



# Friday News

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*'Forward through Friendship and Faith'*

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## Thought of The Week

**This week, the children have been thinking about Ascension.**

In Church worship this week, Revd Richard explained why we celebrate Ascension Day. During the 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to his disciples from time to time. Once he told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift he would send them. That gift would be the Holy Spirit. He would live in them and guide them and He would be a Comforter to them.

After Jesus said this, he was taken up to heaven right in front of their eyes. A cloud hid him from their sight and two angels, dressed in white, came and stood beside them.

The angels said, "Why are you looking up in the sky? This same Jesus who has been taken up into heaven will come back some day in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



## Diary Dates

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May  
HALF TERM



- Tues 4th** - Knife crime workshop for Years 5 & 6; Dental screening for Reception pupils
- Weds 5th** - Cookery session at St Martin's (prize draw winners)
- Thurs 6th** - Non-uniform day to support Summer Fayre
- Fri 7th** - Year 6 group & individual photos; 5MN & 2RF class worships
- Mon 10th** - Year 5 Victorian Day in school
- Tues 11th** - Drug awareness workshop for Year 6
- Weds 12th** - Trust Inclusion sports festival at Laurel Lane
- Thurs 13th** - Soft starts: parents are welcome into school at 8.30am or 2.45pm
- Fri 14th** - 4SB & 1KS class worship
- Sat 15th** - Summer Fayre from 12-3pm
- Tues 18th** - Book Fair after school for next 3 days
- Weds 19th** - Trust Olympic Games event for Year 2 at Laurel Lane
- Fri 21st** - iSingPop concerts at 2.15pm & 6.00pm - more details to follow
- Mon 24th** - KS1 sports morning at Laurel Lane; Transition meeting for new Reception pupils in Sept
- Weds 26th** - KS2 sports morning at Laurel Lane
- Thurs 27th** - 8.50am Transition meeting for Reception pupils moving to Year 1 in Sept; 9am 4DH Class worship;
- Fri 28th** - Careers morning for Years 4-6; 2.50pm 2NT class worship

**Please note that the diary dates are for information only - you may not yet have received a letter about all of the forthcoming events**

## GENERAL SCHOOL NOTICES

### ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

**Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness, Respect,  
Patience, Courage, Unity**

#### CAREERS EVENT

Careers Day will take place on 28th June from 9am -12noon and we are looking for volunteers to discuss their career with pupils in Years 4 - 6.

This has proved to be a popular event in the school calendar so please let the office know if you are interested in taking part.

#### PE KITS

Please can children who go home wearing their PE kits after a sports club , ensure that they bring them back in to school the following day. Thank you.

#### CLASS WORSHIPS FOR PARENTS

##### Key Stage 2

These will be held in the KS2 hall at 9am;

5MN - Friday 7th June

4SB - Friday 14th June

4DH - Thursday 27th June

3RD - Friday 5th July

3AB - 12th July

##### Key Stage 1

These will be held in the KS2 hall, doors will open at 2.45pm for a 2.50pm start;

2RF - Friday 7th June

1KS - Friday 14th June

2NT - Friday 28th June

1KT - Friday 12th July

#### SATS FEEDBACK

We are pleased to report that Key Stage Two SATs ran very smoothly last week. The children were very confident and their perseverance and hard work really showed - they are a credit to their families and to the school. A moderator from the Local Authority visited school on Friday and was very impressed with the way the tests were carried out, stating, "We should bring other schools here to see how it is done." School governors who visited each day also commented on the smooth running of the tests, and how impressed they were with the children. Thank you to all of our parents for being so supportive of your children and of the school during the build up to SATs week. Well done Year 6!

#### ICE POP FRIDAY

**Ice pops will be on sale at morning break time every Friday (one per child) for pupils in Years 1-6, price 20p each, one per child.**

**Parents of Reception pupils can purchase ice pops at the end of the day in the Reception playground.**



Just a reminder that only sunglasses prescribed by an optician should be worn in school. Don't forget that children can wear (named) caps or hats. Thank you!

