



Matthew Arnold Primary School

Developing True Potential

Newsletter December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a busy half term and we have had a wonderful time in the build up to Christmas. It has been lovely to see so many parents / family members joining us and sharing in the enjoyment. We had a brilliant Christmas Reading Café, a fantastic Reception / KS1 performance and a rousing KS2 performance. I am sure all who joined us loved the 'banging tunes!'

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs L Evans



Matthew Arnold Choir

We were so proud of our choir who visited Mersey Parks Care Home this week to sing to the residents. They represented Matthew Arnold brilliantly, showing excellent manners and behaviour. The residents of the home loved the singing.

Thank you to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Boyd for all their practice with the choir; it was a wonderful morning.



School Attendance—93.9%

Well done to all pupils who are arriving on time and ready to learn each day. Let's keep working together to make every school day count!

Attendance continues to be a huge priority nationally and in school. We continue to follow government guidance to work to support children / families who have poor attendance. It is really important that all children, including MAPS / Nursery, are in school as much as possible to access the learning opportunities available and set good habits.

To support our families, the school may carry out **home visits** / **welfare** checks where attendance is a concern. These visits are friendly, supportive, and focused on working together to help children attend school regularly and happily.

Don't be Late, Make the Gate!

Being on time helps children start the day calmly and confidently. Please remember that school begins at **8.50am**. Thank you for helping your child arrive on time each day

Ready, Respectful, Safe



EYFS Stay and Play

As always, we had fantastic attendance at our EYFS Stay and Play sessions. These sessions give parents the opportunity to spend time in the classroom, take part in activities with their child, and see their learning in action.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to welcome you into school for our next sessions.

All children in R—Y6 really enjoyed a performance of the Emperor's New Clothes in the build up to Christmas



Christmas Reading Café

We really enjoyed welcoming parents into school for our Christmas Reading Café. Reading is always a priority in school. Strong reading skills help children access all areas of the curriculum, build confidence, and develop their imagination and vocabulary.

We encourage parents and carers to support reading at home by:

- ⇒ Reading with your child **every day**, even for just 10 minutes
- ⇒ Talking about the story, pictures, and characters
- ⇒ Encouraging your child to read aloud and re-read favourite books
- ⇒ Recording reading in your child's reading record

Children love sharing books with their families, and regular reading at home makes a **huge** difference to their progress in school.

Key Dates for Spring Term

5th January—INSET Day

6th January—School reopens for pupils

23rd January—Y4 Class Assembly

6th February—Own Clothes Day (fundraising for local charity TBC)

13th February—School breaks up for half term

23rd February—School reopens



We have an increasing number of parents following our Instagram account. Please make sure you follow us to keep up to date with all the great opportunities your child is having in school.



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