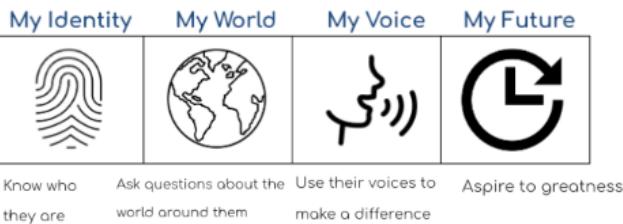


St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 4th April 2025



News from this week:

The children at St Matthias had a very special afternoon on Thursday - we had an Easter Egg hunt! Letters were hidden around the playground which spelt out a special word from the Bible - sacrifice. Once everyone had found all of the letters and spelt the special word, they were allowed to pick an Easter egg.

Happy Belated Easter everyone! 🐣



Back in November, Hackney Run ran a competition for students in Hackney to design the t-shirt that will appear on the Hackney Run t-shirts for 2025. We sent the design entries off in the post in a large envelope and 6 months later we received a very special email. We are

Important dates:

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



Monday 28th April - Friday 8th May
Year 4 Intensive Swimming course



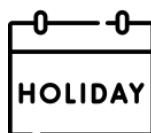
Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May
Year 6 SATs Assessment Week



Saturday 17th May
Hackney Run 2025!!



Monday 26th - Friday 30th May
Half Term Holidays



Monday 2nd June
Start of Summer 2

thrilled to share with you that a student from St Matthias has won!

Iqra in Year 3, created a design that the event organisers thought would be the perfect fit! This means that everyone who competes in this year's Hackney School Challenge event will be wearing a t-shirt with Iqra's design! Later in the term, the event organisers will be visiting the school and presenting us with a special framed t-shirt to celebrate Iqra's winning design; photos will be taken too to share across Hackney.



We are thrilled to announce that this year, over 45 students have been signed up to the run, 10 parents and 4 members of staff. We cannot wait to run together on Saturday 17th May in Hackney Marshes. It is sure to be a spectacular day!



Our Summer term Dinner Menu

St Matthias Menu - Summer Term

Week 1 Option 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato with tuna mayo (EGG, FISH, MUSTARD), cheese (DAIRY), baked beans, Coleslaw (DAIRY)	Chicken thighs with roast potatoes & carrots	Macaroni tomato pasta (GLUTEN-WHEAT) bake topped with Applewood cheese (DAIRY)	Luella's chicken katsu curry and rice, served with flatbread (GLUTEN-WHEAT)	Fish cake (FISH, GLUTEN-WHEAT) and chips, with peas & tartare sauce (VG)
Option 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato with tuna Mayo (EGG, FISH, MUSTARD), cheese (DAIRY), baked beans, coleslaw (DAIRY)	Seasoned cauliflower steak with roast potatoes & carrots	Macaroni tomato pasta (GLUTEN-WHEAT) bake	Luella's vegetable tempeh katsu curry and rice, served with flatbread (GLUTEN-WHEAT)	Mixed bean and roasted pepper (GLUTEN-WHEAT) tacos and chips
Salad Bar				
Tomato and basil balsamic salad (SULPHITES), beetroot	Sweetcorn, cucumber	Grated carrot, Greek Salad (DAIRY)	Baby gem lettuce, minted yoghurt (DAIRY)	Sliced cucumber, sweetcorn, cheese (DAIRY)
Dessert				
Fruit	Flapjack (DAIRY, GLUTEN-WHEAT), Fruit	Greek yoghurt (DAIRY) with mango puree, Fruit	Baked vanilla sponge & custard (DAIRY, EGG, GLUTEN-WHEAT) Fruit	Fruit

