# Friday News

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St. Matthew's

# St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith

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## SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week we have been thinking about our school value of Trust.

We considered how we show others that they can trust us gave thanks for our family and friends who are a constant in our lives.

## Dear God

May we be as trustworthy towards others as we would like them to be towards us.

Help us to be trustworthy people who are honest, kind and thoughtful.

Thank you for the abilities that you have given us. Thank you that you hold the world in your hands. Thank you that we can always trust that you will be there.

Amen

# ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES Friendship, Trust,

Compassion, Forgiveness, Gratitude





#### FOR YOUR DIARY **OCTOBER 2023** Friday 20th 9am 6ES class worship for parents Show Racism the Red Card Day Non-uniform day with optional funky hair - £1 suggested donation for PTA Monday 23rd Half Term **Tuesday 31st Deadline for Secondary School Applications** NSPCC in for Year 5 & 6 workshops **NOVEMBER 2023 Thursday 2nd** PTA sale of second hand uniform in Church hall Friday 3rd 9am 5SN class worship for parents Design a PTA logo deadline Wednesday 8th **Triple P Parent workshop in St** Matthew's Church hall 1.30-3pm Friday 10th 2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents Friday 17th 2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents 2.50pm 3BF class worship for Friday 24th parents **DECEMBER 2023** Friday 1st 9am 4RM class worship for parents 9.45am Met Police running parents information session (Years 5 & 6 only) on grooming, county lines & exploitation Wednesday 6th Year 4 to St Paul's Cathedral Friday 8th 9am 4DT & 2.50pm 3MG class worship for parents Nasal flu vaccine for Reception to year 6 pupils Mon 11th-Secret Santa. Details to follow Weds 13th Tues 12th Year 6 trip to WW2 Bunker, Uxbridge. Details to follow. 2.50pm 2LD class worship for Friday 15th parents **Thursday 21st** 2pm End of term

Monday 8th January 2024 Spring term starts





EVERYONE

LEAVE YOUR NAME AT RECEPTION AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU



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 94.9% and for the week beginning 5th October 2023 is 96.2%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	96.2	N/A
RJB	94.5	N/A
RJB	96.9	N/A
1SF	97.9	Fiona
1LZ	97.6	Mylo
2LD	96.4	Dhanushri
2EM	95.9	Alesha
3MG	99.0	Норе
3BF	97.8	Maria
4RM	97.0	Rethushana
4DT	98.9	Bhavya
5JM	95.0	Bobbie
5SN	95.2	Phoebe
6MN	93.7	Daniel
6ES	98.0	Milan

### **GET TO KNOW US**

Name: Miss Dewar, Year 2 teacher & Lower School Lead What do you like most about St Matthew's? The warm and friendly community of children, staff and parents.

**One thing you do not know about me is...** I love to travel and hope to visit every continent in the world!

My favourite book when I was a child was Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd



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 **GMN** with **953** positive behaviour points!

#### 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

This week, we had the opportunity to take part in The Great Big Live Assembly. We are celebrating Black History Month and this was the theme. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to British society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. This year, Black History Month will be dedicated to honouring the achievements of Black women and the crucial role they have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. The Great Big Live Assembly helped showcase some of those women to us all, showing how they relate to our lives and learning today.



We also had a very special assembly that was delivered to us by the Trinity Homeless Trust. They taught us how to use the gift of kindness to help others in the community. World Homeless Day was on October 10th. The assembly highlighted ways we can help the homeless, ways we can donate food, toys and clothing and the children were able to ask questions. The Trinity Homeless Trust have supported housing units in Hillingdon and Slough, helped over 150 Sudanese, Ukrainian and Afghan families and have housed around 33 homeless people in the West Drayton area. We really enjoyed learning about all they do and we appreciated them reaching out to our school.

# OUR SCHOOL RULES Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

#### LINK TO HOPE - SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again, the school and St Matthew's Church are going to support the Link to Hope shoebox appeal this year in the run up to Christmas.

All the details are here: <u>https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/</u> or if you prefer a leaflet version we do have some at the school office.

If you would like to fill a shoebox, we would ask if these can be brought back to school by Wednesday 1st November so children can take them into church. We will not be able to accept boxes after this date.





