

# St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 28th March  
2025



## News from this week:



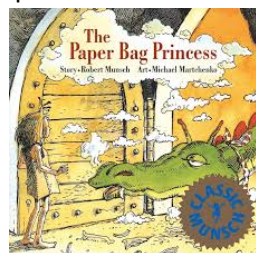
St Matthias is now part of the Young Tree Champions programme which is run by Major of London's 'Tree Council' initiative. On Thursday, 'The Tree Council' ran a workshop for a group of children across KS2. Children planted trees, used a digital microscope camera to look at plants up close and identified different species of plants that are growing in our school. We are excited to continue to drive sustainability at St Matthias!



## Book Recommendation of the Week



Aishat in year 2 has recommended 'The Paper Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch. It's a twist on a tale about a prince and a princess and we think everyone would enjoy it!

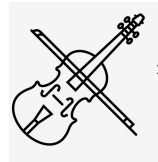


## Important dates:

**Monday 31st March**  
Year 2 Trip to Hackney Food School (garden visit) AM



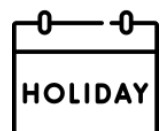
**Thursday 3rd April**  
Year 4 Trip to Shoreditch Town Hall - Chamber Orchestra AM



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





# 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!**

[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
Kiara	Jasmyne	Junior	Mustapha	Dolly	De'keirah	Diamond

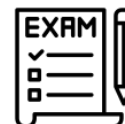
**Monday 28th April - Friday 8th May**

Year 4 Intensive Swimming course



**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



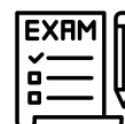
**Monday 2nd June - Friday 13th June**




Year 6 Intensive Swimming course



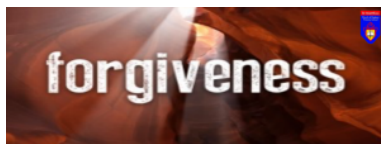
**Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June**

Year 4 Multiplication Check Assessment



News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?			<b>Monday 9th - Friday 13th</b> <b>June</b> Year 1 Phonics Screen Check  <b>Monday 14th - Wednesday</b> <b>16th July</b> Year 6 Ufton Court Residential  <b>Friday 18th July - tbc</b> Summer Holidays 
<b>EYFS:</b> We've had such a busy week this week. We have been discussing a special celebration that some of our teachers and friends celebrate. We've been making Eid cards and decorations for our class. We have also been making Mothers Day cards and watching how different countries celebrate Mother's Day. This week we have welcomed a new adult in our class Ms Rayna and she will be working with us until the summer term, we've been busy getting to know her! We've also spent some time reading the Easter Story and the importance of the last meal with Jesus's disciples.	<b>Year 1:</b> We have had a busy week in Year 1. We enjoyed our e-safety lesson on making healthy choices when using technology - ask us about this at home! We also completed our assessments and everybody did an amazing job - well done! We enjoyed our RE Pause Day where we learnt about the story of Easter and created a tomb for Jesus with split pins - after learning about the resurrection. We also completed our computing unit on data and labelling - and we created cards for Mothering Sunday celebrating people who look after us at home. Good job!	<b>Year 2:</b> Year 2 have put so much effort and focus into their assessments this week, I am so proud of how resilient and focussed they have been and we have all shown amazing progress with our learning. This week we also spent time reflecting on the importance of symbols at Easter and made some lovely Easter gardens!	
<b>Year 3:</b> This week year 3 have been working extremely hard to complete their assessments. Each child has shown a great amount of resilience and motivation to achieve their best. I am truly very proud of year 3! Alongside this, year 3 took part in pause day where we focused on the easter story. The children were then able to create a story wheel depicting the different parts of the story. Head over to class dojo to see the children! Well done everyone!	<b>Year 4:</b> This week Year 4 have worked incredibly hard on their assessments. They have worked through papers with calmness and applied all their learning into them. They have done amazingly and I'm so proud of them. In between assessments we've still been busy! On Monday we had our Easter Pause Day and created some beautiful cross mosaics. In writing, we have been learning how to write persuasively to the witch in our text to return happy endings back	<b>Year 5:</b> Year 5 have had an amazing week this week! The stay on green chart has looked immaculate, they have showed such resilience and great learning behaviours. This week has been assessment week and through this Year 5 have used all they have learnt this week to complete their assessments. They were very determined and hardworking through it all. Well done Year 5! Alongside this year 5 engaged in roleplay as part of their writing lesson, using their persuasive skills to persuade the thief in their text to stop stealing. Within RE, year 5 had a visit from Father David, in relation to their Easter topic this term, they asked him questions about Lent and Holy week! Well done Year 5 for your hard work this week!	
<b>Year 6:</b> Year 6 has had another busy week this week. We revisited and consolidated our knowledge of angles in maths; practised terminology in Spag and continued to increase our reading speed using the Reading Plus platform. On Thursday, some of us took part in a 'Save Our Trees' workshop as we are having a big push on sustainability as a school. At the end of the week, we published our balanced argument essay in writing. Well done Olamide! Your writing will be displayed on the writing wall in the school foyer.			
School value in focus this week: <b>Forgiveness</b>			

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 **forgiveness** are:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Shae		Archibald	Berekia	Chantae	Luna	Jeremiah

## 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

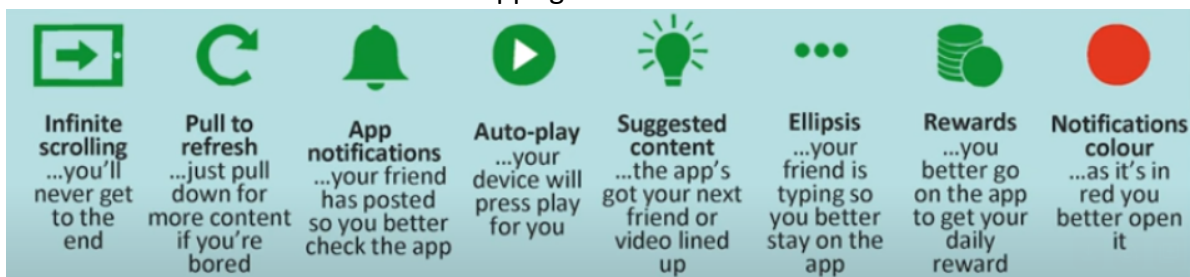
The Parent Advice Sessions are open to all children and families living in Hackney including those children not yet in school, children who are out of school, children who live in Hackney and attend school in other boroughs

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).