



# Friday News

No. 7 - 20th October 2023



**St Matthew's CE Primary School**

*Forward through Friendship and Faith*



## OCTOBER 2023

**Monday 23rd** Half Term  
Last day for free postage on all Tempest photograph online orders. After this date, any orders will incur a postage charge.

**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' competition deadline

**Wednesday 8th** Triple P Parent workshop in St Matthew's Church hall 1.30-3pm.  
Sign up at school office

**Friday 10th** 2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents

**Friday 17th** 2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents

**Friday 24th** 2.50pm 3BF class worship for 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— Weds 13th** Secret Santa. Details to follow

**Tues 12th** Year 6 trip to WW2 Bunker, Uxbridge. Details to follow.

**Friday 15th** 2.50pm 2LD class worship for parents

**Thursday 21st** 2pm End of term

**Monday 8th January 2024** Spring term starts

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St Matthew's School Yiewsley

### SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week we heard the story of Jacob & Esau - two brothers who fell out but were reconciled.

We think about those caught up in conflicts around the world and for families and friends in disagreements. We pray for peace and reconciliation:

*Dear God,*

*Lord Jesus, thank you that when we fall out with someone, you can help us fix it and put it right.*

*Please help us to be able to say sorry when we have done wrong*

*and to accept other people's sorry when they have hurt us. Amen.*

### THE MAYOR'S "LOVE YOUR LUNCHES" SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The Mayor's Challenge invites London's school children in Years 3 - 6 to celebrate all that is amazing about school lunches by making a creative piece of work on the theme 'The best thing about school lunches is...'.  
By entering the challenge, pupils will have the chance for their work to feature on the Mayor of London's communications platforms with further fantastic prizes to be announced shortly. This is an exciting opportunity for children to showcase what they enjoy about their free school lunch, and what it means for them.

Children are also encouraged to be as creative as possible; entries could be a piece of artwork, a poem, a story, or even a song.

The deadline for entries is Monday 20 November 2023 at 11:59pm. You can find out more about the challenge, including terms and conditions and how to enter on the website here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/who-we-are/what-mayor-does/priorities-london/free-school-meals/mayor-londons-love-your-lunch-challenge>



**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](http://www.thepsdgroup.org.uk)

the-psd-groupuk info@the-psd-group.org.uk 0203 397 7409



**Brilliant Parents**  
Transforming Children's Lives

**Triple P Seminar**  
The power of positive parenting



**Triple P Seminar – The Power of Positive Parenting**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
1.30pm - 3pm  
St. Matthew's Church  
High Street, Viewsley, Middlesex UB7 7QH

**IS THIS YOU?**

Most of the time, parenting is fun. You know you are doing a good job, but sometimes you find parenting demanding, frustrating and exhausting.

Do you know that in order to raise a healthy, well-adjusted child to have the skills and confidence they need to succeed at school and in their relationships with others, they need a safe, secure and loving environment?

Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) reduces the stress of parenting and makes parenting more rewarding and enjoyable by helping you:

- Create a warm, loving, safe environment for your child
- Use positive strategies to encourage your child's learning

- Use assertive discipline to help your child take responsibility for their actions
- Have reasonable expectations of both your child and yourself
- Take care of yourself by looking after your own needs, balancing work and family responsibilities, challenging negative thinking and working as a team

In around 90 minutes, this seminar will leave you feeling more confident and competent and ready to deal with the challenges that raising a child can bring.

For further information - please contact  
Annmarie Fevrier on 020 3490 7007 or email  
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**Parents United**

**ST MATTHEWS**

FUNDRAISING IDEAS, HELPING AT EVENTS, ORGANISING EXPERIENCES - ROLES TO SUIT EVERYONE

**LEAVE YOUR NAME AT RECEPTION AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU**

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**Messy Church**

You are invited to our..

**Light Party**  
a Christian alternative to Halloween ..  
Let your light shine!

**Sunday 29th October, 4 to 6pm**

Crafts Food Stories Singing

Who is Messy Church for?  
It's for all ages! Messy Church is an opportunity to enjoy the life, loving care and purpose of the family of God.  
So join us for FUN, FOOD, FRIENDSHIP & FAITH.

Children must be accompanied by an adult  
WELCOME to our community here at St Matthew's!  
[www.stmatthewsviewsley.org.uk/01895 444042](http://www.stmatthewsviewsley.org.uk/01895 444042)

## CHRISTMAS DATES

Tuesday 12th December 2023

10am & 2.40pm Lower School (Years 1—3)  
Christmas performances in St Matthew's  
Church

Wednesday 13th December 2023

2.40pm Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas  
performance

in St Matthew's Church

Friday 15th December 2023

10am Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas per-  
formance

in St Matthew's Church

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Nursery & Reception Christmas Shows in  
School

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas lunch for all pupils in Reception -  
Year 6

## ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

# Early Years Christmas Show!

Tuesday 19 December 2023



This year, we have decided to try something new at St Matthew's in lieu of our usual Christmas performance. Many children can find the performance overwhelming being in front of so many people they do not know. We have been reflecting on how to support children with this.

This year, we will be splitting the children into five smaller groups. Each group will perform two songs to their parents, and then you will be invited to spend time together completing a special Christmas activity and enjoying a Christmas treat!

The times for each group are listed below. We will be splitting the children up into their groups randomly, in order to be fair, however if you have a significant conflict, such as work, please do let us know by emailing the school office and we will try to accommodate this. We will confirm which group your child is in after half term.

Group 1	9:00 – 9:30
Group 2	9:45 – 10:15
Group 3	13:00 – 13:30
Group 4	13:45 – 14:15
Group 5	14:25 – 14:55

## Second hand

*School Uniform Sale*

Thursday 2nd November 8.30 – 10am

St Matthew's Church Hall





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 95.1% and for the week beginning 9th October 2023 is 95.8%.

Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	91.4	N/A
RJB	95	N/A
RJB	92.8	N/A
1SF	93.6	Filip
1LZ	96.9	Tashreef
2LD	99.3	Jordan
2EM	95.5	Evana
3MG	93.1	Sanaya
3BF	98.9	Chinmayi
4RM	97.1	Sonny
4DT	100	Moiz
5JM	99.6	Halli
5SN	96.3	David
6MN	93.7	Sara
6ES	100	Genesis

### GET TO KNOW US

**Name:** Mr Small, Year 6 teacher & Upper School Lead

**What do you like most about St Matthew's?**

The children and staff that make teaching and coming to work such an enjoyable time.

**One thing you do not know about me is...** I have a bronze medal for coming third in the world competing at the mind game Olympics.

**My favourite book when I was a child was** Darren Shan - Cirque Du Freak

### OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

### 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**

Today was a busy day in school! All the classes took part in various activities to highlight the ‘Show Racism the Red Card’ day as well as celebrating the end of half term wearing their own clothes and with ‘crazy hair’.

The PTA are very grateful to all our families who sent in donations and will be counting up all the £1 coins this evening! They are also looking for new members so that they can continue to fundraise and organise events for all the children, including running our Secret Santa stalls in December.



Poppies and other Remembrance items can be purchased from the school office from Monday 30th October. Suggested donation for paper poppies is 50p, other items are priced individually. Cash only please.



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 **6MN** with **723** positive behaviour points!

### 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: <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/> 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.