

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 2nd May 2025



News from this week:



Goodbye Miss Martin, you have been a truly valued teacher and leader at St Matthias and we will miss you! Ms Martin is moving out of London- where we wish her every success in her new school. She is taking the summer to move into her new home and spend time with her daughter and family. We hope to hear tales of her visits to the zoo and the books she has read during this time! The children love Ms Martin and all spoke in assembly about how calm and fair she is to all. It's time for us to share this love with others! Good luck Ms Martin.

We have two new appointments in the school. We welcome Narlene, in her new role as Administration Officer. Greeting visitors, welcoming you and your children, speaking to you on the phone and helping you with all your questions. She is the first face you'll see as you enter the office!

I'd like you all to join me in congratulating Janiece who has been seconded into the role of Pastoral Manager at the school. She will be on the gate each morning and will work to support both families and children. She will be supporting the playground, ensuring behaviour expectations are maintained, running interventions and social groups and ensuring we hit all our targets around attendance. She is the perfect Pastoral Manager.

Important dates:

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



Wednesday 7th May
Year 1 Trip - Museum of Home - workshop



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



Friday 16th May
Year 5 Trip to Cardinal Pole - Maths Taster Session AM



Saturday 17th May
Hackney Run 2025!!



P.E kit

The St Matthias P.E kit is a white polo top/t-shirt. If a child wants to wear a jumper, it must be their navy St Matthias jumper. If a child wears another jumper or a hoodie to school, they will be given a school jumper to wear for the day.

More information about this can be found on our school website:

<https://www.st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk/parents/parent-information/school-uniform/>



Book Recommendation of the Week

Daniel and Jermiah (our Reading Champions) have done this week's book recommendation - ask your child about their video shared!



Our Summer Term Dinner Menu

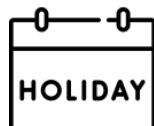
St Matthias Menu - Summer Term

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

Wednesday 21st May
Year 3 Sports Inspired Trip



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 2nd - Friday 7th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check Assessment



Tuesday 3rd June
EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Drama Workshop run by Drama4All



Wednesday 4th June
Year 3 Drama Workshop run by Hackney Shed



Week 2				
Option 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & sour (CELERY, 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				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & sour (CELERY, 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 (CELERY) 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



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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](#)

Monday 9th - Friday 13th June

June

Year 1 Phonics Screen Check



Thursday 26th June

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Tuesday 8th July

Year 6 End of Year Performance



Thursday 10th July

Sports Day AM



Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th July

Year 6 Ufton Court Residential



Thursday 17th July

Year 6 Graduation AM



Friday 18th July - tbc

Summer Holidays



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

Summer term - Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 Swimming PM	Year 4 Swimming PM	Year 6 Year 1 Year 2 Year 4 Swimming PM	Year 3 Year 4 Swimming PM	Year 5 EYFS 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
Ezrah	Zion	Kavell	Safiyah	Ja'niyah	Artem	Abigail

