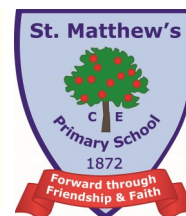


# Friday News

No. 11 - 24th November 2023



**St Matthew's CE Primary School**

*Forward through Friendship and Faith*

Diary Dates

## NOVEMBER 2023

Wednesday 29th 'No Pens Day' in school  
Brunel University in for bridge challenge workshop with Year 5

Thursday 30th 3BF non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'

## 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

Tuesday 5th Choir singing at Drayton Village Care Home

Wednesday 6th Year 1 RE visit to St Matthew's Church  
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 PTA running Secret Santa stalls.

Tuesday 12th Year 6 trip to WW2 Bunker, Uxbridge Lower School (Years 1- 3) Christmas performances in St Matthew's Church for parents at 10am & 2.40pm

Wednesday 13th Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church for parents at 2.40pm

Friday 15th Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church for parents at 10am  
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 Spring term starts  
January 2024

Thursday 18th Parents' Evening - details to follow  
January 2024

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are making hampers for Bell Farm Christian Centre who will distribute to local families in need. Each class are making their own and we would be grateful for donations of treats to fill them up! Ideas are small toys or books, food items (not fresh food), sweets & chocolates, festive socks, gloves etc We will be delivering the hampers to Bell Farm during the last few days of term.

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### SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week we learned about the Beatitudes in St Matthew's Gospel: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

We learned how churches, library and other spaces are a refuge from the cold for many people this winter.

*Dear God,*

*Help us to recognise when we or someone else may be struggling,*

*Help us to make the world better place with out compassion,*

*Thank you that you are always here, Amen*

### COFFEE TIME FOR PARENTS & CARERS!

All families are welcome to 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 Fair

*Saturday 2nd December*

*10.30am – 1.30pm*

*St. Matthew's Church Centre*

*(Entrance via the High Street)*

*"Grand Prize Draw"*

*Home-made cakes      Refreshments*

*Gifts   Tombolas   Father Christmas Toys*

*Games   Books   and much more.*

*Entrance program 50p per adult. Under 16s free.*

**St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH**  
loving God, loving our community





## BREAKFAST CLUB

The new Breakfast Club food ordering system has been running for over a week now and children seem to be enjoying the food choices available. To avoid disappointment, only food which is ordered via The Pantry (using the 'Order Snack & More' button) before 7am will be available for children on the day; however, your child does not need to eat when they come to Breakfast Club.

## CHANGES IN THE NEW YEAR

From Monday 8th January 2024, Breakfast Club will be starting at 7.45am each day, which we hope will help our working parents. Please note that we can only accept children between 7.45am-8.20am.

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. This daily charge will need to be paid via Parent Pay. Please see the school office if you want help with this.

Thank you to all the families who ensure their children's accounts are always in credit. However, from 8th 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.

## YEAR ONE IS TAKING PART IN THE FIVE TO TWELVE STUDY

Pupils from our school have been selected to take part in the new **Five to Twelve** study! Five to Twelve is a new national study involving around 8,000 children attending primary school in the 2020s and their families. The study will explore how children are getting on in a range of areas in the post-pandemic context. By following children and their families over time, the study aims to provide a contemporary understanding of how children's environments and experiences impact on their future education and wellbeing outcomes.

For the first stage of the study, the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), which is delivering the study on behalf of DfE, will be sending letters to the parents or carers of the selected children at their home address in October 2023. The information posted to families will list the various ways they can get in touch with the study team, should they have questions about participating or opting out.

If invited parents and carers have any questions, you can visit the study website at [fivetotwelve.org.uk](http://fivetotwelve.org.uk), or get in touch with the study team at [FivetoTwelve@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:FivetoTwelve@natcen.ac.uk) or on Free-

## RARING 2 GO! MAGAZINE

The winter edition of the Raring 2 Go magazine for Hillingdon families, with loads of festive and fun ideas has been released; <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/hillingdon/winter2023/>

## NASAL FLU VACCINE - FRIDAY

Parents & carers will have received a letter this week via Parent Mail with details of the nasal flu vaccine for Reception—Year 6 pupils on Friday 8th December. There is a link and QR code which will allow you to access the consent form and ensure that your child receives the spray on the day.

If you have any questions about using the parent portal or vaccination please contact the immunisations team on 01895 485740. Mrs Jones, Welfare officer, is available in school for any other queries.

Thank you.

## 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. Please let the school office know if you have any questions.

More details can be found on our website:

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

For families caring for individuals with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND) and their siblings accompanied by their parents/carers



The poster features a festive winter scene with a gingerbread house on the left, a large decorated Christmas tree on the right, and Santa Claus with reindeer and gifts in the center. A snow globe is also visible. The text is set against a dark blue background with white snowflakes.

**SEND Family Support**  
**SANTA'S GROTTTO & CHRISTMAS MARKET**

*Saturday*  
*9th December*

Oak Wood School  
(Sutton Court Road,  
Uxbridge UB10 9HT)

Join us from  
1pm - 3pm

Sponsored by

**SEND Family Support** ANNA KENNEDY ONLINE  
0208 813 7040

Email: [events@oakwood.co.uk](mailto:events@oakwood.co.uk)  
Charity Registration No 11185313  
See reverse for details

To book & read the event guidance go to:  
[www.sendfamily.co.uk/santas-grotto-christmas-market](http://www.sendfamily.co.uk/santas-grotto-christmas-market)



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 office before 8.45am if your child will be absent for any reason. Whole school attendance from the start of term is 94% and for the week beginning 13th November 2023 was 93.8%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	77.9	N/A
RJB	88	Skye
REF	91.7	Mercy
1SF	86.4	Hassan
1LZ	93.1	Esa
2LD	96.8	Anaya
2EM	93.8	Molly
3MG	93.8	Isaac
3BF	95.2	Timothy
4RM	94.6	Victoria
4IT	98.9	
5JM	94.4	Alex
5SN	96.9	Gelilah
6MN	91.5	Chloe
6ES	100	Sophiia

## OUR SCHOOL RULES

### Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

#### GET TO KNOW US

**Name:** Mrs Harry, Nursery teacher

**What do you like most about St Matthew's?** The best thing about St Matthews school is that we are small but with a very big heart! The school is kind and nurtures us through belief and challenge

**The one thing you do not know about me** is that I love rock music but also classical. I also love hymns and carols.

**My favourite book when I was a child** was Mallory Towers by Enid Blyton , a story about a school!

#### 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**

What a fantastic start we have had to the new lunchtime Buddy system! There is a new buzz around the school as friendships are being formed across year groups and already we are seeing positive changes in the playgrounds. Our Buddies are taking their role very seriously and showing the school value of friendship every day. Please do ask your child if they have been playing with one of the Buddies this week.

A big thank you must also go to the PTA who have stepped in a purchased yellow hi-vis vests so that the Buddies are easily seen in the playgrounds and around the school.

The PTA have also ordered red hi-vis vests for safety & security when classes are offsite on school trips. This will make St Matthew's pupils easy to see especially when there are a number of other school children in the same place.



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION— AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week (w/c 27th November) is the last week for after school clubs, EXCEPT for Choir & Drama Clubs which will continue until w/c 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### CLASS OF THE WEEK

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 2LD with 866 positive behaviour points!

#### 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