

Friday News

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Diary Dates

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Forward through Friendship and Faith

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week in worship we have been thinking about working together and making decisions as part of a team. It is important that we take time to listen to everyone's ideas and that we come to a fair decision.

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us the chance to be part of making the world a better place.

Help us to listen to others, act fairly and work together when making decisions that affect everyone.

Amen



SPORTING SUCCESS!

Many congratulations to the Year 5 dodgeball team who came away winners at the Frays Dodgeball festival at Cowley St Laurence Primary School on Monday. Staff praised their sportsmanship and general attitude so well done everyone!

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 6th 2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents - doors open at 2.40pm
- Friday 7th Non-uniform fundraising day for NSPCC (Number Day)
- Thursday 13th Year 4 coffee and craft morning for parents 2.50pm 1LD class worship for parents - doors open at 2.40pm
- Friday 14th 5NT non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Monday 17th - Friday 21st Half term week
- Monday 24th PGL & PGL Rivals week for Year 6 pupils
- Thursday 27th 2.50pm 3AH class worship for parents - doors open at 2.40pm

MARCH

- Monday 3rd Swimming lessons start for Year 5 pupils for next 4 weeks, 2 weeks for each class. More information to follow.
- Tuesday 4th Football Trust event at Laurel Lane for selected Year 3 & 4 pupils
- Thursday 6th World Book Day 2.50pm 2EM class worship for parents - doors open at 2.40pm
- Friday 7th 9am 5JP class worship for parents
- Tuesday 11th Year 6 to Brunel University for 'Junior Citizens' event
- Friday 14th Assembly for parents of Year 6 PGL Rivals pupils
- Monday 17th Last week for after-school clubs
- Wednesday 19th Reception and Year 6 height & weight

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

There are still some places for Year 2 pupils in their Multi-sports club and for Year 4 in Tennis Club. Please call in to the school office to complete a form if you would like your child to take part.

OUR SCHOOL RULES

**Kind Words, Kind Hands,
Kind Actions**

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

**Friendship, Trust, Compassion,
Forgiveness, Gratitude**

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Well done to class **2SK** who win 'Class of the Week' with **2003** positive behaviour points.

LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Each day, the hall/lunchtime monitors take the names of children who uphold the school rules or demonstrate one of our school values. Names are entered into a hat and a number of children across Lower and Upper School are selected at random and awarded with a non-uniform day for a day the following week. Well done to this week's worthy winners, who can wear their own clothes on **Friday 7th February 2025: Dennize, 1SF; Maria, 2EM; Grace, 3AH; Nyra, 4LZ; Brianna, 6ES.**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

A reminder to all parents that the school does not authorise holiday during school time. We ask that parents call the school office before 8.45am if your child will be absent for any reason. **Whole school attendance from the start of the academic year is 94.7%.** For the week beginning 27th January 2025 weekly attendance was 90.4%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	87.9%	N/A
RCB	89.4%	Dolcia
RTN	80.6%	Mannatpreet
1LD	89.3%	Ostin
1SF	95.4%	Anaisa
2SK	88.4%	Ivy
2EM	93%	Glory
3MG	90.1%	Alesha
3AH	81%	Mickey
4JM	81.7%	Aleah
4LZ	93.3%	Maryam
5NT	93.1%	Antoni
5JP	93.8%	Sienna
6MN	98.1%	Leandro
6ES	88.5%	David

PUPIL ABSENCES

Please can we remind you that all absences should be reported to the school office by 9am each day.



MEDICATION FOR YEAR 6 PGL TRIP

Miss Brown will be available in the KS2 hall from 3.30pm on Tuesday 11th February if any PGL parents would like to bring in medication or talk to her about medical needs on the trip. She will also be able to take in medication on the morning of the trip - Monday 24th January 2025.

NUMBER DAY—SUPPORTING THE NSPCC

On Friday 7th February, we will be supporting the NSPCC's Number Day. All children can come into school in their own clothes (preferably with numbers, clocks, mathematical symbols etc on them) for a suggested donation of £1. All activities and lessons that day will be fun and involve numbers and maths. We will be posting photos in the Newsletter that week so keep an eye out!

MEET THE STAFF

Each week a member of the School Council will interview a teacher for the Friday News.

This week, **Gracie-Lee, 3AH** asked **Mrs Dempsey**, some revealing questions!

Gracie-Lee: If you could live in one country for free, where would it be and why?

Mrs Dempsey: Canada because of the walking trails and the wonderful cities.

Gracie-Lee: If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Mrs Dempsey: To time travel so I could be an astronaut on Apollo 11.

Gracie-Lee: If you could eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

Mrs Dempsey: Gluten free mince pies because I love them!

Gracie-Lee: If you were stranded on an island, what would you take with you?

Mrs Dempsey: A bookcase full of books, good walking shoes and a labradoodle.

Gracie-Lee: If you could meet any celebrity who would it be?

Mrs Dempsey: I've met my hero, Elton John so probably Tiger Woods.

JOIN OUR HERO SQUAD THIS HALF TERM!



FUNWEEKS

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SCAN TO BOOK

What's on... **at Yiewsley Library**

Emotive Creative Writing Workshop

Write a short, silly, angry, happy, sad, scary story. whatever takes your fancy

Thursday 19 February 10.30am to 11.15am
 Ages 7-11
 Booking is essential

To book a free place, please email Yiewsley-library@hillingdon.gov.uk with the following details:

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- Names and ages of your child(ren)
- Your library card or Hillingdon First Card number
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Tesco's Stronger Start Scheme. Please help us to increase our numbers of reading books by voting with your blue tokens!

Calling all Friends of St Matthews CofE Primary School!


You have a chance to vote for us and increase the funding that we could receive for St Matthews to receive new books for our School Library! So please support us next time you (or anyone you know) shop at any of the following Tesco stores by picking up a blue token and choosing St Matthew CE Primary School.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1 Next time you shop at any of the local Tesco stores, pick up a blue token at the checkout.



2 Use your token to vote for St Matthew CE Primary School!



Let's make a difference together!
 Thanks for your support!

Voting is open in all Tesco stores from Mid-January to the end of March 2025.

PE LESSONS

Please can we ask that PE kits are left in school all week as PE is a mandatory part of the national curriculum.

The weather has been affecting how often we can go outside for sports and in certain situations, PE is held indoors.

We do expect all children to take part in PE unless there is a medical reason or GP note, which has been shared with Mrs Jones, our Welfare Officer.

Thank you for your understanding.