

Friday News

No. 17 - 19th January 2024



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith

Diary Dates

JANUARY 2024

- 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 for Year 6 pupils going to PGL
- Tuesday 20th** School returns after Half term break
- 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
- Friday 15th** 9am 6MN class worship for parents
2.50pm 2EM class worship for parents
- Monday 18th** Last week for all after-school clubs
- Tuesday 19th** Year 5 visiting Sri Guru Singh Sabha
- Wednesday 20th** Year 6 visiting Brunel University today
- Friday 22nd** 9am 4RM Class worship for parents
2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents
- Thursday 28th** Term ends at 2pm

APRIL

- Tuesday 16th** Summer term starts

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week, we learned about the miracles of Jesus especially how Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana. We reflected on how God's power can transform us ordinary people in amazing ways.

Dear God,

Thank you for making ordinary things very special. Help us to look after your wonderful creation and to treat each other with respect.

Amen

UPDATE FROM LINK TO HOPE— SHOEBOX APPEAL

A big thank you to our families who took time out to make a shoebox for the Link to Hope appeal in Autumn 2023. In total, 26,417 boxes were distributed and you can find out where the boxes were delivered at the following link:

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-delivery-diary-2023/>

Let's see if we can do even better in 2024!

BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

If you would like your child to eat breakfast, please ensure this is booked by 7am each day via your Pantry account.

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 or call 0208 813 7040.

MEET



Banji Alexander

AUTHOR OF
LOCKDOWN LOOMS
REGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



AS SEEN ON:

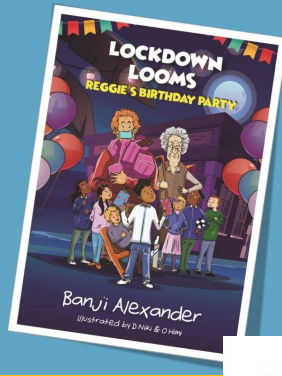


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2ND FEB

VISIT: 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!

PTA NEWS!

Following the success of the PTA's Penny Challenge last year, we are excited to announce that it will be running again through the Spring & Summer terms.

Each class has been given an empty bottle and the PTA would be grateful for donations of loose change to fill them up. The class which raises the most money will be treated to a class party in the Summer term!

ST MATTHEW'S PTA PRESENTS

Penny Challenge!

CAN YOU FILL YOUR CLASS BOTTLE WITH SPARE CHANGE? THE ROOM WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL GETS A CLASS PARTY!

All proceeds will be used by the PTA to fund activities and enrichment for the students at St. Matthew's.



Attendance Matters

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 94.1% and for the week beginning 8th January was 93.3%. 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 5SN with 865 positive behaviour points.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	MERIT
NURSERY	86.1	N/A
RJB	94.3	Mustafa
REF	89.6	Leah
1SF	95.5	Sofia
1LZ	98.9	Jesse
2LD	96.6	Manav
2EM	90.7	Syeda
3MG	90.0	Taiba
3BF	99.6	Lavinia-Rose
4RM	88.9	Ellie
4IT	95.6	Vivienne
5JM	94.4	Meklit
5SN	84.8	Wincenty
6MN	97.8	Ollie
6ES	94.8	Maja

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

PLAYGROUND BUDDIES

Last term Mrs Moffat advertised for an exciting new job at St Matthews - Year 5 and 6 Playground Buddies. Over 40 children applied and each one was interviewed by senior teachers. What an experience! Impressed by the children's dedication and impressive interviews, Mrs Moffat decided that every single one deserved a chance at the job!

Now our Buddies are a lunchtime highlight on the playground in their special blue vests. Each child has two days on the job, spending their lunch time helping younger children and those new to the school. Leading games, resolving disputes and encouraging good eating habits are just a few of the tasks of these excellent role-models.



"I Like how I get to play with them - it's so much fun" - Marvellous "I" 5SN, Lower School Playground buddy.

I love it so much with all my heart. They always make me laugh - all the time. Fabio, 5SN, Reception Playground Buddy

Keep up the good work buddies!

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>

POLITE REMINDER

The pathways and gates can become congested at the beginning and end of each day. Please can we ask that everyone is mindful and respectful to all families, allowing buggies to pass freely. Thank you.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

After-school clubs start next week; you will have been notified today by ParentMail if your child has been allocated a place in a club or is currently on a waiting list.

There are 2 places available in Year 1 Multi-Sports Club on a Thursday. If your child would like to do this, please sign up at the school office.

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Mrs T Wilson, Receptionist

What do you like most about St Matthew's? What do you like most about St Matthew's? The people and children, it is a friendly and supportive place to work.

The one thing you do not know about me. In my school years I went to a dance school, ballet was my favourite class.

My favourite book when I was a child was, The Tale of Mrs Tiggy-Winkle by Beatrix Potter, although I read alot and there were many I loved!