All children back at school



Monday 2nd June - Friday

13th June

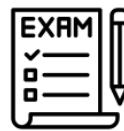
Year 6 Intensive Swimming course



Monday 3rd - Friday 7th

June

Year 4 Multiplication Check Assessment



Monday 9th - Friday 13th

June

Year 1 Phonics Screen Check



Monday 14th - Wednesday

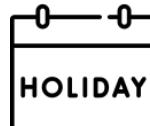
16th July

Year 6 Ufton Court Residential



Friday 18th July - tbc

Summer Holidays



Week 2 Option 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & sour (CELERI, SOY, SULPHITES) chicken noodles (EGG, GLUTEN-WHEAT)	Cheese and tomato pizza (DAIRY, GLUTEN-WHEAT) with baby potato and chive salad	Cajun chicken wrap (GLUTEN-WHEAT)	Lamb spaghetti bolognese (GLUTEN-WHEAT) served with parmesan cheese (DAIRY)	Moroccan chicken burger (GLUTEN-WHEAT) with chips
Option 2				
Sweet & sour (CELERI, SOY, SULPHITES) vegetable noodles (EGG, GLUTEN-WHEAT)	Vegetable pizza (GLUTEN-WHEAT) with baby potato and chive salad	Vegetable bean wrap (GLUTEN-WHEAT)	Vegetable & lentil ragu with spaghetti (GLUTEN-WHEAT) served with parmesan cheese (DAIRY)	Veggie tofu (SOY, GLUTEN-WHEAT) burger with chips
Salad Bar				
Cucumber and cherry tomatoes	Caesar salad (VG), beetroot	Sweetcorn, coleslaw (VG) lime, guacamole and bulgur wheat	Tomato, oregano & olive salad, cucumber	Gherkins, Lettuce, Ketchup (CELERI) mayo, grated carrot, lettuce
Dessert				
Fruit	Carrot cake (DAIRY, EGG, GLUTEN-WHEAT), Fruit VG - jelly with fruit	Greek yoghurt (DAIRY) with fresh summer berries, Fruit VG - jelly with summer berries	Chocolate sponge cake with custard (DAIRY, EGG, GLUTEN-WHEAT) Fruit VG - jelly with fruit	Fruit

Fresh bread available every day

Book Recommendation of the Week



*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 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 1 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 2 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 3 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 4 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 5 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 6 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)



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

Summer term - Week 2

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

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
Arina	Sadet	Stan	Anna	D'Neisha	Keylor	Daniel

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

EYFS: This week has been very busy as we have been joined by our new lovely new friends and they have settled in so well! Our new topic for this term is all about plants and growing- we have been smelling, tasting and planting seeds such as coriander and mint in our herb garden and also using them in our mud kitchen. We have also started to read Errol's garden and our writing focus this week has been drawing and labelling plants. In maths we have been measuring using non standardised units.	Year 1: It has been lovely to see all our friends again after the Easter break - everyone has come back refreshed and ready to settle back into routines! This week we have been discovering our new storybook "The Secret of Black Rock" and making some predictions based on clues and hints. We have worked hard in our maths this week developing our addition and subtraction fluency within 10. In History we are learning about a new historical figure called Florence Nightingale and enjoyed learning lots of facts about her! We also had loads of fun taking part in the Easter Egg hunt at school!	Year 2: We have all enjoyed being back in our classroom this week doing lots of learning and catching up after the holidays. We will be learning all about how to write persuasively this term, so we have been practising justifying our opinions and making arguments, inspired by our new book The King who Banned the Dark. We also planted some seeds which will be using to practice our observation skills in science over the summer term, we had some interesting ideas about how long it will take our sunflowers to grow from 2 days to 2 years! We have also been learning how to subtract 2 digit numbers efficiently and in RE we explored the significance of the 5 pillars of Islam for Muslims.
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Year 3: Year 3 has had a fantastic start to the term! In Maths, we've started exploring column subtraction, and Year 3 has impressed us by successfully subtracting three-digit numbers! In Writing, we've been diving into the story <i>Egyptology</i> . We'll be using this exciting text as inspiration to create our very own Egyptian mystery narratives. In Humanities, we've begun discussing Ancient Greece and are learning how their society was organised.	Year 4: Year 4 have had an amazing start to the Summer term! We have come in so calm and focused ready to learn! In maths we have been working hard on mixed number fractions and looking at the composition of them. In RE we started learning about Sikhism and how Guru Nanak founded the religion. In Science we began our unit on Sound and went on a walk around school to see if we could hear things categorise sounds by pitch and volume.	Year 5: Year 5 have had a great first week back, they have come back very enthusiastic and ready to learn! We have started our new topics within our different subjects. For writing we have used our prediction skills this week, making inferences from the illustrations from our book, to predict what it may be about. Within Maths, we are finishing our Area topic, using our prior learning and applying it to more practical mathematical problems. Within reading, year 5 have been clarifying vocabulary and retrieving information from the text. In Humanities they started looking at the Middle east, using maps and by reading historical facts about the middle east! Within Science, we looked at gravity, exploring what it is and what impact it has on planets and the sun. Year 5 have shown amazing partnership working this week as well. Well done year 5, it has been a great first week back!	
Year 6: Year 6 has had a great start to the summer term! We hit the ground running as we sat our final SATs practice papers in preparation for the official assessment starting from Monday 12th May. We launched our new writing text, 'Shakleton's Journey' and we look forward to writing an endurance narrative - showing off the great writing skills we have been practising. Towards the end of the week, we took part in an Easter Egg hunt!			

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	Kemal	Buruk	Pencil pot monitors	Aiden	Joel	Dennikye

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 13th 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?



Infinite scrolling
...you'll never get to the end



Pull to refresh
...just pull down for more content if you're bored



App notifications
...your friend has posted so you better check the app



Auto-play
...your device will press play for you



Suggested content
...the app's got your next friend or video lined up



Ellipsis
...your friend is typing so you better stay on the app



Rewards
...you better go on the app to get your daily reward



Notifications colour
...as it's in red you better open it

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).