



Friday News

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FOR YOUR DIARY

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Forward through Friendship and Faith

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ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

SHARE OUR PRAYERS

Wednesday is Harvest Festival in Church. Children can bring in donations of tinned food and toiletries for West Drayton and Yiewsley Foodbank. We really appreciate all your donations.

This week we learned how prayer can bring comfort to people during difficult times, especially *The Lord's Prayer* which Jesus taught.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

You will have received a Parent Mail message today, informing you whether or not your child has been allocated a place on an after-school club.

OCTOBER 2023

Mon 2nd	Donations please for Yiewsley & West Drayton Foodbank After-school clubs start this week
Tuesday 3rd	Individual & sibling photos in school—Year 6 will have individual photos taken in the summer term
Wednesday 4th	Church Harvest worship
Thursday 5th	Learn with Me classroom sessions for parents at 8.45am & 2.45pm Special menu today - see poster inside
Friday 6th	9am 5JM & 2.50pm 2EM class worship for parents
Friday 20th	9am 6ES class worship for parents
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th	Half Term
Tuesday 31st	Deadline for Secondary School Applications NSPCC in school for Year 5 & year 6 workshops

NOVEMBER 2023

Friday 3rd	9am 5SN class worship for parents
Friday 10th	2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents
Friday 17th	2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents

DECEMBER 2023

Friday 24th	2.50pm 3BF class worship for parents
Friday 1st	9am 4RM class worship for parents
Wednesday 6th	Year 4 to St Paul's Cathedral
Friday 8th	9am 4DT & 2.50pm 3MG class worship for parents
Friday 15th	2.50pm 2LD class worship for parents
Thursday 21st	2pm End of term
Monday 8th January 2024	Spring term starts

FUNWEEKS

BOOK ALL 5 DAYS FOR A 10% DISCOUNT!

SCAN TO BOOK

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVE CAMP

ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

£18 PER DAY | 9AM - 3PM | FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 - 7

FREAKY FRIDAY HALLOWEEN DISCO!

BOOK ONLINE: www.thepsdgroup.org.uk

thepsdgroupuk info@thepsdgroup.org.uk 0203 397 7409

Starting primary school

September 2024

For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024

FREE Daniella Logun Foundation **ENTRY**

SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

THE GREATEST GIFT IS LOVE.

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON!

Help us raise funds to support children with brain tumours and other cancers in Hillingdon & the surrounding areas.

SATURDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

1:00 - 5:00 PM

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH HALL
YIEWSLEY. UB7 7QH.

All proceeds will go to the Daniella Logun Foundation to support our Children & their families.

ARTS & CRAFTS

www.thedaniellalogunfoundation.org SCAN ME

PANTRY CENSUS DAY

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023

LAMB OR VEGGIE BURGER & CURLY FRIES

WITH CORN ON THE COB

AND TOFFEE CAKE OR WHOLE FRUIT

SCAN ME TO ORDER!

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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, our Family Support Worker, or Mrs Winter, Attendance Officer, who may be able to offer some useful strategies.

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 94.6% and for the week beginning 18th September was 95.6%.

Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	84.3	N/A
RJB	92.8	N/A
RJB	95.3	N/A
1SF	93.2	King
1LZ	94.8	Dawid
2LD	97.9	Yana
2EM	97.9	Adebola
3MG	100	Lily
3BF	97.4	Myra
4RM	97.4	Toby
4DT	98.9	Ada
5JM	93.7	Laura
5SN	97.8	Mina
6MN	93.7	Zeina
6ES	96.5	Duke



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

4DT with **694** positive behaviour points!

Get to know us....

Name: Mrs Moffatt

What do you like most about St Matthew's? I think all of the children and staff at our school are amazing and I enjoy coming into work each day.

One thing you do not know about me is... I have three daughters

My favourite book when I was a child was.. The Twits by Roald Dahl

SCHOOL VISION

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

It was lovely to see so many families at Parents Evening. We hope that you enjoyed looking at your children's work and talking to the class teacher.

