

# Friday News

Forward through  
friendship & faith



Kind words

Kind hands

Kind actions

## Upcoming Events



## January

- Monday 5th** - School Closed
- Tues 6th** - Back to school 2026!
- Thurs 15th** - Parents meeting for PGL 15:30
- Thurs 22nd** - EYFS parents Coffee Morning 9:00
- Wed 28th** - Book Club Graduation at Brunel - parents invited to attend.



## Term Dates

**End of Autumn term**  
Fri 19 December 2025

**Training day**  
Mon 5 January 2026

**Spring term starts**  
Tues 6 January 2026

**Spring half term**  
Mon 16 to Fri 20 February 2026

**Training day**  
Mon 23 February 2026

**End of Spring term**  
Fri 27 March 2026

**Summer term starts**  
Mon 13 April 2026

**Summer Half term**  
Mon 25 May to Fri 29 May 2026

**End of term**  
Tues 21 July 2026

## Lunch Menu Week 1

Monday

- Turkey Lasagne (GL,EG,MI)
- Sweet Mash Topped Veggie Pie (GL)
- Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
- Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
- Ice Cream (MI) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

- Chicken Tikka Masala with Steamed Rice
- Pesto Pasta (GL,MI)
- Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
- Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
- Cheesecake (GL,MI) or Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

- Chicken Sausage with Mash & Gravy (GL,SU)
- Vegan Sausage with Mash & Gravy (SO)
- Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
- Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
- Vegan Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit

Thursday

- Jerk Chicken with Rice
- Handmade Margherita Pizza with Slaw (GL,MI)
- Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
- Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
- Chocolate Cake (GL) or Fresh Fruit

Friday

- Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips (GL,FI)
- Cheesy Baked Bean Quesadilla with Oven Baked Chips (GL,MI)
- Jacket Potatoes - Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
- Sandwiches-Egg (GL,SO,EG), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
- Fruity Shortbread (GL) or Fresh Fruit

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# THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

We have been thinking about ....



## Advent



This is our fourth week of Advent — the week of Love.

We light the final candle before Christmas, remembering that Jesus was God's gift of love to the whole world.

When God sent Jesus, He showed us what love looks like:

- welcoming everyone
- caring for the lonely
- standing up for others
- giving without expecting anything back

Love is action.

Love is choosing kindness even when it's hard.

Love is making space so everyone belongs.

## Share our prayers



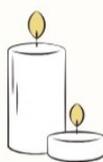
Dear God,

*Thank You for the gifts of Advent —  
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.*

*Thank You that Your plans for us are good,  
and full of hope. Help us carry these gifts  
into the Christmas holidays and  
share them with others.*

*May Your love shine through  
everything we do.*

Amen.



# LATEST NEWS



## Class of the Term!

Well done to everyone for earning positive behaviour points every day for their class! The winners for the term will have the choice of a non-uniform day, extra playtime, or a film treat!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - **3AH** in KS1 with **7969** and **6JM** in KS2 with **5380**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - **3JO** in KS1 with **6183**, and **4TF** in KS2 with **4907**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - **1LD** in KS1 with **3856**, and **5ST** in KS2 with **4033**



## This week's attendance for Early years



| Nursery | RCB   | RSB   |
|---------|-------|-------|
| 70%     | 91.1% | 93.2% |

## Whole School Attendance



Whole school attendance from the start of the academic year is **92.9%**.

For the week beginning **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, whole school attendance was **86.8%**.

Our school target is **96%**.



## This week's attendance for Lower School

| 1LD   | 1KH   | 2JB   | 2MG   | 3AH | 3JO   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 88.4% | 80.8% | 92.5% | 87.5% | 81% | 84.1% |

## This week's attendance for Upper School

| 4EM   | 4JM   | 5FA | 5ST   | 6ES   | 6JM   |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| 92.1% | 89.6% | 65% | 89.7% | 91.3% | 91.4% |



**Well done to all the children who have been in school every single day since the start of term and have 100% attendance!**

