



# Friday News

No. 24 - 15th March 2024



**St Matthew's CE Primary School**

*Forward through Friendship and Faith*



## MARCH

- Monday 18th** Last week for after-school clubs (except Choir & Drama 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 6 x 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** Spring term ends at 2pm

## APRIL

- Tuesday 16th** Summer term starts
- Tuesday 23rd** Year 3 & 4 football event at Laurel Lane
- Thursday 25th** Phonics information sessions for parents at 9am & 2.30pm. See inside newsletter for booking information
- Monday 29th** Year 3 visiting British Museum  
After-school clubs start this week

## 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 over next 4 weeks - details to follow  
Year 6 Bikeability course - details to follow
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st** Half term

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### SHARE OUR PRAYERS

As Easter approaches, we have been linking the Old Testament story of Moses, the Passover and the flight from Egypt with Jesus's last supper.

Jesus's death and resurrection became a new 'Exodus', offering people a way to be set free from sin just like Moses led the exodus from slavery.

*Dear God, Thank you for Moses, a brave and faithful leader, who freed the Israelites with your guiding hand beside him.*

*Bless us with his wisdom and help us to be brave, as we face our own challenges, knowing your love will always save.*

*Amen*



### PROMS PRAISE

Proms Praise is a Christian Arts project which culminates in an interactive night of songs and music, provided by the All Souls Orchestra, at the Royal Albert Hall. On Tuesday evening, twenty seven pupils and three staff were lucky enough to take part in this memorable event, which was the first time it has been held in five years. Everyone agreed it was a brilliant night even though the coach didn't arrive back to school until after 9pm! Let's hope that we can go again next year...



# Phonics Information Session for Parents

This session will provide information to parents about how Phonics is run at St. Matthews, information about the Phonics Screening Check (Year 1) and information about how you can support your child at home. The session is aimed at Reception and Year 1 parents, but all parents are welcome to attend.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Session 1: 9:00am**

**Session 2: 2:30pm**

Please scan the QR code below to sign up for a session, or speak to the school office to let them know which session you would like to attend.





## 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.



## Calling all St Matthew's artists

An exciting opportunity has arisen for children 4-19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts.

# RA

St Matthew's school has been registered for this exhibition. Parents/guardians can submit the artwork online. Please ensure you select our school when uploading your child's entry.

# Young Artists' Summer Show

## 2024

Find out more at  
[roy.ac/youngartists](http://roy.ac/youngartists)  
#RAYoungArtists

Open for submissions until  
March 27th

Royal Academy of Arts

Please feel free to contact Ms Mackiewicz (2EM) with any queries you might have.

Made possible by Robin Hambro at RA of A

## Open to God

Sunday 17th March  
6.00-7.30pm

Open to God offers the opportunity for an extended time of sung worship, teaching and prayer.  
Speaker - Our very own Revd Vicky Bastidas

Let God use you

Contact Urmila for more information on [urilo@hotmail.com](mailto:urilo@hotmail.com) or 07860571727  
[www.stmatthewsiewesley.org.uk](http://www.stmatthewsiewesley.org.uk)

# FUNWEEKS

## EASTER ACTIVE CAMP

SPORTS  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
PRIZES  
EASTER EGG HUNT

9AM - 3PM  
£18

ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL  
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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%. For the week beginning 4th March, weekly attendance dropped slightly to 94.2%. Our school target is 96%.**

### CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week's class of the week was **1LZ** with 500 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 **Friday 22nd March**: Prosper 6ES, Ansh, 5SN, Elena 4IT, Chinmayi 3BF, Mahlet 2EM,

## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

### Safeguarding Our Children

Pupils, parents and school staff all have a role to play in keeping children safe. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child in our school, you must share this with a member of staff or the Safeguarding Team as soon as possible. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

#### Staff

- Follow the school's policies that keep our children safe
- Be vigilant at all times
- Follow the staff code of conduct at all times

#### Pupils

- Be respectful, polite, helpful and kind
- Make the right choices
- Everyone is treated equally and fairly
- Celebrate that they are all different
- All have a voice but listen to others

#### Parents

- Model the behaviour you want to see from your child
- Ensure your child attends school on time and every day
- Share concerns with staff
- Ask your child about their day

### PTA NEWS

#### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES

The PTA will be running pre-loved uniform sales as follows:

**Wednesday 20th March:** 8.30-9am in the middle playground (or in the office reception area if wet)

**Thursday 21st March:** from 8.30am during coffee morning in St Matthew's Church

**Friday 22nd March:** 8.30-9am in the middle playground (or in the office reception area if wet)

#### EASTER COMPETITONS

Don't forget If your child would like to take part in the 'Design an Easter Egg' competition this year, they need to hand in their entry to the office by 22nd March with the entry fee of £1. Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 can also enter the Easter bonnet competition. Easter bonnets will need to be brought into school on Wednesday 27th March along with the £1 entrance fee.

### GET TO KNOW US

**Name:** Mr Nelson, Year 6 teacher

**What do you like most about St Matthew's?** The kind people and the values we share.

**The one thing you do not know about me.** I worked in the Banking and Oil industries for 25 years before becoming a teacher.

**My favourite book as a child was** The Railway Children by E Nesbit.

### OUR SCHOOL RULES

**Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions**

### ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	Merit Award
NURSERY	93.3	N/A
RJB	99	N/A
REF	92.4	N/A
1SF	85.9	Jace
1LZ	92.7	Leo
2LD	95	Alice
2EM	95.5	Eri
3MG	94.3	Victoria
3BF	96.1	Zainab
4RM	94.8	Billy
4IT	92.9	Enzo
5JM	94.1	Poppy
5SN	95.4	Emily
6MN	93	Jacob
6ES	100	Rebeckah





# EASTER

SWIMMING SHORT COURSES

HILLINGDON SPORTS COMPLEX  
UB8 1ES



APRIL 1-5, 2024 AND APRIL 8-12, 2024 FROM 9:30 TO 11:00.

Want to gift a life skill this Easter? Join us!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EGCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN STAY ACTIVE AND LEARN A NEW LIFE SKILL DURING THE HOLIDAYS. ENROL THEM IN OUR SWIM SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES TODAY AND WITNESS THEIR GROWTH AND CONFIDENCE IN THE WATER

[HSLCSWIMSCHOOL@GLL.ORG](mailto:HSLCSWIMSCHOOL@GLL.ORG)




# EASTER CAMP

JOIN US AS YOU GET TO LEARN, GROW AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE FUN EVERY SINGLE DAY YOU SPEND WITH US AT CAMP!




- Arts & Crafts
- Sports Activities
- Creative Free Play
- Gym & Dance/Street Dance...AND MORE

**CAMP DETAILS:**

- 3rd+4th and 10th+11th of April 2024
- 10am - 2pm | Ages 5-11 Years
- £20 per day OR Funded for those eligible
- Emmanuel Church Northwood, High St, London HA6 1AS
- [schoolcampinfo@ourparks.org.uk](mailto:schoolcampinfo@ourparks.org.uk)
- 07306297789

**BOOK NOW**

[WWW.OURCAMPS](http://WWW.OURCAMPS)



Children's Multi-Activity

# EASTER

Holiday Camps

CHISWICK • EALING • FULHAM  
HAMMERSMITH • UXBRIDGE

2nd - 12th April 2024\*

\*Excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday

7.45am-6pm  
& 9am-5pm




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