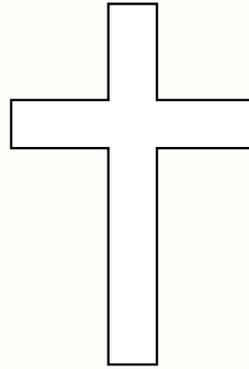


12th September 2025

Friday News



Forward through
friendship & faith



Kind words

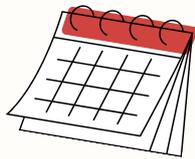


Kind hands



Kind actions

Upcoming Events this month



Friday 19th - Influenza nasal spray & immunisation injections

Wednesday 24th - Parents evening

Thursday 25th - Parents evening

Thursday 25th - Non uniform day!
Voluntary donations of £1. Wear something **YELLOW**

Friday 26th - Individual & sibling photos

Welcome back!



We hope that everyone has settled into their new classes and are enjoying a fresh start to the new term!



Breakfast Club & After School Club



St Matthew's offers a **free** Breakfast Club from **08:15 every day** to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Children can choose from toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurts. For our families who need earlier childcare, the doors will be open from **07:45 each day, with a charge of £1 per day via Parent Pay.**

Additionally, if you need any support after school, do take advantage of our After School Club: *School Friend Club*, which runs from **15:15 - 18:00 for £12.25 per day**. The children will be able to get creative with Arts and Crafts, play board games and enjoy the fresh air outside with some outdoor games, as well as enjoying tasty snacks.

For more information
call 0333 355 7374 or visit www.schoolfriendclub.com



Staff update



This year we have welcomed some new faces to St Matthews School. Please do say hello!

Ms Mohamed Hossan - EYFS
Mr Oumouassan - Year 3 Teacher
Miss Fletcher - Year 4 Teacher
Miss Adam - Year 5 Teacher
Miss Evans - Operations Manager

We are pleased to share that Ms Zerouali has welcomed a healthy baby boy. We wish her all the best.

Executive Head Teacher: Mr C Cole

Headteacher: Mrs L Maher

Email: stmatthews@csl.fraysacademytrust.org

Telephone: 01895 442724

Website: <http://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

Facebook: St Matthew's School Yiewsley

This week in Worship....

...we heard the story of Moses. We thought about God's plan for each of us, and spoke about our community and how we can show compassion to others.



Share our prayers



Dear God,
Thank You for loving us so much. Just like You watched over baby Moses in the basket, we know You are always watching over us too.

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Thank You for giving us people who care for us— like our families, teachers, and friends. Help us to trust You, even when things feel scary or uncertain. We know You have a special plan for each of us, just like You had a plan for Moses.

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Please help us show Your love to others, by being kind, brave, and caring. We love You, God, and we're so glad You love us first.
Amen.



As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure that children are wearing appropriate uniform, and bringing their jackets/waterproofs in.

REMINDER

Parents Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th September. Sign up sheets for appointments can be found on classroom doors, with the exception of Year 6, whose sign up sheets are available at the school office.



As a school, we are working hard at being eco-friendly and kind to our environment!
We encourage you where possible to recycle, and replace your single-use water bottles with reusable ones.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



A GREEN planet IS A CLEAN PLANET





Class of the Week!

Well done to **1LD** for winning Class of the Week with **1038** positive behaviour points.

Keep up the good work!



Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance from the start of the academic year is **91.3%**.

For the week beginning Monday 8th September 2025, whole school attendance was **91.9%**.

Our school target is **96%**.



This week's attendance for Early years

Class	Nursery	RSH	RCB
Attendance	98.5%	92.2%	100%



This week's attendance for Upper School

4EM	4TF	5FA	5ST	6ES	6JM
91%	92%	81.9%	99.3%	93.1%	95.2%

This week's attendance for Lower School

1KH	1LD	2JB	2MG	3AH	3JO
93.1%	90%	88.3%	90.3%	97.1%	83.8%



Attendance reminder



Ensuring that your child is in school regularly and on time allows them to fully access all learning opportunities and social interactions with their friends. This is one of the best ways to ensure that they meet their full potential.

We understand that children get poorly from time to time and that some hospital appointments during the school day are unavoidable, but we have an expectation that all children attend school regularly and on time.

School starts at 8.45am.

Please see Mrs Winter if you have any questions regarding your child's attendance.



Reporting absence



A polite reminder to please make sure that all pupil absences are reported to the school office by 09:00 each day. If your child is absent from school and we cannot make contact, it may be necessary to carry out a home welfare check.

Thank you for your cooperation.



FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

Non-needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM

✉ hillington@v-uk.co.uk
☎ 0208 150 1220

Need more information? Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.

Or visit our website: 

We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

LEARN MORE 

Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu>
www.youtube.com/vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY
Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother; automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

Q HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

Q IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

Q SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is wheezy on the day
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes, there is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine). While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

Q NATURAL IMMUNITY

While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later. Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.

Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website: www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.



Starting primary school

September 2026
For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Closing date for applications is
15 January 2026



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31 October 2025



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**SEPTEMBER IS
CHILDHOOD CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH (CCAM)**

FAMILY FUN DAY!

**SATURDAY,
27TH SEPTEMBER 2025
12NOON - 5:00PM**

Children Go Free | Adult £2

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**All proceeds will go
towards the
Daniella Logun
Foundation (DLF).**

Thank you.

Our Instagram Page

www.thedaniellalogunfoundation.org