We are sure that this term will be as exciting as ever as we start to add dates for visitors and trips offsite to the calendar. We are hoping to have confirmed the dates for our Christmas performances before half term.

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival in Church on Wednesday. This is a chance to thank God for the safe harvesting of the crops and the variety of foods we enjoy across our world. We show our school value of compassion by bringing in donations of food for the local Foodbank which provides emergency food & support to local people.

Secondary School Admissions

Do you have a child born between **1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013?**
If so, you must apply for a school place by **31 October 2023**

For more information, key dates, how to apply and advice, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions or call 01895 556644

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OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions



Did you know that St Matthew's School is a member of 'Your School Lottery'? This is an externally run lottery which parents can enter and win prizes, and a proportion of the profits go directly back to the school to provide resources, experiences and opportunities for the children of St Matthew's. This is entirely optional and families should only join in if they are able.

Please click [here](#) to find more information about 'Your School Lottery', or to buy tickets.

Please note that the school does not administer, run or control the lottery in anyway. 'Your School Lottery' is affiliated with the Gambling Commission. We know that gambling can lead to problems for some individuals and their families. If gambling is causing a problem for you or others around you, please visit the BeGambleAware website [here](#).



At St. Matthew's, we believe in the importance of diversity, cultural awareness, and the power of music to bring communities together. This Black History Month, we are excited to invite you to be a part of a special event that celebrates the rich tapestry of cultures and traditions within our school community.

If you would like to join us in honouring Black History Month by sharing your unique cultural heritage and musical talents with our children. Whether you come from the African continent, Caribbean culture or have a passion for any culture connected to these regions, we welcome you to be a part of this meaningful experience.

Here's how you can get involved:

Share Your Culture:

- Host a presentation or workshop about your cultural background.
- Share stories, traditions, and customs that have shaped your heritage.
- Bring in traditional clothing, artefacts, or food to help students explore and appreciate your culture.
- If you play a musical instrument that is part of your culture's heritage, we would love to showcase your talent.
- Perform a piece of music that holds significance in your cultural history.
- Allow our children to experience the vibrant sounds and rhythms of your heritage.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to gain a deeper understanding of the diverse world around them and to celebrate the incredible contributions of the Black community to our global society.

Date: Week beginning 16th to 20th October 2023, time to be confirmed.

Location: St. Matthew's school

Please let us know if you are interested in participating by **2nd October 2023** by leaving your name and number and a member of staff will be in contact.

Let's come together as a community to make this Black History Month a memorable and educational experience for our children. Your participation is invaluable in fostering a sense of unity and respect for all cultures.

Thank you for your support in creating an inclusive and culturally rich learning environment.

HARVEST DONATIONS



At harvest time this year, we would like to ask our families for donations to support the Yiewsley & West Drayton Foodbank, which offers an invaluable service to local families in need.

You can read more about the work of the Foodbank at: <https://yiewsleywestdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/>

The Foodbank would be grateful for all items, especially the following:

Tinned peas, carrots, tomatoes & sweetcorn

Microwave rice, Pot Noodles & dried noodles

Tinned fruit, custard & rice pudding

Jam, small bags of sugar

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shower gel, soap & shampoo

Nappies - size 5

Washing up liquid, washing tablets

We would ask for items to be brought into school from Monday 2nd October so that the children can take them into Church for our school worship on Wednesday 4th October.

If you would like to speak to someone at the Foodbank please email:

info@yiewsleywestdrayton.foodbank.com

or call: 07462097357

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

At St Matthews we take pride in our school values: of **Friendship, Forgiveness, Trust, Gratitude, Compassion.**

We are launching a new reward for children who regularly show these values through their behaviour at school.

Values badges will be awarded at the end of each term. The children will learn more at the Values Badge launch in next week's worship so do please ask your child how they can show their values and earn a badge.