

Friday News

No. 9 - 10th November 2023



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith

Diary Dates

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

During this special week, we have been reflecting on remembrance.

At 11am on 11th November every year, Remembrance services are held up and down the country. Two minutes of silence are observed and it is sometimes said that the first minute is for remembering the millions of people who were killed in conflicts, and the second is for being mindful of the needs of their families and other survivors.

Dear God,

We remember those who stood for love and truth, And thank you for the sacrifice they made for me and you. Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight, Thank you that we can now sing and play, and not be scared or hide.

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

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

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...'.
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

- Monday 13th 3MG non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Wednesday 15th Choir trip to Bishop Ramsey
- Thursday 16th PTA wrapping Secret Santa gifts during Community Café in Church hall
- Friday 17th 2LD non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
2.50pm 1SF class worship for parents
- Friday 24th QPR Invitational event at Goals, Hayes
2.50pm 3BF class worship for parents
- Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th 1 x Year 4 class to visit Yiewsley Library each morning
- 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)
- 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
- 11th, 12th & 13th Secret Santa. Details to follow
- Tuesday 12th Year 6 trip to WW2 Bunker, Uxbridge
10am & 2.40pm Lower School (Yrs 1-3)
Christmas performances in St Matthew's Church for parents
- Wednesday 13th 2.40pm Upper school (Yrs 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church for parents
- 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 for parents
- Wednesday 20th Christmas lunch for Reception - Year 6
- Thursday 21st 2pm End of term
- Monday 8th January 2024 Spring term starts

SENDIASS INFORMATION

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:

- 13th November 9 – 11am at Harefield Children's Centre High Street, Harefield UB9 6BT (New date)
- 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

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas lunch for all pupils in Reception - Year 6

NEW FAMILIES

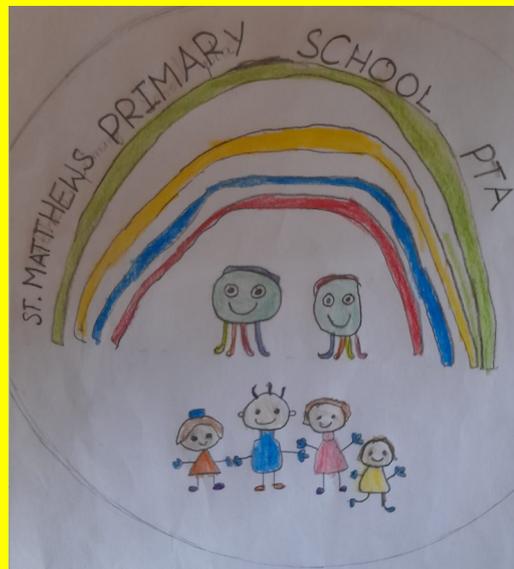
Are you a new family to our school community? If so, come and join Mrs Papadakis and Miss Murphy for tea, coffee and a chat every Tuesday afternoon from 2.15-3.15pm. There will be an opportunity to make new friends or ask for help and advice. Do come along—you will be made to feel very welcome!

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

PTA NEWS

The PTA were delighted to see so many amazing entries for their Logo competition. It was difficult to choose the winners but the school Governors stepped in and, after a close final vote, they decided that the winning entry was by Dhanushri, 2LD! Other notable runners up were Evaan, REF, Heavenly & Sajleen 2EM, Jay & Lily 3MG and Mina 5SN. Prizes will be going home today.



HELP NEEDED!

Can you spare some time on Thursday 16th November to help the PTA? In preparation for Secret Santa the PTA need to wrap hundreds of presents for our children to then buy as gifts. If you can spare half an hour and pop into the Church Hall between 8.30 and 2.00 and you can help us make this event a successful one. You can even have a coffee while you work!



English class

(Basic – Pre Entry – E3) **FREE**

Thursdays in Yiewsley & West Drayton UB7 8EY
until March 2024 (Not in school holidays).

New members welcome every week:

9.45 Thursday (to register) **Class 10.00 - 12.00**

If your English is E3 or higher, we can help you find other groups.

Where?: UPSTAIRS at
Yiewsley Methodist Halls,
Fairfield Road, UB7 8EY



Ring/text/Wapp REAP 07983 419388 English@reap.org.uk



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 95.4% and for the week beginning 30th October 2023 is 95.3%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	85.4	N/A
RJB	96.7	Jasanie
REF	95.2	Evaan
1SF	91.1	Ruby-Rae
1LZ	92.4	Ibrahim
2LD	93.2	Sudhan
2EM	96.2	Faatimah
3MG	95.5	Jay
3BF	91.9	Kodi
4RM	98.2	Oscar
4IT	99.6	Jotsaroop
5JM	98.9	Erin
5SN	97.7	Mina
6MN	97.8	Raoul
6ES	98.4	Jashwanth



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 759 positive behaviour points!

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Miss Greenwood, Year 3 class teacher
What do you like most about St Matthew's? All the happy, smiley, enthusiastic faces from both children and adults!
One thing you do not know about me is.....I really do not like spicy food but I am obsessed with salted popcorn
My favourite book when I was a child was any Jacqueline Wilson book—I had them all!

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, Year 6 have been sitting their mock SATS tests. Mr Small and Mr Nelson have been so impressed with the children's focus and determination during the tests. The real tests will take place during the week of 13th May 2024 and there will be lots of opportunities for practice and revision between now and then.

Today, the school commemorated Armistice Day and remembered all those who have been affected by war across the world. The pupils in Upper School gathered at the war memorial along with Revd Richard and Revd Urmila where they laid the school wreath and read prayers as well as joining in with a two minute silence at 11am.



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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