

# Friday News

No. 15 - 21st December 2023



**St Matthew's CE Primary School**

*Forward through Friendship and Faith*

Diary Dates

## 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 Buddhapadipa 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
- Friday 2nd Banji Alexander, children's author, visiting school today
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February half term week
- Monday 19th Training Day - School closed except to Year 6 pupils going to PGL
- Tuesday 27th Year 4 Pedestrian training - details to follow

## MARCH

- Tuesday 12th Proms Praise at the Royal Albert Hall - details to follow
- Tuesday 19th Year 5 visiting Sri Guru Singh Sabha Southall

These dates are for information only

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### SHARE OUR PRAYERS

*Dear God,*

*Lord, we wait for the coming of Christmas with feelings of joy and excitement.*

*As we wait, we give thanks for friends and the festivities in our communities. We remember those people for whom this is a lonely and sad time. At this special time, please be with all those families who are waiting for a new baby, as Mary and Joseph awaited the arrival of the baby Jesus. Amen.*

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS—IMPORTANT DATES

Drama club restarts on Thursday 11th January.

Choir Club restarts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

The Spring Term Club Form will be sent home on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, to be returned to school office from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

ParentMail club notification will be sent out by Mrs Wilson on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Those clubs as well as Speak Like a Native (French & Spanish) will start w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**THE STAFF AND PUILS WOULD LIKE TO  
THANK ALL OUR FAMILIES FOR THEIR VERY  
GENEROUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS.  
WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND  
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

### 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.

Please do note, however, that 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.



# WINTER ACTIVE CAMP

BOOK FROM 4TH DEC

For eligible children in years 1 - 7

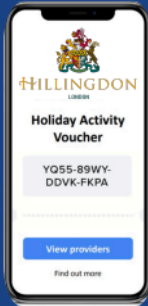
**VENUE:** St Martins Primary School

**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](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

### THE NAUGHTY GRINCH!



All the children enjoyed watching a special video today, telling the story of when the naughty Grinch visited St Matthew's School! Miss Murphy had to talk to him about his behaviour so he decided to tie her up with tinsel. Thanks go to Mr McCarthy, Miss Nasir, Miss Greenwood and Mrs Jones who wrote, directed, filmed and edited the movie.



SKIPZ PRODUCTIONS CIC PRESENTS

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME 2023

FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN.  
Paying children also welcome!  
LUNCH PROVIDED

JANUARY 2 to JANUARY 5  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

4-11 YEARS OLD

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 is 94.6% and for the week beginning 11th December 2023 was 94.1%. 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 %
NURSERY	88.8
RJB	92.8
REF	95
1SF	89.6
1LZ	92.8
2LD	93.6
2EM	91
3MG	96.2
3BF	98.8
4RM	93.6
4IT	98.5
5JM	94.8
5SN	93.3
6MN	95.9
6ES	95.2

### GET TO KNOW US

**Name:** Miss Woodier, Reception Nursery Nurse

#### What do you like most about St Matthew's?

I love the community spirit at St Matthew's, I especially love hearing the children singing and doing their actions during worship.

**The one thing you do not know about me.** I'm so terrified of spiders, my children have to catch them in the house and put them outside!

**My favourite book when I was a child was** The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis, I first read it when I was about 8 and read it over and over!

### 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**

Bell Farm Christian centre were delighted with the deliveries this week of the class Christmas hampers. Diane has said that they have all been allocated to local families in need who will have a better Christmas thanks to your generosity.



It was such a close decision but Mrs Moffatt finally chose 1LZ and 6MN as the winning hampers. Both classes will have a special film treat afternoon when we return in January.

### OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

### SCHOOL VALUES - AWARDS DECEMBER 2023

	Gratitude	Friendship	Trust	Compassion
3BF	Dina	Madhava		Jasmine
3MG		Simeon	Aleah	Blanka
4IT	Jotsaroop	Amber		Aishani
4RM	Lenora	Desire		Anaiya
5JM	Abdullah	Laura		Abigail
5SN	Leandro	Fabio		Brianna
6ES		Dolcie	Sophiia	Keira
6MN	Ilyas	Akshaj	Chloe	