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

EYFS: We had a very busy week this week learning about plants and how to grow different types of plants - we have also learnt a song to help us remember the different parts of a plant. We have also been very creative, drawing and painting plants looking at a famous artist Van Gogh. In maths we have been learning numbers up to	Year 1: We have had a very jolly week in Year 1. The children have been working hard in maths where we have been learning about "teen" numbers and working out lots of problems! In writing we imagined we were on a boat on a stormy sea and wrote a setting description using new vocabulary. In music we learnt about pitch and enjoyed listening to sounds that are	Year 2: Year 1 has been enjoying all the beautiful weather we have been having, it has really helped the seeds that we planted last week to grow and we love checking on their progress each day! We have been very busy in maths this week learning all about money, on Thursday we conducted an investigation to find all the different ways we could combine coins to make 80 p, we found 10! We have also been working on
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20 and using our counting skills around the classroom!	high and low, and dancing using our best superhero moves! We also started our new RE unit learning about what it means to be a muslim and we learnt lots of new interesting facts and symbols!	writing persuasively, we are getting very confident and using conjunctions to add reasons to our arguments. Well done Year 2!	
Year 3: Year 3 have had a fantastic second week of term! In maths, we've been focusing on column subtraction, particularly the skill of exchanging. Everyone has shown great resilience and perseverance while tackling this challenging concept. In writing, we've been using the exciting book <i>Egyptology</i> as inspiration to craft our own threat narratives. The creativity and imagination on display have been impressive! In science, we've been learning to identify the parts of a plant and understand their functions. We even took a trip to Butterfield Green, where the children enthusiastically applied their knowledge to the plants around them.	Year 4: Year 4 has had a great week! We have been ready for the Suitcase Kid and are showing a deep understanding of the characters and the context of the story. In writing we have been reading 'The Journey'. We have been linking our geography knowledge on refugees to understand the true situation that our characters are going through. We have been generating some amazing vocabulary to describe the characters' emotions. Year 4 has been busy swimming everyday! They have all shown incredible resilience to their lessons and have put 100% effort into their swimming despite it sometimes being challenging! Amazing work year 4 I am so proud of you all.	Year 5: Year 5 have been working very hard this week, getting engrossed in their new text called King Kong for writing, they have made their predictions and learned more about the characters. They have used grammar features to complete tasks successfully! Within maths they used their knowledge of area and fractions, to answer word problems, showing resilience and determination throughout. Alongside this, they have really improved in their arithmetic knowledge as this has been a key focus in year 5. Within PSHE, their topic this term is relationships, they have looked at what relationships mean to them and intertwined with this, building relationships online, looking into how to keep safe online. Within RE, they built on their knowledge of Guru Nanak, working hard to summarise how he became a Guru and how it may have impacted others. Well done year 5, enjoy a well deserved bank holiday monday!	

Year 6: Year 6 worked really hard finishing off their assessments this week. We have shown a lot of resilience and determination and we prepare for our SATs. This week, we learnt lots of new words related to our writing text; Shackleton's Journey. We continued to practise our SPaG skill and developed our reading fluency.

School value in focus this week **Resilience**:

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 **resilience** are:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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OT drop-in at Hackney Playbus

Do you have any concerns or questions about your child's development?

Occupational Therapy (OT) can support with self-care skills (toileting, dressing, selective eating), early education skills (drawing, accessing sensory and learning environment), and play skills (using hands, interest in toys and different types of play).



OT can also support with advice around keeping your child safe at home including accessing the kitchen, opening windows and the front door.



An OT will be joining Hackney Playbus at different locations throughout the year to meet parents and answer any questions you may have so please say hi if you see us!



Upcoming dates:

- Weds 2nd April 10am-12pm - Gilpin Square, E5 0HL
- Weds 16th April 1-3pm – Shoreditch Park, N1 5EF
- Mon 19th May 1-3pm – Rowley Gardens, Woodberry Down, N4 1HH
- Weds 2nd July 1-3pm – Shoreditch Park, N1 5EF
- Weds 16th July 10am-12pm – Gilpin Square, E5 0HL

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

[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

[Educational Psychology Parent Advice Sessions](#)

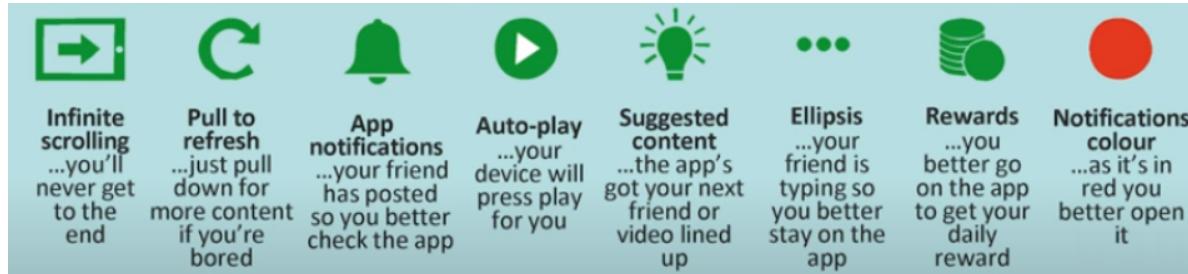
The Parent Advice Sessions are open to all children and families living in Hackney including those children not yet in school, children who are out of school, children who live in Hackney and attend school in other boroughs

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 Cherid).

