



# Friday News

No. 10 - 17th November 2023



**St Matthew's CE Primary School**

*Forward through Friendship and Faith*

Diary Dates

## NOVEMBER 2023

- Monday 20th 6ES non-uniform day Perfect Attendance
- Friday 24th QPR Invitational event at Goals, Hayes  
2.50pm 3BF class worship for parents
- Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th 1 x Year 4 class to visit Yiewsley Library each morning
- Wednesday 29th Brunel University in for bridge challenge workshop with Year 5

## DECEMBER 2023

- Friday 1st 9am 4RM class worship for parents  
9.45am Met Police running parents information session (Years 5 & 6 only)
- Monday 4th Choir singing in Fellowship Cafe
- Wednesday 6th Year 4 to St Paul's Cathedral
- Friday 8th 9am 4DT & 2.50pm 3MG class worship for parents  
Nasal flu vaccine for Reception—Y6
- 11th, 12th & 13th Secret Santa. Details to follow
- Tuesday 12th Year 6 trip to WW2 Bunker, Uxbridge  
10am & 2.40pm Lower School (Yrs 1-3) Christmas performances in St Matthew's Church for parents
- Wednesday 13th 2.40pm Upper school (Yrs 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church for parents
- Friday 15th 10am Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church  
2.50pm 2LD class worship for parents
- Tuesday 19th Nursery & Reception Christmas Shows in School for parents
- Wednesday 20th Christmas lunch for Reception - Year 6
- Thursday 21st 2pm End of term
- Monday 8th January 2024 Spring term starts

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### SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week we heard the story of Daniel in the lion's den. We thought about our fears and learned that whatever happens we can place our trust in God.

Dear God, Thank you that you are always with us, watching over us, right by side.

No matter what may be happening in our lives.

Thank you that we can always trust you.

Thank you that there are always people we can talk to.

Thank you that you always listen.

### NEW FAMILIES

Are you a new family to our school community? If so, come and join Mrs Papadakis and Miss Murphy for tea, coffee and a chat every Tuesday afternoon from 2.15-3.15pm. There will be an opportunity to make new friends or ask for help and advice. Do come along—you will be made to feel very welcome!

## ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

### IMPORTANT—CONTACT INFORMATION

Please can we remind all families that the school needs to have up to date contact information and would ask that you advise the school office of any changes to your contact list, telephone number or email address.

If you are going away and someone else is looking after your child, please make sure to give the office their name and contact details prior to your trip. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are delighted to support Bell Farm Christian Centre again this year by making hampers for local families in need. Each class will make and decorate their own hamper and we would be grateful for donations of treats to fill them up! Ideas such as small toys or books, food items (not fresh food), sweets & chocolates, festive socks, gloves etc will all be gratefully received. We will be delivering the hampers to Bell farm during the last few days of term.

### BREAKFAST CLUB - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Children from Reception - Year 6 are allowed to access the Breakfast Club each day.
- Breakfast Club is open from 8.00-8.20am and there is no access to Breakfast Club after 8.20am
- Children do not have to eat food at Breakfast Club
- There is currently a £1/day charge for each child who comes to Breakfast Club. However, families who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals do not have to pay this charge. Please be aware that the Government provides free lunches for all Primary pupils but this is not the same as benefit-related free school meals
- The £1/day charge is paid via your child's Parent Pay account using the "Breakfast Club" payment item
- Every Friday, Breakfast Club staff take payment from the Parent Pay accounts for any days attended that week
- **From 8th January**, due to staffing costs, we are raising the daily charge for Breakfast Club attendance to £1/day for families who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals and £2/day for all other families. Again, this daily charge will need to be paid via Parent Pay
- If you would like your child to eat food at Breakfast Club, The Pantry require that food is selected by 7am on the day of service, using the 'Order Snack & More' button. Only food which is ordered before 7am can be served at Breakfast Club.
- Card details will need to be inputted to the system and your accounts will be debited.
- Thank you to all the families who ensure their children's accounts are always in credit. Please note that from January, staff will only be able to accept children into Breakfast Club who have sufficient funds in their Parent Pay account

If you have any questions regarding Breakfast Club food, please contact The Pantry via email: [office@thepantrycatering.co.uk](mailto:office@thepantrycatering.co.uk) or call 0208 813 7040.

## THAMES VALLEY CAVALIERS



FREE ENTRY  
FOR SAT  
SESSION  
BALLERS!

ADULTS £8 UNDER 18s £2  
£5 for Saturday session & Schools Programme parents

FREE ENTRY  
for Saturday session / Schools Programme kids  
Uxbridge College academy & Brunel University (with student ID)

SATURDAY 18/11/23 TIP 7PM

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# THANK YOU



St Matthew's C of E Primary School

Thank you for supporting Yiewsley & West Drayton Foodbank.

Your Harvest Festival donations during October 2023 came to **323.45kg** which will make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Yiewsley & West Drayton foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.





Thank you to all our parents for supporting the school by ensuring their child is in class and ready to learn at 8.50am each day as children can find it unsettling when they are late. If you have problems with attendance, please speak to Mrs Papadakis or Mrs Winter who may be able to offer some useful strategies. A reminder to all parents that the school does not authorise holiday during school time. We ask that parents call the school ofice before 8.45am if your child will be absent for any reason. Whole school attendance from the start of term is 94.1% and for the week beginning 13th November 2023 is 81%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	63	N/A
RJB	75	Uriel
REF	80.7	Zahra
1SF	77.2	Elon
1LZ	81.9	Wansh
2LD	84.8	Eryk
2EM	81.9	Ruqayya
3MG	83.2	Alannis
3BF	82.9	Dina
4RM	82.1	Billy
4IT	86.1	Elena
5JM	83.3	Kari
5SN	84.6	Lena
6MN	77.3	Kornelija
6ES	87.5	Aparajita



Each week the children have the opportunity to earn Positive Behaviour Points for showing kind hands, kind words and kind actions. This week's class of the week was 4IT with 1397 positive behaviour points!

#### GET TO KNOW US

**Name:** Miss Brindley, Reception class teacher  
**What do you like most about St Matthew's?** The sense of community  
**One thing you do not know about me is** I love music and regularly go to music festivals!  
**My favourite book when I was a child was** all of the Harry Potter books!

#### SCHOOL VISION

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11**

We recently advertised a new and exciting role for our Year 5 and 6 pupils to become Playground Buddies. The children had to apply for the role, by writing a personal statement, and then were then interviewed by Mrs Moffatt, Ms Inson and Ms Murphy. We were so proud of how well they answered the questions and they spoke with confidence on why they should be picked. The buddy scheme will be in place by the end of next week (after they have had training) and will help us ensure all children have happy and sociable playtimes. The Playground Buddies will be a point of contact for some of our younger pupils during breaks and they will help encourage friendship and games, make sure no-one feels alone and will be able to sort out any minor concerns. Playground Buddies will also be friendly and approachable and of course, do not replace the role of the teacher in sorting out problems, but are a support to the children and staff on duty.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can we remind all families that children should be wearing the correct school uniform every day, including having the correct school PE kit. A copy of the uniform leaflet was sent to all families today via Parent Mail.

More details can be found on our website:

<https://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk/97/uniform>

## OUR SCHOOL RULES

### Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

#### CHRISTMAS DATES

Tuesday 12th December 2023

10am & 2.40pm Lower School (Years 1–3) Christmas performances in St Matthew's Church

Wednesday 13th December 2023

2.40pm Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church

Friday 15th December 2023

10am Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Nursery & Reception Christmas Shows in School

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas lunch for all pupils in Reception - Year 6