detectives	Family Hub Shadsworth	10.30 - 12pm
	Summer Sensory	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Darwen	10.30 - 12pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Little Harwood	3 - 4.30pm
	Nature Detectives	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
Friday 7th August	Little Kitchen Crew	Family Hub Livesey	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Little Kitchen Crew	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Nature Detectives	Highercroft CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Story Explorers	Hancock St CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Let's Play	The Hub Shadsworth (Rothesay Rd)	9.30 - 10.30am



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Monday 10th August	Messy Madness	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Little Kitchen Crew	Hancock St CC	10 - 11.30am
	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Messy Madness	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Wensley Fold CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Little Kitchen Crew	Highercroft CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Story Explorers	Family Hub Livesey	1 - 2.30pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Darwen	3 - 4.30 pm
Tuesday 11th August	Little Kitchen Crew	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Nature Detectives	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Messy Madness	Hancock St CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
Wednesday 12th August	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Livesey	3 - 4.30pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Shadsworth	12.30 - 2pm
	Story Explorers	Hancock St CC	1 - 2.30pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Shadsworth	3 - 4.30pm
Thursday 13th August	Messy Madness	Family Hub Shadsworth	10.30 - 12pm
	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Darwen	10.30 - 12pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Little Harwood	3 - 4.30pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
Friday 14th August	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Livesey	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Summer Sensory	Highercroft CC	12.30 - 2pm
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Monday 17th August	Story Explorers	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Move and Groove	Hancock St CC	10 - 11.30am
	Summer Sensory	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Summer Sensory	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Wensley Fold CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Story Explorers	Highercroft CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Livesey	1 - 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th August	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Darwen	3 - 4.30 pm
	Story Explorers	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Summer Sensory	Hancock St CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
Wednesday 19th August	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Livesey	3 - 4.30pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Shadsworth	12.30 - 2pm
	Nature Detectives	Hancock St CC	1 - 2.30pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Shadsworth	3 - 4.30pm
Thursday 20th August	Nature Detectives	Family Hub Shadsworth	10.30 - 12pm
	Summer Sensory	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Darwen	10.30 - 12pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Little Harwood	3 - 4.30pm
Friday 21st August	Nature Detectives	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
	Little Kitchen Crew	Family Hub Livesey	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Little Kitchen Crew	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Nature Detectives	Highercroft CC	12.30 -2pm
	Story Explorers	Hancock St CC	12.30 - 2pm
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Monday 24th August	Messy Madness	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Little Kitchen Crew	Hancock St CC	10 - 11.30am
	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Messy Madness	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Wensley Fold CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Little Kitchen Crew	Highercroft CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Story Explorers	Family Hub Livesey	1 - 2.30pm
Tuesday 25th August	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Darwen	3 - 4.30 pm
	Little Kitchen Crew	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Nature Detectives	Family Hub Little Harwood	10 - 11.30am
	Messy Madness	Hancock St CC	12.30 - 2pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
Wednesday 26th August	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Livesey	3 - 4.30pm
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Shadsworth	10 - 11.30am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Shadsworth	12.30 - 2pm
	Move and Groove	Hancock St CC	1 - 2.30pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Shadsworth	3 - 4.30pm
Thursday 27th August	Messy Madness	Family Hub Shadsworth	10.30 - 12pm
	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Darwen	10.30 - 12pm
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Louie Says – Toileting support drop in	Family Hub Little Harwood	3 - 4.30pm
Friday 28th August	Move and Groove	Family Hub Livesey	12.30 - 2pm
	Splash and Splash (bring spare clothes)	Family Hub Livesey	10 - 11.30 am
	Nourish and Nurture	Family Hub Darwen	10 - 11.30am
	Move and Groove	Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30 - 2pm
	Summer Sensory	Highercroft CC	12.30 -2pm
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