

# Friday News

No. 16 - 12th January 2024



**St Matthew's CE Primary School**

*Forward through Friendship and Faith*

Diary Dates

## JANUARY 2024

- Monday 15th** Year 2 visiting Yiewsley Library
- Thursday 18th** 3BF visiting Yiewsley Library  
Parents' Evening - please sign up to meet your child's teacher
- Friday 19th** Year 3 visit to Buddhapadipa temple
- Monday 22nd** After-school clubs start this week  
Year 4 visiting Yiewsley Library
- Friday 26th** 9am 5JM class worship for parents  
2.50pm 2LD class worship for parents  
Number Day - details to follow
- Monday 29th** Year 5 visiting Yiewsley Library
- Tuesday 30th** Year 5 pedestrian training - details to follow

## FEBRUARY

- Thursday 1st** RE Explorers & the Choir visiting St Paul's Cathedral for LDBS Annual Service
- Friday 2nd** Banji Alexander, children's author, visiting school today
- Monday 5th** Year 6 visiting Yiewsley Library
- Tuesday 6th** Safer Internet Day - activities in school
- Wednesday 7th** Dental screening for selected pupils
- Friday 9th** 2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th** Half Term week
- Monday 19th** Training Day - School closed except to Year 6 pupils going to PGL
- Tuesday 20th** School returns after Half term break
- Tuesday 27th** Year 4 pedestrian training - details to follow
- Friday 23rd** 9am 4IT class worship for parents
- Tuesday 27th** Year 4 Pedestrian training - details to follow

## MARCH

- Friday 1st** 2.50pm 3BF class worship for parents
- Friday 8th** 9am 5SN class worship for parents  
2.50pm 3MG class worship for parents
- Tuesday 12th** Proms Praise for Years 4, 5 & 6 at the Royal Albert Hall - please respond to Parent Mail form sent home on 11th January
- Friday 15th** 9am 6MN class worship for parents  
2.50pm 2EM class worship for parents
- Tuesday 19th** Year 5 visiting Sri Guru Singh Sabha
- Friday 22nd** 9am 4RM Class worship for parents  
2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents

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### SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week we heard about the story of Cain and Abel. Cain picked up the fallen fruit as an offering to God but Abel gave Him the best lamb. The story teaches us a valuable lesson about sincerity. Through their example, we learn how not just our actions, but our attitudes matter to God.

*Dear God,*

*Help us to want the best for everyone,*

*Help us to give the best gift we can,*

*To do the best we can for other people and for ourselves.*

*Amen*

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS - IMPORTANT DATES

Drama club has restarted and Choir Club restarts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

The Spring Term Club Form will be sent home on Monday 15th January (new date) and can be returned to the school office from then.

ParentMail club notifications will be sent out by Mrs Wilson on Friday 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.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

We hope that the earlier start of 7.45am for Breakfast Club has helped some working families. Please note that we can only accept children between 7.45am-8.20am.

As a reminder, 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.

**MEET**



**Banji Alexander**

AUTHOR OF  
LOCKDOWN LOOMS  
REGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



AS SEEN ON:  


FRI  
2ND FEB

VISIT: [WWW.LOCKDOWNLOOMS.COM](http://WWW.LOCKDOWNLOOMS.COM)

CELEBRATED AUTHOR, BANJI ALEXANDER WILL BE VISITING OUR SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 2ND FEB, TO TALK ABOUT HIS VERY SPECIAL BOOK AND TO SIGN COPIES!  
**WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR HIM?**



PRE-ORDER BOOKS VIA THE SCHOOL, FOR £10!

**AUTHOR VISIT!**

On Friday 2nd February we will be delighted to welcome the author, Banji Alexander, to St Matthew's, who you may have seen on Britain's Got Talent. He will be reading to children from Reception to Year 6 so if you would like to pre-order a signed copy of Banji's book, please complete the form and return it to the school office by 1st February.

