

Team Points			
<b>Mandela</b>	<b>Pankhurst</b>	<b>Turing</b>	<b>Malala</b>
677	1097	823	945

**\*Stars of the Week\***  
Jean, Ethan, Isla, Harrison,  
Olivia, Ethan, Rio, Danial



# NEWSLETTER

Attendance	Target:96%	School: 90% ☹️☹️				
Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
84.6	<b>96.0</b>	90.3	91.5	92.5	85.0	90.0
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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Dear Family and Friends,

### A snowy St. Matthew's

Despite the terrible weather on Wednesday, we were able to open school. This is thanks to the staff who all battled through the snow to get to school when many other schools were closed. Once everyone had arrived we all enjoyed playing in the snow.



Thank you for your patience and understanding with changes to the drop-off and pick-up routine.

### School text message service

If you haven't been receiving text messages from school, this may be because you have the teachers2parents app installed. Either check the app for messages or delete it to continue receiving texts.

### Sponsored school run

To celebrate the installation of our new running track we will be holding a sponsored school run on **Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February**. We are challenging our children and staff to run a total of 500 miles, which is 2,500 laps of our track! Children are welcome to wear suitable clothing for the full day (trainers, jogging bottoms, jumper). In the event of bad weather, we will complete an indoor fitness challenge instead.

We will be joined by a famous local athlete on the day to help us all get to ready run and cheer us on. Please can any sponsorship money be sent to school.

### Staffing news

Mrs Jolley is no longer our school's special needs coordinator. Mr Langridge is now taking on this role. Information about special educational needs can be found on our website.

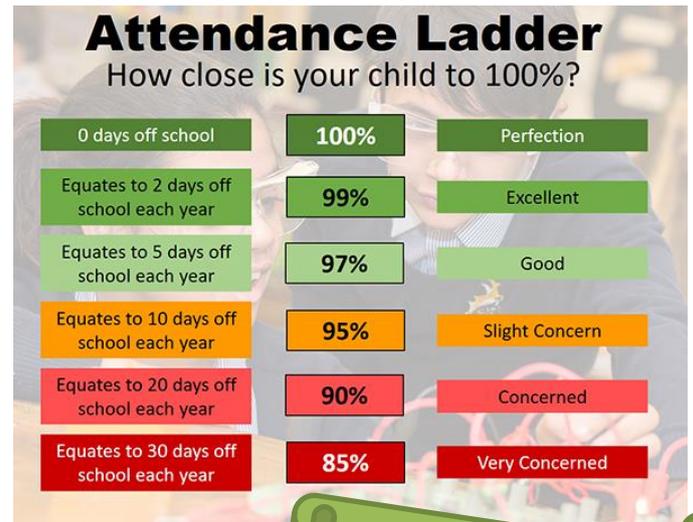
### Traffic on Poplar Road

Please be careful driving and parking on Poplar Road, especially in icy conditions. Wherever possible, please park safely and considerately on nearby roads and walk the remainder. There were a number of accidents on Wednesday and Thursday involving parked cars. If you witnessed anything, please contact the office.

We appreciate your support with this matter to help our families and staff travel to school safely.

### Attendance

School attendance has been very low recently. Keeping attendance as high as possible is a legal duty required of all schools as it is seen as a safeguarding matter. The following diagram shows how many days your child misses from school if their attendance dips below 100%. Although 95% may sound high, it equates to two weeks off school a year. 90% attendance is almost a month off school! We understand that children can be unwell and take odd days of absence. However persistent absent, term-time holidays and unexplained absences will not be authorised.



Best wishes,  
**Mr Johnson**  
Headteacher

**Y6 SATS Parent meeting**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
February at 3.00

**Let Your Light Shine**