



Friday News

No. 12 - 1st December 2023



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith



DECEMBER 2023

Monday 4th	Choir singing in Fellowship Cafe
Tuesday 5th	Choir singing at Drayton Village Care Home. There will be no choir practice after school today
Wednesday 6th	Year 4 to St Paul's Cathedral Year 1 RE visit to St Matthew's Church
Thursday 7th	4IT non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
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 jumper day (non-uniform) Christmas lunch for Reception - Year 6
Thursday 21st	2pm End of term There will be no Aktiva session after school today
Monday 8th January 2024	Spring term starts
Thursday 18th January 2024	Parents' Evening - details to follow

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week we have discovered how God's plan has worked through the generations, from David to Jesus. All families are special and we are thankful for the people who love and care for us.

Dear God,

Thank you for our families.

Thank you that there are lots of different types of families.

Thank you that you love each person in every family situation.

Help us to see each family as special and important, especially when it is different from our own.

Amen

NASAL FLU VACCINE - FRIDAY

Just a reminder that parents & carers will have received a letter 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.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CHOIR

Choir practice will not run on Tuesday 5th December as the children will be returning back from singing in the Care Home that day.

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

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

THE BIG AMBITION

Christmas card competition

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across England.

The Big Ambition is all about hearing from children and young people about what is important to them and sharing this with the Government and policy makers to make sure their voices are heard.

With Christmas approaching, what better time for you to share what Christmas means to you or what your Big Ambition for 2024 is by entering the Children's Commissioner's Christmas and New Year card competition.

The winning design will be the featured picture for the Children's Commissioner's official 2023 Christmas and New Year card, which will be sent out to key stakeholders across the country. The winner and runners up will have their designs shared on social media and will be sent a Children's Commissioner's participation badge and certificate.

Ask your teacher to submit a photo of your drawing, painting, collage or poem to childrens.commissioner@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk by Monday December 4th.

Take part in The Big Ambition now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code or go to the link below to take part:

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER
childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

FUNWEEKS

WINTER ACTIVE CAMP

BOOK FROM 4TH DEC

For eligible children in years 1 - 7

VENUE: St Martins Primary School

DATES: Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th January 2024

TIME: 9am - 3pm

HOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE:

- Eligible families will receive an email from Hillingdon Council on 4th December 23 containing your unique HAF code.
- Visit our website: www.thepsdgroup.org.uk/haf To view and book a HAF camp.
- Filter activities by Postcode or Keyword search, or browse a list of camps in your area.
- Only bookings with a valid HAF code will be processed.
- If you haven't received your code contact Hillingdon Council: 01895 277 881.
- Remember to indicate any dietary requirements or allergies as children will receive a free lunch.

020 3397 7409 | info@thepsdgroup.org.uk

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.
Parents have received a Parent Mail message
with details of their child's performance times

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas lunch for all pupils Reception - Year 6

Early Years Christmas Show!

Tuesday 19 December 2023



This year, we have decided to try something new at St Matthew's in lieu of our usual Christmas performance. Many children can find the performance overwhelming being in front of so many people they do not know. We have been reflecting on how to support children with this.

This year, we will be splitting the children into five smaller groups. Each group will perform two songs to their parents, and then you will be invited to spend time together completing a special Christmas activity and enjoying a Christmas treat!

The times for each group are listed below. We will be splitting the children up into their groups randomly, in order to be fair, however if you have a significant conflict, such as work, please do let us know by emailing the school office and we will try to accommodate this. We will confirm which group your child is in after half term.

Group 1	9:00 – 9:30
Group 2	9:45 – 10:15
Group 3	13:00 – 13:30
Group 4	13:45 – 14:15
Group 5	14:25 – 14:55

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

SEND
Family Support

SANTA'S GROTTO & CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday
9th December

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

Join us from
1pm – 5pm

Sponsored by

SEND
Family Support



ANNA KENNEDY ONLINE
01875 411111

Email: events@sendf.co.uk
Charity Registration No 1185313
See reverse for details

To book & read the event guidance go to:
www.sendf.co.uk/santa-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. 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 95.1% and for the week beginning 20th November 2023 was 92.7%. Our school target is 96%.

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 **5JM** with **1049** positive behaviour points!

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	73.1%	N/A
RJB	92.1	Dennize
REF	93.3	Enoch
1SF	93.3	Tessa
1LZ	93.8	Mylo
2LD	97.1	N/A
2EM	90.3	Momina
3MG	92.4	Alvin
3BF	95	Jaiyeola
4RM	100	N/A
4IT	98.1	Marcel
5JM	88.9	Abigail
5SN	88.5	Ansh
6MN	94.4	Jorja
6ES	95.2	Dezarie

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can we ask that all pupils are wearing a jumper or cardigan and a warm jacket now that the weather has turned much colder.

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!

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

Year 5 were excited to receive a visit from some Brunel University students this week who worked across both classes to help the pupils design, create and then assess the merits of 4 types of bridges.

Brunel University is named after Isambard Kingdom Brunel, one of the most important engineers in British history and, in fact, the World University Rankings puts Brunel 343rd in the world and 40th in the UK. The school enjoys links with the University and we have some budding engineers who may one day study there.

We were pleased to welcome back Nabil from the Met Police today who ran a very interesting workshop for Year 5 & Year 6 parents. He talked about the dangers of child exploitation, grooming and County Lines and spent time answering questions from the parents.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please remember to order your child's breakfast items via The Pantry (using the 'Order Snack & More' button) before 7am each 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 or call 0208 813 7040.

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Mrs T Jones, Welfare Officer

What do you like most about St Matthew's? I love how much everyone works well as a team at St. Matthew's and how children learn to have good values that will help them in their future lives.

The one thing you do not know about me I was once an extra in the 'The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 ¾' series with Rowan Atkinson when I was 12 years old

My favourite book when I was a child was Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfield .

OUR SCHOOL RULES

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