WC 9th – 13th November 2026

Friday News

Forward through friendship & faith

Kind words Kind hands Kind actions

November

Tues 17th - Yr 3,4,5 coffee morning (TTRS)
Wed 18th - Anti-Bullying Day (Wear Odd Socks!)
Mon 23rd - Fri 4th Dec - 5KF Swimming lessons start
Mon 23rd - NSPCC workshops in school
Thurs 26th - 2MG Class worship at 14:50
Yr 1 Coffee Morning (Read with Me)
Mon 30th - Interfaith day in school

DECEMBER

Thurs 3rd - 3RT Class worship at 14:50
Thurs 10th - 1LD Class worship at 14:50
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner Day
PTA Secret Santa pop-up shop!
Fri 11th - PTA Secret Santa pop-up shop!

Term Dates

Academic Term starts
Mon 7 Sept 2026

Autumn half term
Mon 26th to Fri 30 Oct 2026

End of Autumn term
Fri 18th December 2026

Training Day
Mon 4th January 2027

Spring half term
Mon 15th to Fri 19th Feb 2027

End of Spring term
Thurs 25th March 2027

Summer term starts
Mon 12th April 2027

Summer half term
Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June 2027

Training Day
Mon 7th June 2027

Week 3
WC 16th Nov

Monday
Handmade Margherita Pizza with Wedges (GL,MI)
Vegetable Frittata with Wedges (EG,MI)

Jacket Potatoes – Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Ice Cream (MI) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday
Chicken Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce & Rice
Vegetable Biryani with Carrot & Raisin Salad (GL)

Jacket Potatoes – Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Lemon Drizzle Cake (GL,SU) or Fresh Fruit

Wednesday
Roast Chicken Breast with Potatoes & Gravy (SU)
Roasted Vegetable Loaf with Potatoes & Gravy (GL,SU)

Jacket Potatoes – Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Fruity Shortbread (GL) or Fresh Fruit

Thursday
Pastry Topped Chicken Pie With Mashed Potato (GL,MI)
Veggie Pasta Bolognaise (GL,SO)

Jacket Potatoes – Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Vegan Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit

Friday
Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Beans (GL,FI)
Veggie Fingers with Chips & Beans (GL)

Jacket Potatoes – Cheese (MI), Beans or Tuna (FI)
Baguettes-Egg (GL,EG,SO), Cheese (GL,MI,SO) or Tuna (GL,SO,FI)
Dessert Bar (GL,MI,SU) or Fresh Fruit

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THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

We have been thinking about....

Remembrance Day

Every year in November, people across our country take time to remember men and women who served in wars and conflicts. We remember those who showed courage, those who helped others, and those who sadly lost their lives. We also remember the families who were affected.

The poppy helps us remember. It reminds us not only of the past but also of our hope for a peaceful future.

Jesus taught that one of the greatest acts of love is putting others before yourself. On Remembrance Day, we think about people who showed courage and service to others, and we also think about how we can show kindness, love and peace every day."



Share our prayers

Dear God,

Thank you for all those who have shown bravery and service to others. Help us to remember them with gratitude. Teach us to be people of kindness, courage and peace in our school, our homes and our community.

Amen.

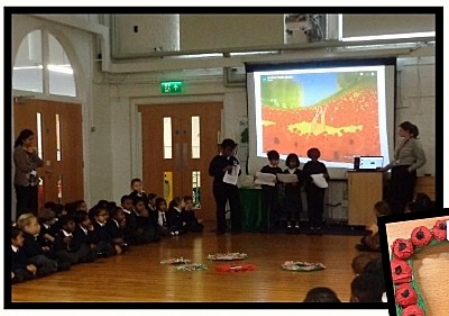
This week we showed courageous advocacy by remembering those who gave so much for others and thinking about how our actions can make a positive difference today.

★ REMEMBRANCE DAY ★

This week, our children learned about Remembrance Day and took part in activities to mark Armistice Day. In class, they created beautiful wreaths and wrote thoughtful prayers and poems to reflect on those who fought and served for our country.

Our Vision Leaders from across the school proudly led reflections and prayers during Worship, encouraging their peers to think about the importance of remembrance and deliver messages of peace and gratitude.

On Wednesday 11th November, children gathered outside the church where Reverend Richard led prayers and spoke about the significance of Remembrance Day. The children proudly laid the wreaths they had made and shared their prayers and poems with other pupils and members of the local community, showing great respect, reflection, and reverence throughout the event.























LATEST NEWS



Class of the week!

Each week, children across the school earn points for demonstrating positive behaviour, including using good manners, being kind and helpful, listening well, and participating in lessons.

