

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 7th February
2025



News from this week:

As we reach the middle of the Spring term we are revisiting our key expectations for the start of the day and uniform- in particular PE kit.

Wanting children in school ready to learn by 8:45. Gates open from 8:30am so keep up the good work of coming into school early, enjoy a bagel and start your lessons. Every morning lesson one starts at 8:45 with key learning including reading, handwriting and arithmetic. Don't fall behind!

Wanting children in the correct uniform. In particular children have been wearing PE kit to school that is not in line with school expectations. We would like all children to wear black trainers, black or blue joggers, a white t shirt and a plain blue jumper (NO LOGOS). A St Matthias uniform jumper is fine. Unfortunately non compliance with uniform could lead to children sitting out of PE, a phone call home asking for appropriate uniform to be dropped in or an opportunity to borrow the right kit from our preloved uniform cupboard.

We hope you recognise that the above reflects our high expectations for your child!

See below:

School uniform

Grey or black skirt	Grey or black pinafore	Grey or black trousers (not joggers)	White shirt (short or long sleeved)	Blue jumper with logo badge	Blue cardigan with logo badge	Navy and gold striped tie	Black shoes (can be 100% black trainers)

PE kit

Jogging pants or shorts Navy or Black	Plain white T-Shirt	Or White logo polo	Blue jumper with logo badge	Or fleece top with logo badge	100% black trainers	Black plimsolls

Important dates:

Monday 10th February
Year 2 Trip to The Tate Modern



Wednesday 12th January
Free Year 5 After School Club (3:30-5)



Monday 17th February
Hackney Run 2025
Registration opens!
(Miss Frohock will send details on how to enter)



Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
Half Term Holidays



Monday 24th February
Start of Spring 2
All children back at school

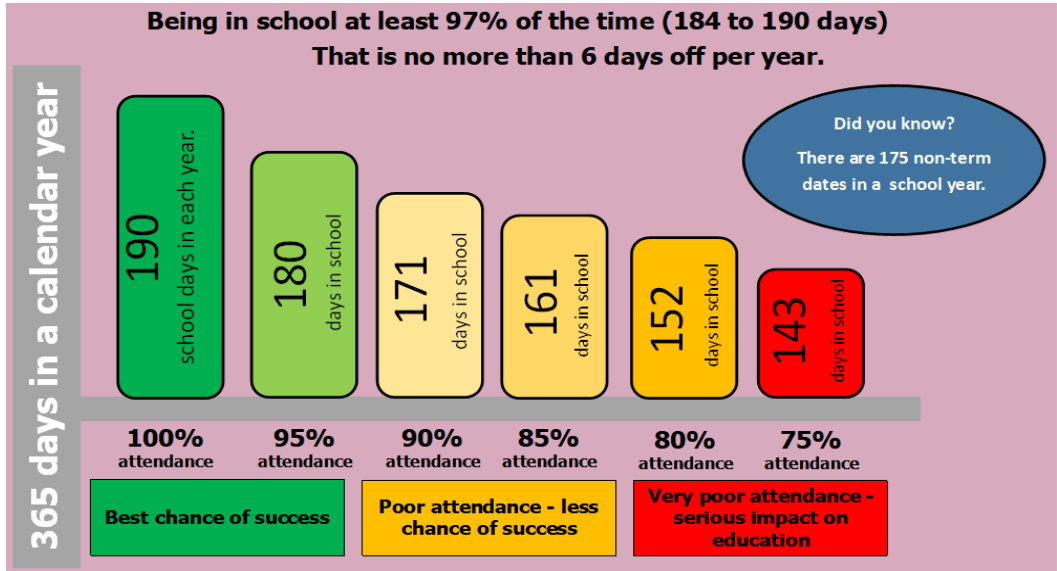


Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th March
Year 4 Residential to YHA Truleigh Hill

Reminder:

Gates open at 8:30 (close at 8:45am)
Your child must have attendance of >97%
Any holidays in term time will result in a fine from Hackney.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us.



LET
THE
RIVER
RUN
HACKNEY
CHORAL

ST MATTHIAS
CHURCH, N16 8DD

MONDAY 10TH
FEBRUARY, 17:00

Free Entry, Donations Welcome

Hackney Choral

St PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 4th March
Evensong at St Paul's cathedral

Sunday 30th March
Mothering Sunday Service at St Paul's West Hackney

Monday 31st March
End of term concert at St Paul's West Hackney

Saturday 14th June
Visit to Magdalen College Oxford

Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August
Summer Choral Course



Monday 7th - Monday 21st
April
Easter Holidays



Tuesday 22nd April
Start of Summer 1
All children back at school



Monday 12th May-
Thursday 15th May
Year 6 SATs Assessment
Week



Saturday 17th May
Hackney Run 2025!!



