



SCHOOL FAMILY NEWS

19th December 2025

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

What a wonderfully festive and heartwarming end to the year! As we approach the holiday season, I'm filled with immense pride and gratitude for everything we've achieved together. St Matthew's, you are amazing! These past few weeks have been magical, with our school bursting with music, performances, and the most incredible Christmas spirit. Our concerts have truly captured the joy and talent of our children, bringing warmth and celebration to our entire school community.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

We had an amazing Christmas Jumper Day this year, with children and adults across the school proudly wearing their festive jumpers! On the same day, we were also treated to a delicious Christmas Dinner - a lovely roast followed by a festive dessert. The hall was filled with music, cracker pulling and party hats. A huge thank you to our wonderful cooks, Claire and Sue, for making the day so special! We were also lucky to have a special visit from Father Christmas, who read a story to our EYFS, Year 1 and Class Willow children, and delivered a gift to every child across the school. We were also lucky to have a special visit from Father Christmas! A special mention must go to an incredibly generous family who, for another year, made Father Christmas's visit such a magical experience. They kindly funded and wrapped every present and supported Father Christmas around the school, ensuring that every child went home with a gift. This kindness and commitment to our school community truly goes beyond words, and we are so grateful for their generosity.

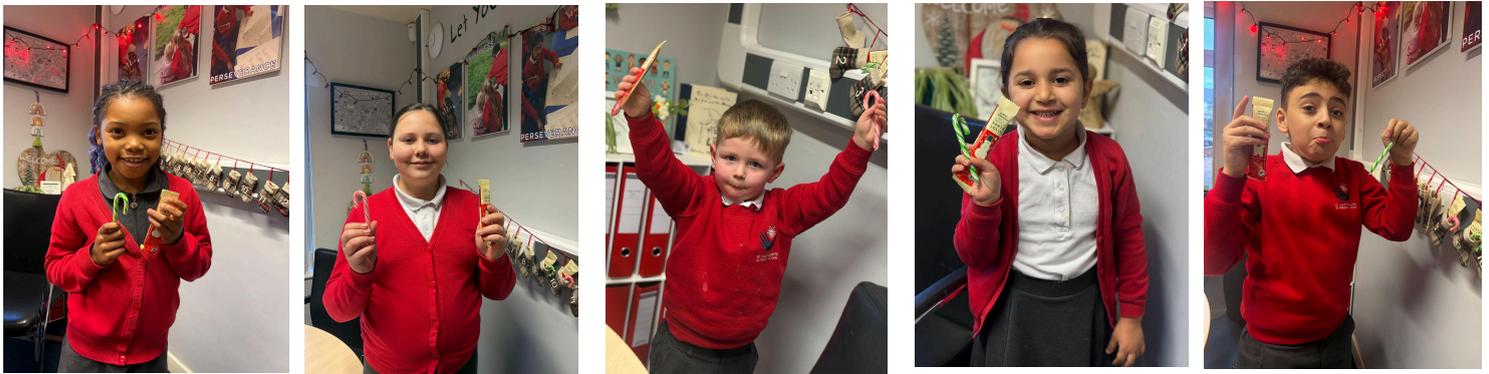


FAF Fundraising

Our Friends and Family PTA have had a busy term, with a Coffee Morning, Christmas Fayre, Gift Sale and planning and organising a Christmas story and visit from Father Christmas for all of our children. From these events, they help raise much needed funds towards good causes at the school. A huge thank you to the volunteers who have made these events happen, and to everyone that has supported them this term!

Always Awesome Advent

Throughout the period of advent, we have been celebrating our always awesome children. These special children have been chosen as they always do their best to be kind and are respectful. They also uphold our school values and are good role models for their peers. We have been celebrating their awesomeness by letting a child from each class open our advent calendar daily and collect a Christmas Treat from Big Miss Lynton. Well done to all of the children who have been recognised for this special award.



Kindness Tree

This year's kindness tree has been a huge success! As always, our St Matthew's family have shown such kindness and generosity towards members of our community. The gifts have now been distributed to families, and we were also able to support Young Carers with a number of gifts and treats. Thank you to all who contributed a gift and everyone involved in organising the gathering gifts.

Performances to remember

I'm particularly proud to celebrate some outstanding performances that have truly captured our hearts. Our Year 4 Trombone and Year 1 PBuzz, guided by the amazing Mr Summerville, delivered performances that were simply outstanding. The children were outstanding in their performances and their confidence whilst playing was something to remember for many years to come.





St Matthew's Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Matthew's Church took place in December, and it was wonderful to see the church filled with such beautiful trees. It was lovely to be able to support Rev Kate, who does so much for us as a school, and the displays were truly magical.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Bennett and Eva T in Year 6, who kindly visited the church to decorate our St Matthew's Primary School tree. They gave up their own time and showed great kindness, making our tree look absolutely magical.

The Best Nativity in St Matthew's History!

The Woodlands and Year One Nativity was, without doubt, the best in our school's history this year! Watching our youngest children take the stage was both incredibly cute and deeply emotional - a moment that reminded us all of the pure magic of childhood. I definitely was struggling to hold myself together, watching them confidently perform will be something I hold in my heart for a lifetime. The sense of pride on their little faces at the end was something I will never forget! Well done to Year One and Woodlands!



Let Your Light Shine

Special St Matthew's Guitarist Performance Tuesday 16th December

St Matthew's children are the gift that keeps on giving and we saw that this week when our guitarists took to the stage. Talk about cool, calm and strumming. The children blew us away with their musicality and stage presence. We really do believe that music and singing increase our confidence and wellbeing, it was so lovely watching the children let their light shine.



Cinema Visits

This half term, every class has had the opportunity to enjoy a cinema trip, visiting either the Lowry or the Trafford Centre, while our Nursery children had a special cinema experience here in school. The children had a fantastic time, behaved brilliantly, and loved the treat of having their lunch out of school and enjoying a bag of popcorn in the cinema. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported these trips and helped make them such a success!

Time to say our goodbye

Today will be a difficult day for many of the staff and children as we prepare to say our goodbyes to one of our most cherished staff members, Ms Brooks. On behalf of all of St Matthew's children, staff, families and Governors, I want to thank Ms Brooks for her outstanding service and commitment over the past 9 years and for being a much loved member of staff for so many children. We will definitely miss seeing Ms Brooks every day in our school family but we will keep in touch with her and she will always have a huge place in our hearts. We wish her the best of luck as she starts her new adventure at Flixton High. She will be amazing, of that we have no doubt!



A warm welcome

We're also excited to welcome a new teacher to our team in January, Ms Scherer bringing fresh energy and perspectives to our school community. Ms Scherer. She will now take over the running of Blossom Provision and has already met the children she will be working with, she will be a fantastic addition to our St Matthew's family.

Weduc and Key Dates

Just a reminder that all key information is sent out to our school family via Weduc. Please keep an eye on messages and notices coming out via the app! Key dates for the Spring Term will be attached and will be added to the Weduc calendar, which also appear on our Website, so please check these regularly.

Message of thanks

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to our amazing families. Your unwavering support and hard work throughout the year have been instrumental in making St Matthew's such a special place. The partnership between home and school is something we treasure deeply.

To our incredible staff, words cannot fully express my appreciation. Your dedication, creativity, and commitment to our children's education is nothing short of extraordinary. You go above and beyond every single day, and it does not go unnoticed.

Wishing all of our families a joyful and peaceful Christmas!

We'll see you back in school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

Miss Lynton

Headteacher

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