Upper School - 1st place 4FA with 577 points!
Lower School - 1st place 1LD with 713 points!

This week's attendance for Early years

NAM	NPM	RCB	RSH
94%	90%	81.9%	82.5%

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance from the start of the academic year is **94%.**

For the week beginning **Monday 9th November 2026,** whole school attendance was **93.3%.**

Our school target is 96%.

This week's attendance for Lower School

1LD	1LZ	2KH	2MG	3AH	3RT
98.6%	95.4%	93.2%	96%	91.5%	93.6%

Merit Certificate Awards

RSH	Ethan	**RCB**	Adebowale
1LZ	Evana	**1LD**	Akshiya
2MG	Bear	**2KH**	Ellis
3AH	Nimi	**3RT**	Lily
4FA	Rianne	**4EM**	Ikram
5RR	David	**5LR**	Oliver
6RS	Simeon	**6JM**	Dylan

This week's attendance for Upper School

4EM	4FA	5LR	5RR	6RS	6JM
95.8%	91.9%	94.1%	97.9%	89.6%	98.2%

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Bobby in 2MG - 7 years old!

Nika in 2MG - 7 years old!

Eleesha in 3AH - 8 years old!

Fathima in 1LD - 6 years old!

Aniyah-Mae in 1LZ - 6 years old!

Ethan in RSH - 5 years old!

Mr Robison!

Mrs Blake!

Mrs Harry!



HALL OF FAME!

Has your child achieved something outside of school that they are proud of?

Parents and carers are welcome to send any of their child's achievements into us at school via email at stmatthews@fraysacademytrust.org so that they can be celebrated in our weekly newsletter!

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is a priority at our school, and we are committed to ensuring that all children feel safe, supported and valued.

Should you ever have any concerns, or need advice, please speak to Mr Small, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or contact MASH on 01895 556644.



BREAKFAST CLUB!



Don't forget that 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 a selection of toast, cereal, yoghurt or fruit.

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.**

Reminder



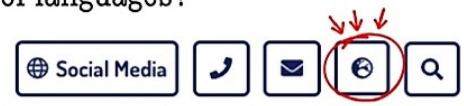


A gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school to help keep all of our children safe. Please do not include nuts or products containing nuts in packed lunches or snacks, such as peanut butter, Nutella, or nut-based cereal bars.

While preparing lunches, we would also encourage a balanced variety of foods where possible. Please try to limit the number of cookies, cakes, sweets, and other sugary treats included each day, and where possible, instead include healthier options such as fruit or yoghurts.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a safe and healthy environment for everyone. 🌟

Did you know our school website can be translated into a range of languages?



Simply click the 'world' icon on the right-hand side of the home page and select your preferred language!

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TTRS COFFEE MORNING

Parents & Carers of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to attend our Times Table Rock Stars coffee morning on Tuesday 17th November at 9am.

Come along to find out what TTRS is, how it can support your child's times tables fluency and confidence, and how you can use it to support their learning at home.

Children will be invited to attend alongside you to show off their skills!

With temperatures dropping this week, please remember to send your child into school with a coat each day to keep them warm during outdoor play and break times.







WHAT'S THE SCORE?!

On Saturday 7th November, the St Matthew's football team competed in the Packham Memorial Cup, aiming to defend their title. After topping their group, the boys reached the semi-finals, where a goalless draw led to a penalty shootout. Despite some fantastic saves from Timothy in goal, we were unfortunately knocked out. Well done to all the boys who took part – we are incredibly proud of their effort and teamwork!





ART



Our children love getting creative, and we are looking for donations of various art and craft materials to support upcoming projects.

If you have any of the following items, or anything else that would make great craft supplies, we would be incredibly grateful for anything spare that can be donated.





- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Brown craft paper or sturdy paper bags
- Cotton balls
- Ribbons and fabric offcuts
- Yarn or embroidery floss
- Empty toilet roll or kitchen roll tubes
- Empty, cleaned cans
- Small wood offcuts
- Small nails (approximately 1.5cm to 2cm)



Any donations can be brought into the school office if you are able to do so.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and support.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

We are very excited to share some festive events that we have taking place over the next month... Please see dates below and add them to your diaries!




Friday 3rd December

School Christmas Market (3:15pm-4:15pm)




Each year group will be running its own Christmas market stall, selling a variety of festive items and crafts. We would love for families to come along and support this special event as all money raised by each year group, will go directly back to them to help support with funding trips and additional resources for the children.

If you have any spare Christmas decorations, craft materials, or other suitable items that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful. Donations can be given in the main school office, or directly to your child's class teacher.