Monday 26th - Friday 30th
May
Half Term Holidays



Monday 2nd June
Start of Summer 2
All children back at school



Monday 3rd - Friday 7th
June
Year 4 Multiplication Check
Assessment



Year 6 Trip to Guildhall



Year 6 had a fantastic visit to The Guildhall. The children visited experts in different industries that involve technology. They even got to try some out!



**Monday 9th - Friday 13th
June**

Year 1 Phonics Screen Check



**Monday 14th - Wednesday
16th July**

Year 6 Ufton Court
Residential



Friday 18th July - tbc
Summer Holidays





Year 2 Trip to Hackney Central



- Year 2 visited the Veronica Ryan statue in Hackney central. The class has been using this work as inspiration in art lessons this half term so it was a great opportunity to visit and sketch it!

Thank you to all the adult volunteers!



Year 2 & Year 3 had a FANTASTIC after school wheelchair basketball club!!

Wednesday 12th February Year 5

FREE 3:30-5pm



Thank you to Sports Inspired and Amir the coach for providing our children with this opportunity! 🎉🎉



Reading Records

Reading Record	
Date, book and the page you read to	Comments Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed it
18.11.24 The Boy at the Back of the Class	I really enjoyed it I'm really proud of the author for trying to convey the story
19.11.24 The Boy at the Back of the Class	I'm really proud of the author for trying to convey the story
20.11.24 The Boy at the Back of the Class	I'm really proud of the author for trying to convey the story

We are so proud of how much reading our pupils are doing! Please remember to write in their reading records or encourage them to do it after they read. For younger children, you might want to write what they have enjoyed or whether it is the appropriate level. For older children, they might want to write what they liked or disliked and why.

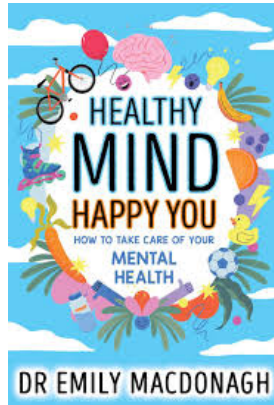
Please also continue to share any photos of your child reading for a school display - we love seeing them!

Our Year 3 & Year 6 reading buddies read some books together this week - take a look!



Book Recommendation of the Week!

Winley's book recommendation is 'Healthy Mind Happy You' by Dr Emily Macdonagh because it talks about your wellbeing and mental health. It's good for Mental Health Day.



Label
It



As it gets colder, we are all wearing more layers to keep warm. Our teachers work hard to remind the children to put all of their coats/jumpers on their pegs and their scarves/gloves in coat pockets/bags. Children sometimes leave these in other places and when all items are **labelled with their name**, it is easier to find them.

Please label your child's school uniform with a name label or use a permanent marker pen.



Have a look at the St Matthias website and see what each class is learning about this half term!

[EYFS Spring 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 1 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 2 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 3 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 4 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 5 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 6 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview](#)



Physical Education

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in the appropriate PE kit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
		Year 3	Year 1 Year 2	EYFS

Hot chocolate Friday!

Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.



EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Raymond Emerald	Phebe	Kasey	Sharon	Khyran	Amelia	Kelvin

News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?

EYFS:

This week we have had so much fun learning about the Gruffalo! We have learnt the Gruffalo song, made Gruffalos out of chocolate and rice crispies and we have written some lovely descriptions of him. We have also been working on our writing and really focusing on our letter formation and sentence structures. For maths we have been learning about the number 8 and the different ways we can make 8. During story time we have been reading room on the broom and we have loved this book!

Year 1:

We have had a great week in Year 1 with lots of busy activities!
In music we enjoyed listening to stormy music and relaxing guitar music which we recreated with lots of musical instruments.
In writing we completed our narrative stories about Hermelin the detective mouse and published our stories using our neatest handwriting. In Science we continued to learn about Winter and the weather we see and spent time outside spotting bare trees and measuring the temperature. Great job Year 1!