RCB - Aarya, Eliana, Hasssan, Akhil

RSB - Aayan, Raphael

1LD - Hayley, Arius, Vinaya, Jaidon

1KH - Filip, Jenell, Pola, Udaybir

2JB - Zahra, Anaisa, Fahmee, Leah, Elijah, Daniella, Mercy

2MG - Deborah, Derek, Enoch, Eleesha, Maryam, Evaan, Evelyn, Uriel

3AH - Ailey, Wansh, Abelle Princess

3JO - Nuhamin, Murari, Abhiyan, Eallen, Glory, Joel, Ikram, Elon

4EM - Ramtin, Ratin, Sai, Abena, Killian, Miriam, Grace, Mahlet, Eri, Sudhan, Eliana, Faatimah

4JM - Adebola, Eunice, Eryk

5FA - Irekanmi, Zainab, Victoria

5ST - Midhul, Jaiyeola, Madhava, Shreya

6ES - Abigail, Vivienne, Jessica, William, Charlie, Serene

6JM - Hadeezah, Khalil, Hafsa, Katendi, Eseosa, Toby, Amelia, Anvita

# MESSAGES



Take a look at the French Traditional Creche that Year 4 made!  
Wow!



Thank you to everyone who kindly made donations towards the Christmas Hampers.

Well Done to RCB and RSH, and 3JO for winning the Competition! Each class will win a movie day in the New Year!



Parents and Carers,

An email was sent out last week to inform you that as a part of our commitment to safeguarding and ensuring that all children know where to seek help or support if they ever need it, the school have placed the Childline Telephone Number inside each child's reading record.

Childline is a free, confidential service that children can use at any time.

If you have any questions, please email us at [stmatthews@fraysacademytrust.org](mailto:stmatthews@fraysacademytrust.org), or speak to a member of staff in the school office.



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## STAFF UPDATE

**This term, we sadly say good-bye to Miss Fletcher.**

**We would like to thank her for all she has done during her time at St Matthews, and we wish her all the best for the future!**



**We are very pleased to welcome Mr Moodie to the school as the new Year 4 class teacher. He has got to know the children and is settling in well to 4JM. If you see him around, say hello!**



This week, Nursery and Reception children went into Church for their Crib Service. They sang Christmas songs, and helped Reverend. Urmilla tell the story of Jesus.




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 THE SKIPZ XMAS AND NEW YEARS EXPERIENCE 2025**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME 2025**

**FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN**

**PAYING CHILDREN ALSO WELCOME!**

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**DECEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 30\***  
 10 AM TO 2 PM

St Martins Primary School, Rowan Road,  
 West Drayton, UB7 7UF  
 Ruislip Young People's Centre, Bury Street,  
 Ruislip, HA4 7SK

For more information and to register please visit  
<https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhafhillington>



**Hillingdon's Youth Offer**  
**A Next Gen Christmas**

**Monday 29th December**  
**Harlington Young People's Centre**  
 Juniors (School Years 4-6) 10:15am - 12:45pm  
 Inters & Seniors (School Years 7+) 1:15pm - 3:45pm  
**The Wren Centre Ruislip**  
 Inters (School Years 7-9) 4:00pm - 6:30pm

**Tuesday 30th December**  
**Harlington Young Peoples Centre**  
 Juniors (School Years 4-6) 10:15am - 12:45pm  
 Inters & Seniors (School Years 7+) 1:15pm - 3:45pm

**Wednesday 31st December**  
**Ruislip Young People's Centre**  
 Inters (School Years 7-9) 12:00pm - 2:30pm

**Friday 2nd January**  
**St. Margarets Church Uxbridge**  
 Inters & Seniors (School Years 7+) 1:30pm - 3:30pm

**Harlington Young People's Centre**  
 Juniors (School Years 4-6) 1:15pm - 3:45pm  
 Seniors (School Years 10+) 4:15pm - 6:45pm

**Ruislip Young People's Centre**  
 Juniors (School Years 4 - 6) 4:00pm-6:30pm  
 Seniors (School years 10+) 7:00pm-9:30pm

**All sessions are drop-in - no need to book**  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/universal-programmes](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/universal-programmes)



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*Thank you to everyone for all your hard-work, perseverance  
 and dedication this term!*

*The staff at St Matthews would like to wish  
 all our children and families a  
 very merry Christmas and a Happy New year!*

*We hope that you have a restful break and we look forward  
 to welcoming you all back in the New year.*