

Friday News

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Forward through Friendship and Faith

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

As this Sunday is Mothering Sunday, we learned how Mary cared for Jesus and how Jesus cared for his mother. We have been thinking about all the people who care for us and how we can show them how much we love them. **Dear God**,

Thank you for all the people who love us and care for

Guide us to show others that we care, with our hearts, our minds and our actions.
Please teach us to love one another.
Amen.

WATER BOTTLES

Just a polite reminder that your child should bring in a simple water bottle, such as in the following examples:





Stanley Quencher Cups (below) or similar non-branded versions are not to be brought into school due to their size and open straws.



We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Diary Dates

MARCH		
Monday 11th	5SN Non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'	
Tuesday 12th	Proms Praise for Years 4, 5 & 6 at the Royal Albert Hall	
Thursday 14th	Non-school uniform for lunchtime behaviour winners - see inside for details	
Friday 15th	Red Nose Day in school 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	
Thursday 21st	Pantomime (Aladdin) in school for all pupils Book Club Pilot Scheme at Brunel University for some Y6 pupils	
Friday 22nd	9am 4RM Class worship for parents 2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents	
Tuesday 26th	'Francophile Day' in school - see inside for details	
Wednesday 27th	Choir event at Beck Theatre	
Thursday 28th	Term ends at 2pm	
APRIL		
Tuesday 16th	Summer term starts	
Tuesday 23rd	Year 3 & 4 Trust football event at Laurel Lane	
Monday 29th	Year 3 visiting British Museum	
MAY		
Monday 6th	May Bank Holiday - school closed	
Tuesday 7th	Year 5 visiting Gunnersbury Park & House	
Friday 10th	Year 2 visiting Shree Adya Shakti Mataji Temple	
Monday 13th	KS2 (Year 6) SATS week	
Monday 20th	Year 5 classes swimming lessons ovr next 4 weeks - details to follow Year 6 Bikeability course - details to follow	
Monday 27th - Friday 31st	Half term	

RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 15th March, the school will be supporting Red Nose Day. Children can come into school wearing something red for a suggested donation of £1.

RED NOSE DAY

FRANCOPHILE DAY - 26th MARCH

We will be celebrating 'Francophile Day' with all things French on Tuesday 26th March. There will be a special theme lunch menu (which can be booked via your child's Pantry account) as well as quizzes, arts & crafts and other fun activities.

Each class will be celebrating a French-speaking country and we would like the children to dress up in the colours of the country they are celebrating as follows;

Nursery: France
Reception: France
1LZ: Cameroon
1SF - Switzerland
2EM: Ivory Coast
2LD: Belgium
3BF: Canada
3MG: Monaco
4RM: Djibouti

4IT: Guadeloupe and Martinique Islands

5JM: Madagascar 5SN: Haiti 6MN: Lebanon 6ES: Seychelles

However, if your child is from a French-speaking country, we would encourage them to dress up in their country's colours.

















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 26th February was 95.3%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week's class of the week was **3BF** with 417 positive behaviour points.

LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Each day, the Year 5 & Year 6 hall/lunchtime monitors take the names of children who uphold the school rules or demonstrate one of our school values. The names are entered into a hat and 5 children across Lower School and Upper School are selected at random and awarded with a non-uniform day for a day the following week.

Well done to this week's winners, who can wear their own clothes on Thursday 14th March are Marika, 6ES; Seyra, 5JM; Neil, 3MG; Momina, 2EM; and Glory, 1SF

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	Merit Award
NURSERY	90.3	N/A
RJB	93.2	Sofia
REF	96.2	Harshan
1SF	94.8	Anna
1LZ	88.9	Joel
2LD	96.1	Eliana
2EM	97.2	Kobi
змб	98.3	Aleah
3BF	93.6	Daniel
4RM	97.4	Khalil
4IT	96.8	Alex
5JM	97.8	Bobbie
5SN	95.4	Nikolai
6MN	97.8	Jenson
6ES	95.7	Geriel

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions
ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

Friendship, Trust, Compassion, Forgiveness, Gratitude

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION Internet Safety for Kids

Online safety can be daunting for parents and carers, as they may have concerns about their understanding of the topic and their knowledge of latest developments.

We encourage you to maintain an open and ongoing discussion about online safety at home. Remind your children to:

- Never give out personal information (such as phone numbers, address, password or photos)
- Talk to you, a trusted adult or teacher if they feel uncomfortable with what they see on the Internet
- Be polite and respectful of others online. Never send a message they would not say face-to-face
- Never meet someone they 'meet' online

PTA NEWS

PANTOMIME

We are very grateful to the PTA who have kindly offered to pay for the children to enjoy a touring company Pantomime (Aladdin) in school on Thursday 21st March.

EASTER COMPETITONS

The PTA are sending home 'Design an Easter Egg' sheets again this year to give all our children the opportunity to win some chocolate with their fabulous ideas and designs. Entry costs £1 and completed pictures need to be given to class teachers, by 22nd March.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 can also enter the Easter bonnet competition. If you'd like to take part, please bring your Easter bonnets, and £1 entry fee, into school on Wednesday 27th March.

Revd Richard and Revd Urmila will be judging the Easter egg designs and Easter bonnets that day.





GET TO KNOW US

Name: Miss S O'Callaghan, Learning Support Assistant What do you like most about St Matthew's? The wonderful staff I work with! St Matthews has a wonderful set of people who are all, kind, helpful, caring & friendly, everyone is made to feel welcome & the team spirit is fantastic. Everyone pulls together through good days & bad. It is one of the best positives of the school in my opinion.

The one thing you do not know about me. I have triplet brother and sisters. March is a very expensive month for me!

My favourite book is a good autobiography, as I love learning about other people's lives.