Year 2:

Another busy week of learning in Year 2! We visited the Veronica Ryan statue in Hackney central as part of our art studies to do some sketching. We have started writing a set of instructions to build a habitat for a bog baby in our writing lessons and in maths we have been working hard on identifying and analysing multiplication equations. We compared images of the Tottenham Hotspur team photos from 1910 and 2025 so we could understand more about the challenges that Walter Tull faced and we learnt about the festival of Hanukkah in RE.

Year 3:

This week year3 have started working on column addition. The children have had an amazing start to the topic everyone has been able to challenge themselves and show a great amount of resilience. Within Humanities, year 3 was

Year 4:

We have had another great week in year 4. In maths we have been working hard on our timetables and looking at the relationship between multiplication and division questions. In art we started our final piece of collage and have

Year 5:

This week year 5 have been working hard in all their subjects, within maths they have started short division using representations. Within writing they worked with their partners to look for language and structural features. Looking at their example text, they showed

<p>focused on the learning question “How did the Shang dynasty end?” Focusing specifically on the three main areas of corruption, continuous war and lavish spending.</p> <p>In RE year 3 was focused on the importance of the 10 commandments to both themselves and some people within the Jewish faith.</p> <p>Well done year 3!</p>	<p>created some beautiful jungle settings. In writing we have been studying how to be information reporters and are planning our reports of how to catch the evil mythical creature Fenrir from Arthur and the golden rope. In humanities we researched what life would be like as an Anglo-Saxon and what sort of houses they lived in and what food they ate!</p>	<p>great resilience and determination to find the features. Alongside this, year 5 have been looking at sponsorship and charities and how people can raise money for charities, they are working within a group to pitch an idea to raise money for their chosen charity. Within humanities, they looked at who they thought was a better king, being surprised about the facts they found out. I am very proud of the enthusiasm and determination that they have shown. Another amazing week! Well done year 5!</p>	
<p>Year 6: We visited Guild Hall on Monday where we attended a careers fair. We took part in many activities, including painting, AI generation and bricklaying. In the middle of the week, we consolidated our understanding of percentages. We ended the week with a workshop around Storytelling Week!</p>			

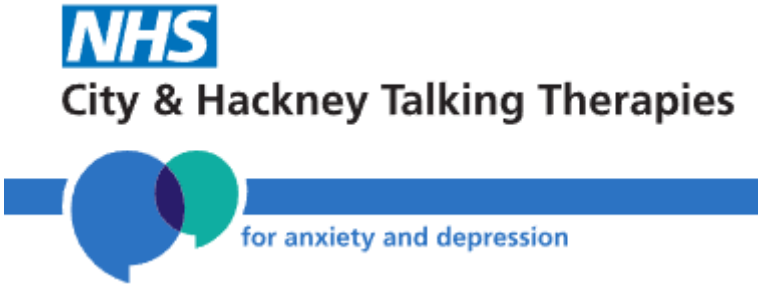
School value in focus this week: **Respect**

Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.



The pupils who have shown excellent **respect** are:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elira	Jasmyne	Kavell	Delaney-Rome	Romeo	Lionel	Jeremy



It is normal to feel low, sad or down sometimes but if this goes on for too long then talking therapies have been proven to help people make positive changes so that they feel better and stay better.

We are an NHS service offering free talking therapy to people registered with GPs in the City and Hackney area in London. These areas include Barbican, The City, Clapton, Clerkenwell, Dalston, London Fields, Shoreditch, Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, Hackney, Hoxton and Homerton. We offer psychological therapy to help with issues ranging from Anxiety, Depression and Panic Attacks to Phobias, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Although you do need to be registered to a GP in the above areas, you do not need a GP referral to talk to us. You can refer yourself directly via the 'Get Help' buttons on this website.

The types of therapies that we can offer include Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (CBT), Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy, Behavioural Couples Therapy, Interpersonal Therapy and Counselling for Depression

<https://cityandhackneytalkingtherapies.homerton.nhs.uk/>

Services and support in Education

Hackney SENDIAGS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice, Guidance and Support)

[0-25 SEND Local Offer](#) | [Family Information Service](#) | [Hackney SENDIAGS \(SEND Information, Advice and Guidance Service\)](#)

If you are looking for information, advice and support (IAS) about your child (or yourself if you are a young person under 25 with additional needs and or a disability) you can contact Hackney free impartial service SENDIAGS.

Telephone 020 7275 6036 (Advice Line)

E-mail sendiags@hackney.gov.uk

Web www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/sendiags

and Advice to disabled people on; Benefits, Housing, Health, Social Care, and other independent living services.

