



Matthew Arnold Primary School

Developing True Potential

Newsletter March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year. This half term is a short one, it is really important children are in school everyday to make the most of it. There is lots going on, with residentials, visitors to school and trips.

At Matthew Arnold, we are committed to creating an inclusive environment where every child feels valued, respected, and supported. We are proud to have recently achieved the IQM Inclusive School Award as a recognition of the work we do to create an inclusive environment. The report celebrates all we do and is available on the SEND section of the school website.

Mrs Evans



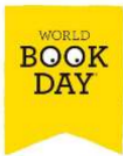
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World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

Children are invited to come to school in pyjamas for this day. We will be taking part in activities designed to promote a love of reading.

Every child will receive a book voucher that they can exchange for a free book or use as a discount towards another title.



Tuesday 17th March

Wednesday 18th March

Parents' evenings will be taking place this half term, parents will be able to book a slot soon. We encourage all families to attend so we can strengthen communication — working together is the best way to support our children and help them to thrive.



Year 3 and 4 had a brilliant afternoon when St John's Ambulance came in to do a first aid workshop with them. They learnt about the recovery position, doing CPR and also how to use a defibrillator.

In addition to this all classes have had / have planned workshops delivered by Alder Hey on how to keep healthy. Thank you to Mrs Badger for organising these opportunities to enrich children's learning.

Nursery children have been really enjoying learning 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle'. They are using dance, music and large movements to help them develop the fine muscle control they need for writing.



Ready, Respectful, Safe

Staying Safe Online—Online Behaviour Matters

Children and young people today connect, communicate, and socialise in digital spaces just as much as they do face-to-face. Whether using platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, or playing interactive games like Fortnite and Roblox, children are constantly learning how to navigate online relationships.

Parents and carers play an essential role in guiding them to communicate respectfully and safely.



Key Messages to Reinforce at Home

1. The Internet Is Public and Permanent

Encourage your child to pause before posting. A helpful question is:
“Would I be comfortable if a teacher, family member, or future employer saw this?”

2. Communicate with Respect

Remind children that kindness matters online just as it does in person. Tone can be easily misunderstood in text, and jokes can quickly become hurtful.

3. Think Before Responding

Strong emotions can lead to poor decisions. Encourage your child to step away from a device if they feel angry or upset before replying.

4. Protect Privacy

Children should avoid sharing personal information such as addresses, phone numbers, school details, or live locations. They should also ask permission before posting photos of others.

5. Seek Help When Needed

If something online feels uncomfortable, upsetting, or threatening, encourage your child to tell a trusted adult. Reassure them that their safety matters more than getting in trouble.

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child is in full uniform everyday and has the school PE kit.

Our school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride, and equality within our school community. It also helps children feel ready for learning and represents our school positively in the wider community.

Lateness

We are seeing a number of pupils arriving late, which is making the main office very busy at the start of the day. We are required to sign in every late pupil while also maintaining site security, so there may be a short wait if staff are dealing with others.

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

Don't be Late—Make the Gate!

Key Dates	
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Y6 Crucial Crew Trip
11th March	Nursery Open Evening
12th / 13th March Y3	Barnstondale Residential
13th March	Y1 Assembly
16th March	MAPS Open Evening
17 / 18th March	Parents Evenings
20th March	KS2 Philharmonic Trip Y4 / 5
26th March	Y4 Easter Assembly
26th March	Y5 Alder Hey workshops (in school)
27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade



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