



Matthew Arnold Primary School

Developing True Potential

Newsletter September 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and enjoyed spending time together. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see our pupils settling back into school routines so positively. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, with lots of exciting learning, opportunities and experiences planned for our pupils.

A very warm welcome to the new members of staff who have joined the Matthew Arnold team this year. We are delighted to welcome them to our school community and know that they will make a positive contribution to school life. We are sure that pupils and families will make them feel very welcome.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for helping us to make such a positive start to the new school year. We are looking forward to working together to ensure that every pupil at Matthew Arnold Primary School feels happy, safe, included and ready to learn.

Mrs Evans

Our attendance focus this year will be on supporting every pupil to attend regularly and achieve the best possible attendance. We will continue to work closely with families where attendance is a concern and offer support where needed. Please remember that arriving on time is also important. Being late means pupils can miss the start of lessons and important instructions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to attend school every day and arrive on time.



Attendance Matters

Every day counts!



Be here
Be on time
Make a difference



Our last years attendance

92.8%

Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve attendance at Matthew Arnold Primary School.

Persistent Absence (PA)

26.1%

of our pupils are currently persistently absent (missing 10% or more of school).



This is higher than the national average.

The impact of absence

Missing school can mean:

- missing important learning
- falling behind in key skills
- less time with friends
- reduced confidence

Even a few days off can make a big difference!





What can you do?

- ✓ Make sure your child attends school every day.
- ✓ Aim to arrive on time (starting the day calmly helps them feel ready to learn).
- ✓ Let us know if your child is going to be absent.
- ✓ Talk to us if you need any support.



Our focus this year

We will be working closely with families to support good attendance and reduce persistent absence, so every pupil can achieve their best.



Better learning



More confidence



Stronger friendships



Greater opportunities



Future success

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Matthew Arnold Primary School

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Special Visit from Beth Tweddle

We were very excited to welcome Beth Tweddle to Matthew Arnold Primary School last week.

Beth is an Olympic gymnast and one of Britain's most successful gymnasts. Her visit provided our children with an exciting opportunity to hear about her experiences, achievements and the importance of determination, resilience and hard work.



We have many other enrichments planned for the autumn term make sure you don't miss them!

Parent App

Unfortunately, we have experienced some issues with our current app. We are in the process of addressing these and will soon be moving to a new app.

Please download the new app when you receive the information from school so that you can stay up to date with all our latest news, messages and important information.

Thank you for your patience and continued support while we make this change.



Reception Open Evening

Wednesday 7th October
15:45 – 16:15

Meet our staff and explore the Reception environment.
Learn more about starting school with us.

Call the school office to book:
0151 539 0300



Dojo Rewards

We are making some exciting changes to our Dojo reward system this year.

Pupils will continue to earn Dojo points for demonstrating our school values, making positive choices, showing good behaviour, working hard and demonstrating our expectations.

This year, pupils will have more opportunities to spend their Dojo points on exciting new prizes and rewards.

We want the system to recognise and celebrate the positive choices pupils make every day. There will be a range of prizes available, giving pupils something to work towards and helping them to see that their effort

Benedict's Law – Allergy Safety

New allergy safety requirements, known as Benedict's Law, are now in place to help keep children with allergies safe in schools.

We have clear procedures for managing allergies and responding to severe allergic reactions. Staff receive allergy awareness and emergency training, and emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) are available in school.

We will continually review our allergy procedures to ensure our school remains a safe place for all pupils. For more information, please contact the school office

Key Dates

- Thursday 24th September EYFS Stay and Play
- Friday 25th September Y6 Assembly
- Wednesday 7th October Y1 / 3 Storybarn trip
- Tuesday 20th October School Photos
- Friday 23rd October Whole School Circus Skills Day



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