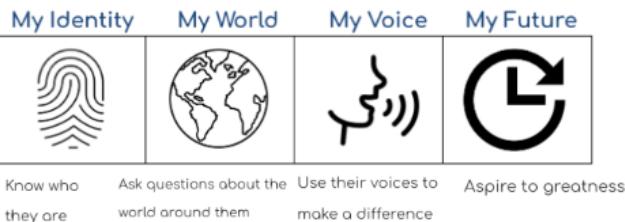


# St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



**Friday 7th March 2025**



## News from this week:



**World Book Day** was a fabulous celebration of our love of Reading! The day began with a whole school assembly where staff and children showed off outfits of their favourite book characters. Later in the day, classes tested their reading knowledge in a World Book Day quiz; children also visited other classes to read with other children from across the school. Bargains were to be had at our book sale with bundles of books being taken home. Children visited Stoke Newington Bookshop and used their WBD token to get a special World Book Day book to keep. What an exciting week we have had



## Important dates:

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



**Monday 7th - Monday 21st April**  
Easter Holidays



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

**Friday 25th April**  
Deadline for signing up for Hackney Run 2025



  
**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



Ramadan

We know that lots of our families and children will be celebrating Ramadan over the course of the next month. This is an important time of reflection and prayer from our Muslim community and is something that we know children are proud to talk about. In order to support our children in their learning, we do not recommend that students fast Monday-Friday. We will of course support children with whatever families think is best for their child. If you have any questions about this then please come and talk to a member of SLT.



We have a scooter and bike park in the KS2 playground. All bikes and scooters need to be taken here at the beginning of the day. We can no longer have them left at points across the school for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support!



Monday 9th - Friday 13th

June

Year 1 Phonics Screen Check



Monday 14th - Wednesday

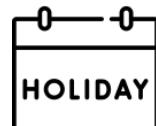
16th July

Year 6 Ufton Court  
Residential



Friday 18th July - tbc

Summer Holidays





The fabulous choir performed at St Matthias Church this week as part of their 'Let the River Run' show. We are proud of our children for showcasing their hard work!

## 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



### Book Recommendation of the Week!

This week, lots of our pupils have been reading graphic novels. We love that they are reading these alongside other chapter books, as they are exciting. Don't forget to continue reading longer narratives to really support with your fluency and comprehension.



*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 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 1 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 2 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 3 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 4 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 5 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 6 Spring 2 Curriculum Overview](#)



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year 6 Year 3	Year 5 Year 1 Year 2	Year 4 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
Pearl	Keanna	Maya	Makaela	Maya	Naziah	Fodie

