

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

My Identity My World My Voice My Future



Know who
they are

Ask questions about the
world around them

Use their voices to
make a difference



Friday 21st March

2025



Hackney



Hackney's Education Strategy Event - Parental Engagement St Matthias CE Primary School

Date: Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Time: 9:00 - 10:30am

Venue: Community Room

Speaker:
Jason Marantz
(Director of Education and Inclusion)

**Join us at an engagement event to share your
thoughts and help shape Hackney's education
strategy.**

**Your feedback will be crucial in shaping the final
strategy, which will be published later this year as
part of a public consultation.**

News from this week

Year 5 Engineering Trip



Year 5 attended a fantastic engineering workshop at the London Design and Engineering UTC.

The class learnt about what it takes to survive on a deserted island, using Lego as a way to create scenes. They also began learning about a range of STEM jobs that they may want to do when they are older.



*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.

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

Important dates:

Monday 31st March

Year 2 Trip to Hackney Food School (garden visit) AM



Thursday 3rd April

Year 4 Trip to Shoreditch Town Hall - Chamber Orchestra AM

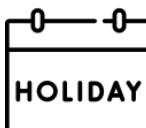


Parents Evening



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 8am



Monday 28th April - Friday 8th May

Year 4 Intensive Swimming course



Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May

[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](#)

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 2nd June - Friday
13th June
Year 6 Intensive Swimming
course



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



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!

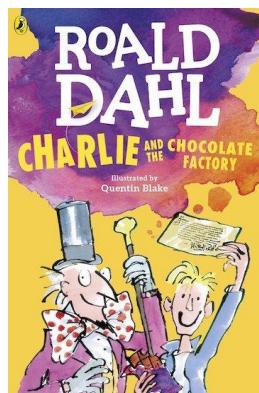
Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.

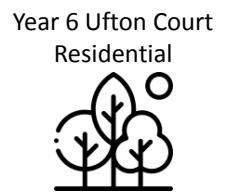


EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aysia Leigh	Buruk	Archibald	Angel	Henry	Taaraz	Nathan

Book Recommendation of the Week

JJ in year 5 recommends 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl because it's funny.
He said that his favourite part is when one of the characters falls into the chocolate river!





Friday 18th July - tbc
Summer Holidays



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

EYFS: This week has been a very busy week for EYFS with loads of retelling of stories of traditional tales. We have been focusing on the story of little red Riding Hood and reading a new version of it called Little red we have been creating get well soon cards for grandma And writing about the big bad wolf. We have also started to look at the Easter story and why it is important to Christians focusing on values. Maths we have been doubling numbers and comparing.	Year 1: Year 1 have been working hard on their subtraction skills this week. They have been subtracting numbers within ten. This afternoon, the class went into the well-being garden to do some science! They looked for clues there that it was the season of Spring. The information that the class gathered will be used on their computing day, where they will present the data electronically.	Year 2: Year 2 has had such a great week of learning. We have been writing our stories inspired by Grandad's Island and we have shared so many imaginative and exciting ideas! We have been working hard in maths to add two, two digit numbers and i am impressed with how resilient and determined the class has been to understand this tricky concept. On science we learned all about food chains and discussed what could happen if part of a chain was lost. We also spent time designing our pop up cards to make next week!	
Year 3: Year 3 have had an absolutely fantastic week filled with learning! In humanities, we have discussed why earthquakes occur and how earthquakes underwater can cause a tsunami. In RE, we were focused on the role that Judas played in the easter story. Year 3 were able to take a human social scientist approach and think about how they could apply Jesus' behaviour to their own behaviours. In Writing, we have begun to assume the role of Jemmy Button in preparation to write a letter in the voice of Jemmy, head	Year 4: Year 4 have had a fantastic week back to school after our residential trip! In maths we have been working extremely hard learning how to translate shapes on a grid. We have also learnt how to plot and read coordinates which we really enjoyed! In RE we continued our learning on Holy Communion, we learnt the 8 different stages of the service and drew similarities between our collective worship services. In writing we have published our twisted narratives and they have made some great and shocking twists to an ordinary fairy tale.	Year 5: Year 5 have had a really productive week, within writing they have finished their first outcome-character narrative, based on their text the promise. Within Maths, they continued their work on area, looking at rectilinear shapes and pentominoes, showing their resilience skills to answer the questions. Within PSHE, they looked at body image and what that means to them. In reading year 5 showed their amazing inference skills throughout, answering the questions, using their reading skills learnt over the term. Alongside this year 5, carried on their humanities unit, working alongside their partner to answer questions. They have worked extremely hard this week and I am very proud of them! Well	

over to class dojo to see a snippet of this lesson.		done year 5!	
Year 6: This week, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard to prepare for SATs. We have been engaging various learning apps to help sharpen our skills in reading and maths. In Spanish, we researched about Spanish speaking countries that we'd wish to visit. In PE, we got competitive in a game of tag rugby!			

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
Abigail		Femi	Enzo	Nylah-Rose	Lionel	Yagmur

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

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

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.

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

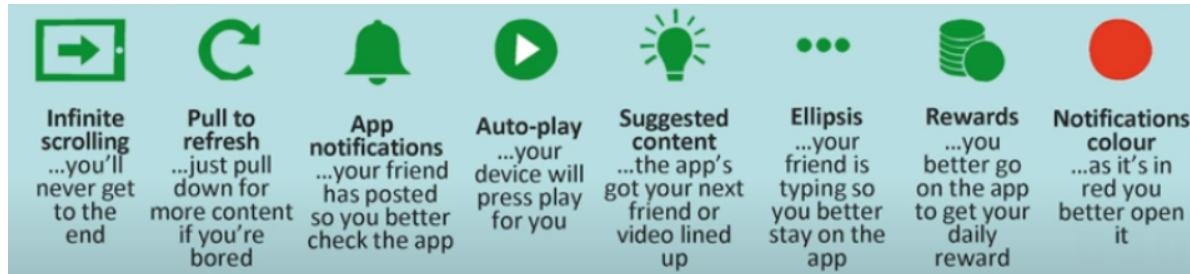
The Parent Advice Sessions are open to all children and families living in Hackney including those children not yet in school, children who are out of school, children who live in Hackney and attend school in other boroughs

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 Chered).