Phone 020 7613 3206

Text phone: 020 7613 3208

Email info@choiceinhackney.org

Website <https://choiceinhackney.org/>

[Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum - Housing focussed forum meeting.](#)

Hear from staff working in SEND relevant areas of housing. Find out more about processes and ask questions relevant to you.

Thursday 13 February 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Marie Lloyd Centre, Queensbridge Road, E8 3LA

Hackney Ark Children's Occupational Therapy - Talk to us 1:1 advice session 2025

Monthly bookable slots to get advice from an NHS Occupational Therapy service who assess children under 18 experiencing functional difficulties with everyday tasks due to a physical and or neurological disability.

Monthly last Wednesday of the month 1 pm to 4 pm

Booking required.

In-person, phone and online options available.

Hackney Ark - Key Work drop in sessions for parents and carers (New venue)

If you have a child that receives any support from Hackney Ark and you would like information and advice in relation to services or benefits that you may be entitled to. OR you would simply like the opportunity to meet with, learn from and share your experiences with other parents who also have children with health and or developmental issues you are welcome to attend a weekly drop in session at Comet facilitated by a member of the Hackney Ark Key Work team.

Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am during term time only.

Thomas Fairchild Community School Forston St. N1 7HA

Mind The Gap - Drop-In Social Group 2025

Are you looking to learn more about Autism from professionals and peers?

Or maybe you are searching for a fun, Autism-friendly social space?

If so check out our Mind the Gap drop-in sessions!

These drop-in sessions are a space for Autistic young people to get together and socialise in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Parents or carers and young people over the age of 16 will be able to self-refer by emailing us on huh-tr.mindthegap@nhs.net

After confirming a few details, they will receive a call from one of our facilitators to get a little more information to make sure that the offer is suitable for the young person and answer any questions they might have.

5 pm to 6:30 pm every second Thursday of the month.

Next date Thursday March 13

Family Coach (SEND) Make screen time work for you

Across the 2 hour workshop you'll have the opportunity to explore:

What research says about screen time

What managing screen time looks like for you and your family

How you're currently managing screen time; Amount of time, What your child is using screen time for

Transitioning from screen time, Using screen time for rewards/consequences

9:15 am - 11:15 am on Friday 7 February

Holy Trinity School, Beechwood Road, E8 3DY

Please book by emailing familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Educational Psychology Parent Advice Sessions

The Parent Advice Sessions are open to all children and families living in Hackney including those children not yet in school, children who are out of school, children who live in Hackney and attend school in other boroughs

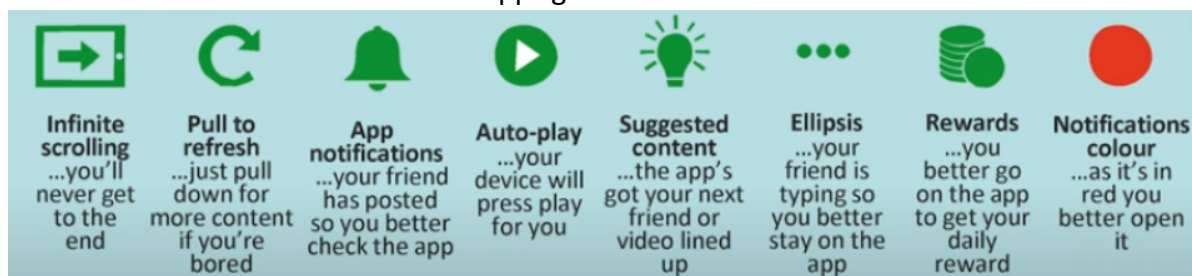
If you would like support and advice, this is an opportunity for you to talk about your child/children with an educational psychologist for up to 30 minutes on our phone line.

Wednesdays between 1:00 and 3:00 pm and during term time.

Online booking form to secure a slot.

Tip for keeping pupils safe online (taken from saferinternet.org.uk)

How do apps get us to come back?



Keeping Children Safe

The safeguarding of the children at St Matthias is our number one priority. We adhere to stringent safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children who come to our school. We will endeavour to work with parents and carers as it is our duty as a school to protect our children and to keep them safe.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Blewett) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Miss Frohock & Mrs Cherid).

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ONLINE DRAMA

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lockdown began."

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- SOCIAL INTERACTION and COMMUNICATION with others
- FUN activities to engage CREATIVITY and IMAGINATION
- SPEECH and LANGUAGE development

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CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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