Any class with 5 or more book pre-orders will be allowed to wear their funniest hats to school when they meet Banji but there will also be a book signing at the end of the day if you want to buy another copy or two!



**ADULT SUPPORT DROP-IN**



Our drop in sessions provide a safe space for autistic adults 18+ seeking advice and support with topics related to autism diagnosis or practical areas such as employment-related matters, benefit support or supported living. We will provide hot drinks and refreshments!

**FOR AUTISTIC ADULTS 18+**

Date: Friday 12th January  
Time: 10am-12pm  
Location: Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support Dudley Place, Off Pinkwell Lane Hayes, Middlesex UB3 1PB

To book on please contact [katherine@hacs.org.uk](mailto:katherine@hacs.org.uk)

**ST MATTHEW'S VERY OWN AUTHOR**

This week, Mrs Moffatt had such a surprise when Kari, in Year 5, told her that not only had she been writing stories for fun since she was very young but she had actually had a book published! You can see Kari's book, 'The Only Mouse', on Amazon at the following link:



[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Only-Mouse-Kari-Mai/dp/B0CRF7JJB4/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?qid=1704949984&refinement\\_s=p\\_27%3AKari+Mai&s=books&sr=1-1&text=Kari+Mai](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Only-Mouse-Kari-Mai/dp/B0CRF7JJB4/ref=sr_1_1?qid=1704949984&refinement_s=p_27%3AKari+Mai&s=books&sr=1-1&text=Kari+Mai)

We are so proud of Kari's achievement and would love to be able to share more stories like this. We know that we have a lot of talented children so if your child has accomplished something in sport, drama, dance and the arts or has done something outstanding in any aspect of their life outside school, and you would like this to appear in our newsletter, please email the information to [stmatthews@frayacademytrust.org](mailto:stmatthews@frayacademytrust.org). Thank you!

**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



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 94.5% and for the week beginning 18th December 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 6MN with 547 positive behaviour points.

Well done to 2EM as they won the most positive behaviour points in the Autumn term and have enjoyed a movie afternoon today as a reward.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY	88.5
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

### 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 4 VIKING VISIT

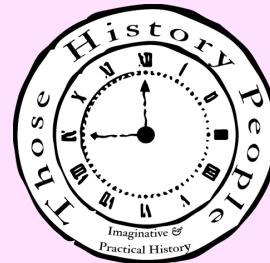
Year 4 were excited (and maybe a little bit apprehensive) to host a Viking and an archeologist this week as part of a dramatic history day. They wondered whether he would be really fierce and scary but in the end, they all decided the visitor was brilliant!

There were so many activities to do such as leather work, metal work, pottery and wool craft. Alex K reported 'I really enjoy using a hammer to make things out of copper'. Luca said "I made a bracelet out of wool and I'm still wearing it."

Later in the day children became part of a Viking army with sticks, shields and bows. Amelia commented "I enjoyed the Viking army part - it was exciting! "

Finally, children 'excavated' artefacts and created their own mini museums. There was also keepsakes to take home.

We hope that this interactive day will prove a memorable experience and provide an exciting starting point for this term's history topic. **Ms Inson, Mrs Todd & Mr MacDougall**



### SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

### JOB VACANCY—FRAYS ACADEMY TRUST CENTRAL TEAM

Do you have or know someone who has some finance experience and looking for a term-time role? Please click for more information: <https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/Purchase-Sales-Ledger-Clerk-5081>

### GET TO KNOW US

**Name:** Mrs J Dempsey, Office Manager

**What do you like most about St Matthew's?** There is such a great community spirit between the children, parents, staff and Church. I wouldn't want to work anywhere else.

**The one thing you do not know about me.** I can't stop buying books. I have so many I will never be able to read them all!

**My favourite book when I was a child was** The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K Le Guin

**OUR SCHOOL RULES - Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions**

**ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES - Friendship, Trust, Compassion, Forgiveness, Gratitude**