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

<p><b>EYFS:</b> We have been super busy this week with our learning. We have been making pancakes and writing recipes. We have also started a new book called what the ladybird heard and we have been trying really hard to start writing sentences in Reception. In maths we are looking at number bonds and how numbers are composed and in RE we have started to look at the Easter story. We also made bread with Miss Cherid! Nursery have been super creative making ladybirds and different houses for the Three Little Pigs.</p>	<p><b>Year 1:</b> We have had a busy in Year 1 - we had a lovely trip to the bookshop where we selected some new books with our vouchers! We also enjoyed having the chicks in class with us and we have loved observing them. In maths we have continued to practise addition and we are getting more confident with adding! Well done everyone. In writing we have brainstormed lots of ideas to describe the Wild Things in our story - and learnt some great new words such as gnashing, mischievous and enormous!</p>	<p><b>Year 2:</b> We have had a really busy week of learning in Year 2. We started the week by writing a setting description inspired by our book Grandad's Island. We have been showing how multiplication equations can be represented in different ways using objects and pictures. We have definitely got more confident with our multiplication facts and it is really beginning to show in our Maths work! In science we learned all about different habitats that support organisms and in D&amp;T we made some amazing sliding and rotating mechanisms. Finally, we ended this week with a trip to Stoke Newington Book Shop to spend our World Book Day tokens!</p>	
<p><b>Year 3:</b> This week year 3 have began to focus on their 2 and 4 times tables. Specifically focusing on the relationship between both and how we can use this understanding to solve problems. In humanities year 3 have been looking at the layers of the earth and understanding the different types of mountains present on earth. Finally in RE year 3 became research, they were focused on discovering the importance of Christian aid and how we can apply their morals to our behaviour at St Matthias. Well done year 3!</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b> Year 4 have had a great week! In DT we began making prototypes for our pop-up books. In maths we have consolidated our learning of multiplication facts when <math>x</math> by 10 or 100. In RE we began to learn about Holy Communion and what the Bible passage of Passover has meant to the Christian community. In humanities we continued our important discussion on migration and learnt how different migrants vary and what their push or pull factors may be. We had an exciting trip to the bookshop to get our WBD book and we went into Year 1 to read to the younger children!</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b> This week year 5 have had an amazing week. Within DT we explored our new topic of graphics, looking into our key artists and outcome for the unit. Within maths year 5 showed great perseverance through working out tricky division problems, including 3 digit by 1 digit this week. Within writing they continued looking at their new text promise, seeing if their prediction was correct, some of them were very surprised to find out more about the story. Within reading, year 5 explored new vocabulary that they have used throughout the week. Within PSHE we had an important discussion about what is healthy for our bodies and learnt new facts that will help them make an informed decision about their health. For World Book Day, year 5 enjoyed sharing their costumes, participating in a world book day quiz and sharing their love of books. Well done year 5!</p>	
<p><b>Year 6:</b> Year 6 worked incredibly hard on their assessments this week, well done. We have been practising our maths and Spag skills using the Learning by Questions app. For World Book Day we took part in a competition, visited a local bookshop and took part in a competition! At the end of the week, we finished our documentary about wolves.</p>			
<p>School value in focus this week: <b>Kindness</b></p> <p>Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.</p>			



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

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Shae	Jasmyne	Angelica	Delaney	Amiyah M	Lola	Saron



**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

## 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](mailto:sendiags@hackney.gov.uk)

Web [www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/sendiags](http://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/sendiags)

nd 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

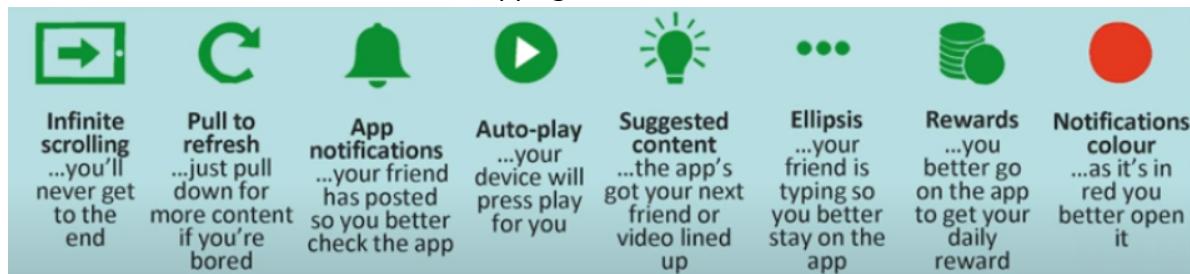
If you would like support and advice, this is an opportunity for you to talk about your child/children with an educational psychologist for up to 30 minutes on our phone line.

**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](http://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).



**FOCUS GROUP ON MAPPING THE SUPPORT OFFERED TO PARENTS  
AND CARERS PRE AND POST DIAGNOSIS**

**PARENT CARER FORUM**



**DATE: FRIDAY 14TH MARCH**



**TIME: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**



**Venue: Marie Lloyd Centre, 329 Queensbridge Road, London E8 3LA**



**SPEAKERS:**

**Mariona Garcia Edo** - CAMHS Alliance Programme Manager

**Cleo Oji** - Kooth

Come and participate in a focus group looking at mapping pre/post diagnostic support for parents tell us your views and experiences.

Also hear about the great mental health support offered by Kooth.com

**MON - FRI**

**CONTACT US**

**10AM - 4PM**



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