

# Friday News

No. 14 - 15th December 2023



**St Matthew's CE Primary School**

*Forward through Friendship and Faith*



## DECEMBER 2023

- Monday 18th** 5SN & 6MN non-uniform days for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Tuesday 19th** 5JM non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'  
Nursery Christmas Shows in school at 10.40am & 2.40pm  
Reception shows in school. Parents have been sent their child's time
- 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

## JANUARY 2024

- Monday 8th January 2024** Spring term starts
- Tuesday 9th** Vikings Day in school for Year 4
- Thursday 18th** Parents' Evening - details to follow
- Friday 19th** Year 3 visit to Buddhpadipa temple
- Tuesday 30th** Year 5 pedestrian training - details to follow

## FEBRUARY

- Thursday 1st** Re Explorers & the Choir visiting St Paul's for LDBS Annual Service

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### SHARE OUR PRAYERS

Dear God,  
At this time of the year, we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus and the good news he brought us,  
Thank you for always being there and for showing us how to live.  
Heavenly Father,  
Teach us to show our gratitude for what we have  
By caring for those around us  
And for the wonderful world in which we live.  
Amen.

**Follow The Star**  
Join the Song

St. Matthew's Church  
1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 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# FUN WEEKS

## WINTER ACTIVE CAMP

For eligible children in years 1 - 7

**BOOK FROM 4TH DEC**

**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](http://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](mailto:info@thepsdgroup.org.uk)



# Speak LIKE A NATIVE

## AFTER-SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLUBS

**FRENCH**  
MONDAYS  
Y1-4

**SPANISH**  
THURSDAYS  
Y1-6

Get 2 FREE Activity Packs and a session-by-session break-down with your booking

Learn through play & games and language immersion



\*Club subject to minimum booking numbers

SKIPZ PRODUCTIONS CIC PRESENTS



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME 2023

FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN. PAYING CHILDREN ALSO WELCOME

10am - 2pm

2nd January 2024 - 5th January 2024

St Martins Primary School, Rowan Road, UB7 7UF

Come and Join us for a programme of Festive Activities

- Christmas Plays and Drama Activities
- Christmas Arts and Crafts and Clay Modelling Activities
- Christmas Sing-alongs and Dance
- Nutrition Education Activities
- Parent Workshops and Families Support

Lunch provided for children

For more information and to register please visit <https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhafhillingdon>

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HILLINGDON COUNCIL



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Paying children also welcome!

LUNCH PROVIDED

JANUARY 2 to JANUARY 5

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HILLINGDON COUNCIL

HARLINGTON SCHOOL, PINKWELL LN, HAYES UB3 1PB & ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROWAN ROAD, WEST DRAYTON, UB7 7UF

For more information and to register please visit <https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhafhillingdon>





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 has fallen slightly to 94.6% and for the week beginning 4th December 2023 was 92.3%. 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 6ES with 692 positive behaviour points.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	90.4	N/A
RJB	89	Ziora
REF	89.6	Jeylanie
1SF	91.9	Delilah-Rose
1LZ	90.3	Jesse
2LD	89.3	Millie
2EM	90	Ruquyya
3MG	93.8	Godwin
3BF	91.9	Nyra
4RM	94.3	Yusuf
4IT	97.8	Srilakshmi
5JM	94.1	Meklit
5SN	93	Nevaeh
6MN	95.2	Sara
6ES	94.4	Prosper

**GET TO KNOW US**

**Name:** Mr J McCarthy, Year 5 teacher  
**What do you like most about St Matthew's?** I enjoy working at St. Matthews because it feels more like a community rather than just work. The children, staff and parents are all very friendly and welcoming.  
**The one thing you do not know about me.** I did charity work in India when I was 16  
**My favourite book when I was a child was** Watership Down by Richard Adams

**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**

The RE Explorers have been busy this week, working with Laura to create some of the parts of the Nativity trail around the grounds of St Matthew’s Church.



**BREAKFAST CLUB - IMPORTANT**

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.

**OUR SCHOOL RULES**

**Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions**  
**ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES**  
**Friendship, Trust, Compassion,**  
**Forgiveness, Gratitude**

# PTA NEWS

## Secret Santa

For the last 6 weeks the PTA (Parents United) have been preparing for Secret Santa. The team enlisted the help of their mums, friends and coffee morning attendees from the Church to buy and wrap over 2,350 gifts for the children to purchase.

A small but dedicated team of volunteers ran the event over 3 days with many using annual leave from work and missing their children's Christmas performances to raise over £1,000 for PTA funds. The money will be used to purchase much needed equipment and resources for the school.

The PTA would like to extend their thanks to their families for their ongoing support and patience, the church for providing storage space and the last minute volunteers who came to the rescue when there were some last minute changes to plans.



## Pre-Loved Uniform

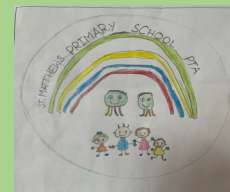
The PTA (Parents United) have a stock of pre-loved uniform which is in excellent condition including some items which are brand new.



If you are in need of school uniform please let the school office know and the PTA can make arrangements for you to buy items for a small contribution.

## PTA Events so far this year

Crazy Hair and Non Uniform Day, Design the new PTA logo, Pre loved Uniform Sale & Secret Santa.



## Upcoming events

Penny Challenge, Clothes collection & Easter Fun

## PTA Expenditure

100% of the money raised from PTA events is used on resources and experiences for our children.

This term the PTA have

- Purchased 120 hi viz vests to keep our children safe when they are on trips. Year 4 were the first year group to use the vests on their recent trip to St Paul's Cathedral.
- Supported the Playground Buddies scheme by purchasing blue Playground Buddy vests
- Paid for badges for RE Explorers and to promote the school values
- Provided Nursery classes with paint

# Get involved!



## Parents United

### ST MATTHEWS

**FUNDRAISING IDEAS, HELPING AT  
EVENTS, ORGANISING  
EXPERIENCES - ROLES TO SUIT  
EVERYONE**

**LEAVE YOUR NAME AT RECEPTION  
AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU**

The PTA would like to wish all the families of the children and staff at St Matthews a blessed and peaceful Christmas.