



# Friday News

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*Forward through Friendship and Faith*

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**Diary Dates**

**APRIL**

- Tuesday 16th** Summer term starts  
Parent Governor election forms will be sent home today
- Thursday 18th** 4RM non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Tuesday 23rd** Year 3 & 4 football event at Laurel Lane
- Wednesday 24th** 2.30pm Multiplication Tables Check workshop in school for Year 4 parents
- Thursday 25th** Phonics information sessions for parents at 9am & 2.30pm. See inside newsletter for booking information
- Friday 26th** 9am & 2.40pm Year 6 SATS meetings for parents in KS2 hall
- 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

**FUNWEEKS**  
**EASTER**  
**ACTIVE CAMP**

**SPORTS**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
**PRIZES**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**9AM - 3PM**  
**£18**

**ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TUESDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL**  
**MONDAY 8TH - THURSDAY 11TH APRIL**  
**FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 - 7**

**BOOK ALL 4 DAYS IN WEEK 1 OR ALL 4 DAYS IN WEEK 2 FOR A 10% DISCOUNT!**

**BOOK ONLINE:**  
**WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/PSD-FUNWEEKS**

info@thepsdgroup.org.uk  
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**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP—FEBRUARY 2025**

If your child is currently studying in Year 5 and you would like them to take part in the Year 6 Residential trip to PGL in February 2025, please can you return your permission slip and pay the non-refundable deposit via Parent Pay by 22nd April 2025. Thank you!

**SHARE OUR PRAYERS**

In our last Friday News before Easter, Revd Richard would like to share this message from the Bishop of London for all families across the Diocese.

She talks about the prodigal son, and how a sense of despair can be replaced unexpectedly with joy and love. Do share the film with those children and young people in your communities.

<https://vimeo.com/924942256>

We would like to wish all our families a very happy and peaceful Easter break. School reopens on Tuesday 16th April.



## Election of Parent Governor. Join our Local Governing body

### What is the role of a school governor?

School governors, who work together as a Governing Board, have a strategic responsibility for the progress of pupils in schools and to ensure that all pupils receive the best possible education.

### What makes a good school governor?

- You care about improving children's education.
- You want to contribute to your local community.
- You want to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by other people.
- You are willing to ask questions.
- You are open to ideas, willing to learn and share expertise.

Nominations open after the Easter break.

# 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.



RELAX IN OUR WARM CAFE

REFRESHMENTS SERVED ALL DAY

URBAN FARM



## EASTER FUN COME RAIN OR SUN

Spring Over to Hounslow Urban Farm this Easter!

Until your little ones go back to school.

### Our Furry Friends are back

- Furry Encounters on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 11am, 1pm & 3pm.
- Ozzie owl encounter at 2pm
- Go undercover in our 40ft Bouncy Assault Course.
- Little ones love to explore our new under cover Toddler Play Area.



Enjoy Exotic Animal Encounters daily at 11am, 1pm & 3pm.

- Special Visit from the Easter Bunny on Easter Sunday between 1pm – 4pm.
- All included in the entrance fee.



- Easter crafts and fun all day long. Join the Easter Egg Hunt!
- (Some activities have extra cost)



You'll get a warm welcome in our cosy café with refreshments served all day.



The Hounslow Urban Farm, Faggs Road, Feltham, Middlesex, TW14 0LZ  
www.hounslowurbanfarm.co.uk




**KIDWISE**

## Eggcellent Easter STEM Camp

**AGES 5-10 YEARS**  
**DATES: 2/04/2024- 5/04/2024**  
**FROM 10:00 TO 14:00**

Combine the fun of Easter with the wonders of STEM  
Engage in hands-on experiments, creative problem-solving, and exciting projects that make learning unforgettable.

Secure your spot today let's make this Easter eggstraordinary  
Running at:  
Yiewsley And West Drayton Community Centre  
Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton UB7 9JL




# Managing Stress Webinar

JOIN  
HILLINGDON  
TALKING  
THERAPIES ON  
17TH APRIL AT  
12PM



CALL US ON: 01895 206800

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The whole school enjoyed celebrating France and other French speaking countries on Tuesday. Children dressed up in chosen colours and experienced artefacts and crafts relating to some of those countries. Thanks go to the wonderful parent volunteers who helped to make it a success on the day and to Miss Zerouali for all her hours of hard work in organising it.



## FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Family First is a free publication that covers everything you and your family need in order to build a happier and healthier lifestyle. Family First is a quarterly magazine specifically designed to improve the health of over 6,000,000 families across England, Scotland & Wales. Working alongside major sporting governing bodies, Public Health England, leading food & drink brands, sportswear giants, and local authorities, Family First is helping to combat childhood obesity. Their aim is to get children & young adults active, playing more sport, exercising regularly, and eating healthily. Here's your free copy of the UK's largest parenting title [CLICK HERE](#)

## PTA EASTER EVENTS

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the PTA 'Design an Easter Egg' and Easter bonnet competitions. Revd Richard and Revd Urmila spent a long time choosing from over 100 designs for the Easter Egg competition and were so impressed with the time & effort the children had put into their designs as well as their amazing creativity.

The winners, who all have received an Easter chocolate gift are:

### Design an Easter Egg

Nursery: Vienna, Dakota, Moshin; Reception: Alexandra, Humaira, Kingsley; Year 1: Dawid, Murari, Ursha; Year 2: Sair, Enzo, Dhanushri, Inayat; Year 3: Lilly, Frank, Ire, Alice; Year 4: Ellie, Billy, Anvita; Year 5: Kari, Ansh, Seyra; Year 6: Marika, Ethan, Chatresh

Revd Richard and Karen Hall, Governor, then had the unenviable task of choosing the best bonnets!

### Easter Bonnet Winners

Nursery: Autumn Rose, Marley-Rose, Daania; Reception: Molly, Riyansh, Daniel, Kingsley, Frankie-Lou, Enoch; Year 1: Glory, Dawid, Kaja, Filip, Krish, Sofia, Maria, Fabian; Year 2: Elsie, Syeda, Mollie, Siya, Sai; Year 3: Chinmayi, Livinia



We would like to thank Asda, Aldi, Tesco, Sainsbury, Farm Foods for their generous donations of Easter eggs and a huge thank you to Laura Simpson, who continues to work so hard to make these events enjoyable for all our children.

However, the PTA can only be successful if we have the support of our families. Please do let the school office know if you could spare a few hours to help with fundraising. The extra money goes towards making the children's time in school memorable. Examples are the recent Pantomime, Secret Santa and Year 6 Leavers events.

Thank you!



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 94.0%**  
**For the week beginning 18th March, weekly attendance was 92.2%. Our school target is 96%.**

### CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week's class of the week was 5JM with 578 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 19th April are: **Anaya 2LD; Lily & Blanka, both 3MG, Khalil 4RM and Keira 6ES.**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY	90.8
RJB	89.7
REF	83.8
1SF	94.8
1LZ	93.1
2LD	95.5
2EM	92.4
3MG	92.3
3BF	92.5
4RM	92.2
4IT	95.7
5JM	90.7
5SN	91.5
6MN	92.2
6ES	97.8

### OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

**ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES**

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

### SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

#### Keeping Children Safe Online

We all want children to grow up in a safe, loving environment and become happy, confident adults. It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. You might need to start a difficult conversation because you have to:

break some bad news

- ask about something you're worried about
- ask about topics you find uncomfortable ask your child if they're worried or scared by something
- ask your child about a new behaviour.

You might not know how to talk to children about difficult topics. Please see the link for more information on this: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

### HILLINGDON HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAMME

There are still places available for families to book their children onto the Hillingdon Borough Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Easter programme. The holiday programme is open to school-aged children from Reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive **benefits-related free school meals (FSM)**.

The programme, **fully funded** by the Department for Education, offers healthy food and fun activities, provides opportunities for children and young people to develop new skills, take part in creative and physical activities, learn about food and cooking, and enjoy a nutritious meal each day.

Activities this Easter include:

- Sports; Football, Cricket, Basketball and multi-sports
- Parent and child cookery sessions with Learn Hillingdon
- Dance, drama and arts programmes
- Multi-activity camps
- SEN activity camps

View their webpage [Easter HAF programme - Hillingdon Council](#) where you can find out more about HAF, check out the Easter programme offer and find booking information.

Email: [hafprogramme@hillingsdon.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@hillingsdon.gov.uk)

### GET TO KNOW US

**Name: Ms S Penson, Learning Support Assistant**

**What do you like most about St Matthew's?** Working with a great, supportive team of friends.

**The one thing you do not know about me.** Some might not know I'm a twin and being a flag bearer at the 9th Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic World Championships held at Wembley in 1979.

**My favourite book as a child was** any of the Famous Five books by Enid Blyton.