

# St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 14th March  
2025



## News from this week:

We have had another jam packed week at St Matthias, with trips and in class exciting experiences. We are already half-way through the term and are taking a lot of pride in showcasing all of our learning - as shown by our celebration certificate holders this week!

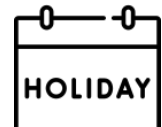


Year 4 have spent a half week getting closer to nature! They have made dens, built fires and fed animals as they developed their independence. We've missed them and are happy to have them back home. Log into class dojo for even more photos!



## Important dates:

**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!!

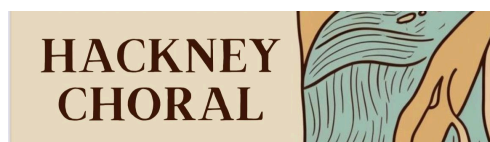


**Monday 26th - Friday 30th May**  
Half Term Holidays



**Coffee Morning - Headteacher Drop-in**  
**Tuesday 18th March 8:45-9:15 in the Community Room**

**All are welcome!**



## 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



*Label It*



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.

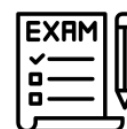
**Please label your child's school uniform with a name label or use a permanent marker pen.**



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



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



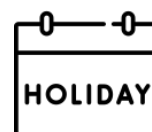
**Monday 9th - Friday 13th June**  
Year 1 Phonics Screen Check



**Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th July**  
Year 6 Ufton Court Residential



**Friday 18th July - tbc**  
Summer Holidays





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 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
Issiakha	Sadet	Daniel	Veera	-	Deniz	Jermiah

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

#### EYFS:

This week we have really enjoyed our reading texts in EYFS. Nursery have been reading the very hungry caterpillar and Reception have been reading what the lady bird heard. We have really enjoyed learning about Ramadan and why it is important to Muslims and

#### Year 1:

We have had a great week in Year 1 this week. In Maths the children have deepened their skills in addition and started to explore subtraction. In Writing we have enjoyed planning and drawing scenes from Where the Wild Things Are and writing up our narratives. In Science we have begun to

#### Year 2:

We have had another busy week in Year 2. We have been practising adding two two digit numbers together in our maths sessions, In design and technology we challenged ourselves to make different types of pop up mechanisms, this tested our folding and cutting skills but we showed lots of resilience and got some great

<p>we also made chocolate covered dates. In maths we have been using our counting skills and going on number hunts. We have also been looking at life cycles of different animals and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching a life cycle of a frog. Our teachers have also been using penny time throughout the day to help us remember our phonics sounds. Well done for such an amazing week.</p>	<p>learn about Spring and enjoyed observing the weather and a variety of spring flowers. In RE we have been learning about the 10 commandments and the story of Moses - we enjoyed going on a treasure hunt to look for the 10 commandments and we discussed which ones we think can help us live a good life.</p>	<p>results.</p> <p>WE have put lots of work into our story planning for writing, we have had some really imaginative and exciting ideas about how our characters travel to Grandad's island. We finished our week with a tour of the school to discover what organisms were living in different microhabitats around the school, the results were really interesting and we found lots of unusual holes, plants and even some snails!</p>	
<p><b>Year 3:</b></p> <p>This week, Year 3 have been focusing on their 2s, 4s, and 8 times tables. They have deepened their understanding of the relationship between these multiples and improved their fluency in reciting them.</p> <p>In Humanities, Year 3 have been learning about volcanoes, exploring how they are formed, why they erupt, and identifying their different parts.</p> <p>In Reading, we have continued enjoying <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>, working on comprehension questions to deepen our understanding. It's safe to say that Year 3 are really loving this book!</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b></p> <p>This week Year 4 have had the most fantastic opportunity to go to Shoreham-by-Sea for an amazing residential trip. We have learnt how to make our own beds, take care of ourselves and look after our bedrooms. We have done a range of activities. We have gone pond dipping, built shelters. We have filtered water and made aqueducts! We went on an amazing country walk, past fields with horses and cows to draw the landscape. We have also built a campfire to toast marshmallows, climbed trees as well as learn how to light fire ourselves! We put on an amazing talent show to end our amazing 3 days away. I am so so proud of how the children have got stuck into nature, worked collaboratively with their friends and shown resilience in all tasks they faced. A HUGE well done to Year 4!!</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b></p> <p>This week year 5 have worked extremely hard, within writing they began planning their character narrative, which included roleplay, allowing them to get into character. Within maths they moved onto the topic of area, by exploring shapes. Within reading they used their comprehension skills to answer questions about the text, clarifying and retrieving information. During PSHE, year 5 learnt about the recovery position, when to use it and how to use it in a case of an emergency, they were extremely sensible trying the recovery position out on eachother. Lastly, to a lovely end of the week year 5 visited the London design and engineering workshop , were they learnt about STEM jobs that they may like to consider for the future</p>	
<p><b>Year 6:</b> Year 6 has had a very busy week this week. We got stuck into the Reading Plus app and read some interesting books. In writing we planned our discussion essay about whether wolves should be reintroduced in the UK. At the end of the week, we signed up to Kooth which we're excited to use in the near future!</p>			
<p>School value in focus this week: <b>Resilience</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 **resilience** are:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kiara	Inaaya	Ryaan	Jaciara	Mariam	Winley	Elohim

## 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)

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](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**

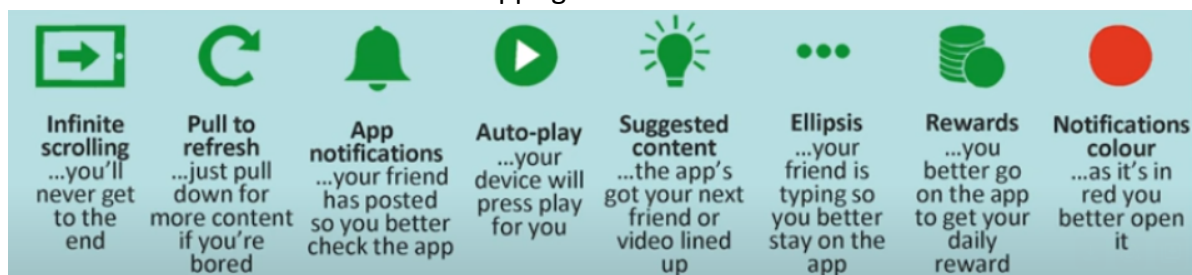
The Parent Advice Sessions are open to all children and families living in Hackney including those children not yet in school, children who are out of school, children who live in Hackney and attend school in other boroughs

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](https://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).