**'Every child has the right to an outstanding education'**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A copy of the new uniform policy, which takes effect from September 2019, was sent home to all families this week. The main changes are;

- The Reception uniform will now match the Nursery uniform. This is to make sure that children in Reception can take part in messy play and physical development in comfort, without the restrictions of a shirt and tie.
- Children will wear a full school uniform from Year 1.
- Due to space restrictions in school, children in Nursery to Year 4 will be asked to use drawstring bags for PE kits and St Matthew's book bags for school books and equipment.
- Rucksacks or backpacks will not be permitted in Nursery to Year 4, as these are too large for the pegs in school and most often end up on the floor, getting lost or damaged.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 may use backpacks or rucksacks as these can be safely placed in their lockers.

Can we please also take this opportunity to remind all parents that trainers are not permitted in school, and that hair ties should be in school colours only.

The uniform policy can also be found on the website:

<http://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk/97/uniform>

Thank you for your co-operation.

## ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE SATURDAY 15th JUNE

Thank you to all the fabulous parents and families who have offered to help with organising and running the Summer Fayre this year. However, help is still needed to prepare for the event as well as setting up on the Saturday morning, running a stall and clearing away afterwards so if you can spare an hour or two on the day, please let the school office know.

### Non-uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Thursday 6th June** when we will ask parents to bring in donations in return for their children wearing their own clothes.

Suggestions are;

**Years 1 & 2** - Chocolates for the chocolate tombola

**Years 3 & 4** - Soft toys, clean and in good condition please, for the soft toy tombola

**Years 5 & 6** - Bottles for the bottle tombola. These can be drinks, sauces, beauty products etc

**Nursery & Reception** - any of the above items

### Raffle tickets

Grand Draw raffle tickets have been sent home with each child this week. We would be grateful if you could return the counterfoils and money to the school office as soon as possible. There are some spare books if you are able to sell more to friends and family. The Grand Draw is potentially the best money maker at the Summer Fayre so we really need to sell as many tickets as possible!

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY AWARDS

13th—17th May 2019

**Class 5MN and 6JP** shared the attendance last week with an amazing **100%** closely followed by **6ES** with a fantastic **99.6%** attendance. Well done to those three classes! The punctuality awards this week went to **RLB,1KT** and **4SB** with every child arriving on time. Well done to all those parents and children. The school day starts at **8.45am** and arriving late can make your child feel sad and embarrassed, especially as they miss valuable learning time. **Please note we do not authorise holiday during term time.**

Class	% Attend	Class	% Attend
RNC	95	3RD	97.9
RLB	94.7	4DH	95.3
1KT	98.7	4SB	98
1KS	97.3	5MN	100
2RF	98.6	5MC	95.8
2NT	97.9	6ES	99.6
3AB	95.2	6JP	100

The following children have gained awards from their teachers for working hard this week:

RNC Lena    RLB Bobbie    1KS Ilyas    1KT Marika  
2NT Rimi    2RF Amari    3RD Ruby    3AB Catherine  
4DH Denzel    4SB Paige    5MN Daniel    5MC Nedum  
6ES Oliver    6JP Andreea

## HELP US TO CHOOSE OUR SCHOOL VALUES for 2019/2020!

We are looking at what our school values could be for the next school year and are asking staff, pupils and parents to vote.

Please could you either leave a note at the school office with your preferred 5 values from the following list or vote on the St Matthew's Facebook page.;

**Friendship , Justice, Trust, Compassion, Gratitude, Peace, Wisdom,  
Love, Hope, Endurance, Forgiveness**



# HALF TERM HOLIDAY FUN!



## FUNWEEKS

### HALF TERM DODGEBALL AND MULTI-SPORTS FUNWEEKS

FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6




**COWLEY ST LAURENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
WORCESTER ROAD,  
COWLEY, UB8 3TH

TUESDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 31ST MAY

**COST:** FULL WEEK = £50  
ANY SINGLE DAY = £15

**9AM TO 3PM**

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Join Dog's Trust at Yiewsley Library on Tuesday 28th May, from 11.00-11.45am for a free workshop all about dogs! We will be learning all about 'a dog's needs' and 'how to be a responsible dog owner' and reading some fun and exciting 'dog' related stories!

Why not bring a picture along of your dog (or pet) to share with the group on the day? See you there!




## FUNWEEKS

### HALF TERM DANCE & GYMNASTICS FUNWEEKS

FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6




**ST MARTIN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
ROWAN ROAD,  
WEST DAYTON, UB77UF

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