Thursday 10th December

Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day



Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper and enjoy a festive Christmas dinner with their classmates.





Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December

PTA Secret Santa Pop-Up Shop



Children will have the opportunity to visit the PTA's Secret Santa Pop-Up Shop and purchase gifts for their loved ones. Further information will be shared soon!

ANTI-BULLYING DAY



Wednesday 18th November

THE MESSAGE

This year's campaign – Break the Silence – will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

In the afternoon, classes will be going off timetable to take part in a range of exciting activities, discussions and creative projects designed to help children explore what bullying is and how it can affect others, how to be a kind and supportive friend, the importance of respect, inclusion and empathy, ways to stand up for others, and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



ON THE DAY

Staff and children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

I am kind

HALL OF FAME



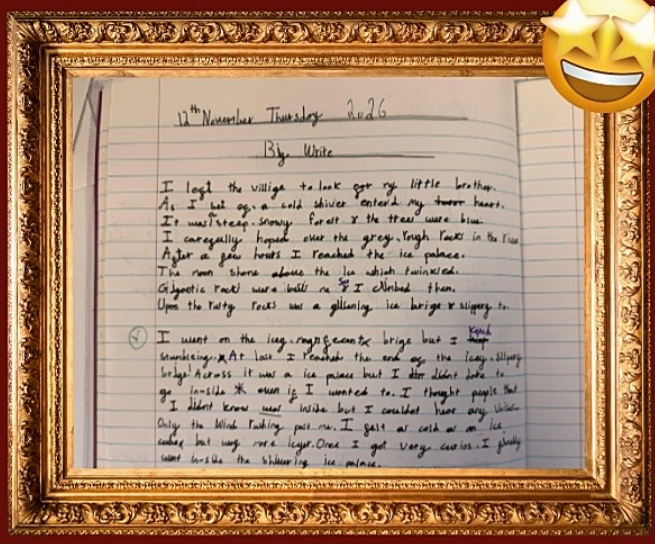
Well done to Debo for winning Man of the Match during St Matthew's Football tournament on Saturday!



Take a look at Murari's published magazine column where she writes about celebrating Diwali! Amazing!



ILD had lots of fun painting their very own Pudsey Bear's for Children in Need!



12th November Thursday 2026

13. Write

I left the village to look for my little brother.
As I set off, a cold shiver entered my brave heart.
It was steep, snowy forest & the trees were blue.
I carefully hoped over the grey, rough rocks in the river.
After a few hours I reached the ice palace.
The room shone above the ice which twinkled.
Gigantic rocks were built & I climbed them.
Upon the rusty rocks was a glistening ice bridge & slippery to.

I went on the icy, rough & scary bridge but I kept slipping & stumbling. At last I reached the end of the icy, slippery bridge! Across it was a ice palace but I don't like to go inside & even if I wanted to. I thought people lived I didn't know was inside but I couldn't hear any. Only the wind rushing past me. I felt as cold as an ice cube but was over a layer. Once I got very curious. I finally went inside the shivering ice palace.

Nimi impressed Miss Hough this week with her excellent writing skills during her 'Big Write'! Well done Nimi!

Danny Beales MP's Christmas Card Competition

Open to all primary school aged children

To enter, send your designs as an A4 document to:

danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

or

Danny Beales MP
House of Commons
SW1A 0AA

Competition closes Monday, 7th December. Winner will be announced Monday, 14th December.

Christmas Choir

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
Open to Years 5 and 6

Rehearsal Dates

22nd November - 12:15pm
23rd November - 7pm
29th November - 12:15pm
30th November - 7pm
6th December - 12:15pm
7th December - 7pm
12th December - 4pm

Carol Service

13th December - 6:30pm

Please scan the QR Code to register interest in joining or speak to Urmila

SEND Family Support

SANTA'S GROTTO

& Christmas Market 2026

Saturday 12th December

12pm - 5pm

Oak Wood School

Sutton Court Road, Uxbridge, UB10 9HT

To see more details for this event either scan the QR Code or go to:

www.sendfs.co.uk/santas-grotto-christmas-market-2026

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Hillingdon Parent Carer Forum

Would you like to find out how you can get involved in shaping the future of SEND services for our children and young people?

Join us for our AGM!

Friday November 20th 2026

10:30 - 12:30



Adult Education Centre
Room 6
Civic Centre
Uxbridge High Street
UB8 1UW

Learn more about:

- Who we are and what we do.
- Our achievements this year.
- Ways you can get involved.

For booking details:

Scan the QR code

or email us at **Hillingdonpcf@gmail.com**