

Friday News

No. 8 - 3rd November 2023



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith

Diary Dates

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

This week in worship we learned about the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours. We talked about how feelings of jealousy can make us act unkindly towards others.



*Dear God,
Thank you for our favourite clothes and for the story of Joseph and his coat. Help us to not act jealously. Help us to be kind and encouraging when someone else does well even if it feels hard. 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...'. Children are 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 20th 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>

NOVEMBER 2023

- Tuesday 7th 4RM Non-school uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Wednesday 8th Triple P Parent workshop in St Matthew's Church hall 1.30-3pm. Sign up at school office
- Thursday 9th 4IT Non-school uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Friday 10th 2.50pm 1LZ class worship for parents
- Wednesday 15th Choir trip to Bishop Ramsey
- Friday 17th 2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents
- Friday 24th 2.50pm 3BF class worship for parents
- Wednesday 29th Brunel University in for bridge challenge workshop with Year 5

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
- Monday 4th Choir singing in Fellowship Cafe
- 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—Y6
- Mon 11th—Weds 13th Secret Santa. Details to follow
- Tuesday 12th Year 6 trip to WW2 Bunker, Uxbridge 10am & 2.40pm Lower School (Years 1—3) Christmas performances in St Matthew's Church
- Wednesday 13th 2.40pm Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church
- Friday 15th 10am Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church
2.50pm 2LD class worship for parents
- Tuesday 19th Nursery & Reception Christmas Shows in School
- Wednesday 20th Christmas lunch for all pupils in Reception - Year 6
- Thursday 21st 2pm End of term
- Monday 8th Spring term starts

January 2024

Get involved!



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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PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to the PTA members who helped to organise the sale of pre-loved school uniform on Thursday, especially Karen Hall who sorted, washed and ironed all the uniform! £77 was raised and it proved to be so successful that there will be another sale next Thursday in the Church Hall (entrance is off the High Street) from 8.30-10am. All items are £1.

The competition to design the new PTA logo has now closed and we look forward to seeing the winning design after it is selected next Tuesday.



NEW FAMILIES

Are you a new family to our school community? If so, come and join Mrs Papadakis and Miss Murphy for tea, coffee and a chat every Tuesday afternoon from 2.15-3.15pm. There will be an opportunity to make new friends or ask for help and advice. Do come along—you will be made to feel very welcome!



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Hillingdon Special Education Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) offers free, impartial, and confidential information, advice, and support. We aim to empower and enable parents/carers to be able to take an active role in decisions made about their child/young person regarding their education. Our drop-in sessions are for parents/carers to ask questions and share experiences.

Drop-in sessions for November and December:

- 6th November 9 – 11am at Harefield Children's Centre High Street, Harefield UB9 6BT
- 27th November 1 – 3pm at Barra Hall Children's Centre Wood End Green Road, Hayes UB3 2SA
- 11th December 12.30 – 2.30pm at Nestles Children's Centre Nestles Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 4QA

Please use the link below to register with the setting before attending, you will be asked to sign in. You do not need to print, please just register electronically. Do not worry about the age of your child when registering for these drop ins, all parent/carers of children and young people 0-25 welcome.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7409/Hillingdons-childrens-centres-Registration-form>

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 performance in St Matthew's Church

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Nursery & Reception Christmas Shows in School—see poster right

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas lunch for all pupils in Reception - Year 6

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands,
Kind Actions

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



Triple P Seminar The power of positive parenting



Triple P Seminar – The Power of Positive Parenting
Wednesday 8th November 2023
1.30pm - 3pm
St. Matthew's Church
High Street, Yiewsley, 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
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email
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AOCA IRISH DANCE

Irish dance classes for All ages

Our classes focus on all areas:

- Performance work
- Grade exams
- Competition
- Championship level
- Displays

Slough class times

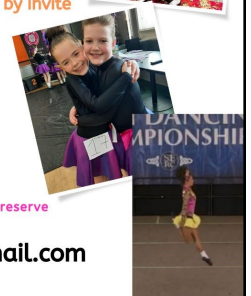
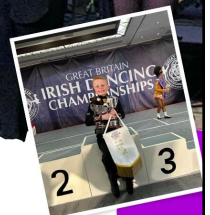
- Thursdays 4.30–5.30pm
- Tuesdays 5.45–6.45pm
- Championship classes by invite

In our classes dancers build on:

- Increased self confidence
- Social skills
- Co ordination
- Balance
- Timing
- Increased flexibility
- Fitness & Stamina
- Memory & Motor Skills
- Making friends & having fun

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Get in contact today to reserve
your dancers place:

aocadance@gmail.com
07989836796





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 or Mrs Winter 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 94.8% and for the week beginning 30th October 2023 is 94.5%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY	83.3
RJB	96.7
REF	95.3
1SF	92.9
1LZ	92.5
2LD	92.3
2EM	96.6
3MG	94.8
3BF	92.6
4RM	97.0
4IT	99.4
5JM	98.1
5SN	96.2
6MN	96.9
6ES	97.3



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 **5SN** with **567** positive behaviour points!

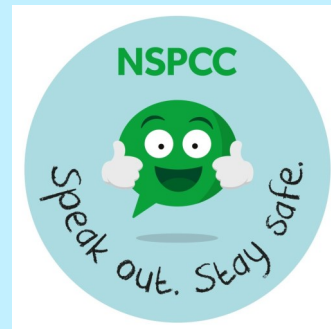
ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

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 the NSPCC came into school to run a **Speak Out, Stay Safe**, workshop with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. As a school, we encourage all the children to tell an adult if they do not feel safe and having an open culture is important to us. For parents, we have Mrs Papadakis, our Family Support Teacher and Miss Murphy, our Learning Mentor, who can offer you and your family support in all aspects of school life.



Thank you to the families who made a shoebox for the Link to Hope Christmas appeal which has been running since 1992. Link to Hope is a charity which helps to rebuild lives and communities in Eastern Europe through education and social care.



Poppies and other Remembrance items can be purchased from the school office. Suggested donation for paper poppies is 50p, other items are priced individually.

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Miss Hutchings, SENCo (Special Needs Co-ordinator)
 What do you like most about St Matthew's? Enthusiastic attitudes of the children and the supportive families
 One thing you do not know about me is.....I like hiking and spending time outdoors
 My favourite book when I was a child was 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket.

