

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 9th May
2025



News from this week:

Important Information - Hackney Run 2025



If you/your child have been signed up for the Hackney Run Schools Challenge, you must meet in Hackney Marshes on Saturday 17th May. A text has been sent to all of the parents/carers who requested a space. The t-shirts for the event will be delivered next week and be given out. This is what you/your child will wear on race day.

Registration is between 9-9:30 and your child needs to have signed in within this time.

The race will start at 10am; the event organisers have said that they are going to start promptly this year and anyone who has not registered on the day between 9-9:30 will not be able to take part, so don't be late!

Everyone taking part from St Matthias will meet together at a meeting point at the event.

More information will be available nearer the time about this.

Every child taking part needs to have an adult present at the event.

Some parents have signed up to join the race too which is fantastic!

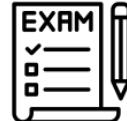
We look forward to this exciting event!

Important dates:

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 kits

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. This will be returned at the end of the day.

Parents will be contacted if their child has the incorrect uniform. So that we can ensure that this is addressed.

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

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



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](#)

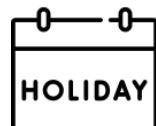
[Year 5 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 6 Summer 1 Curriculum Overview](#)

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



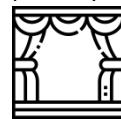
Monday 2nd June - Friday 13th June
Year 6 Intensive Swimming course



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



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



Thursday 26th June
Summer Fayre



Physical Education

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

Summer term - Week 3

Changes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Year 5	Year 1 Year 2	Year 3	Year 6 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
Maasaii	Phebe	Jaidayal	Iqra	Mariam	Lachlan	Cavai

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

EYFS:
We have had a busy week this week! We have been making cress sandwiches and writing instructions on how. We have also started a new book called the extraordinary Gardner and the magnificent things he can grow! In maths we have been counting forwards and backwards from 20 and

Year 1:
We have had an extremely fun and busy week in Year 1. We enjoyed a lovely trip to the Museum of the Home where we learnt about homes from the past, women's changing roles in society and created collages about issues that are important to us. We also enjoyed a workshop on dental hygiene and learnt lots of

Year 2:
Year 2 have shown so much resilience and focus this week - well done to everyone!
We began looking at fractions for the first time this week and we were very confident with identifying equal and non equal groups. We also investigated what halves, thirds and quarters of shapes look like.
We have also been refining our plants for our persuasive letters in

Tuesday 8th July

Year 6 End of Year Performance



Year 6 Prom

Thursday 10th July
Sports Day AM



Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th July

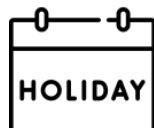
Year 6 Ufton Court Residential



Thursday 17th July
Year 6 Graduation AM



Friday 18th July - tbc
Summer Holidays



<p>practising our number formation. We have also been working really hard with our drawing and sentence writing so please practise with your children at home.</p>	<p>interesting hints and tips on keeping our teeth clean and shiny. In maths we have been developing our understanding of teen numbers and how to problem solve within them. In writing we have started to write our narrative of The Secret of Black Rock. We also discussed what makes a good friend in our PSHE circle time and came up with lots of great ideas. Good job Year 1!</p>	<p>writing, thinking of robust reasons why the King in our book should not ban the dark. We were also lucky enough to take part in a workshop this week which was all about personal hygiene, we had lots of questions for Sophie our facilitator and also shared lots of thoughts about why keeping our bodies clean is so important.</p>	
<p>Year 3: This week, Year 3 have continued to focus on fractions, deepening their understanding of the difference between parts and wholes. In History, we've been exploring Ancient Greece, with a particular focus on the 12 gods and goddesses. To further their understanding, the children conducted research into their chosen god or goddess. In Science, we've set up an exciting observation to help us investigate the question: <i>"How is water transported in plants?"</i> Be sure to head over to Class Dojo to see what we've been up to. Fantastic work, Year 3!</p>	<p>Year 4: Year 4 have been working very hard this week. We have been continuing our swimming for our final week. Everyone has shown such resilience and confidence in the water. On Thursday we got to swim with clothes on to test our survival skills! In reading we have continued looking at The Suitcase Kid and analysing the text to understand more about the characters. In writing we have been planning our refugee narrative. We have been building vocabulary and exploring how the characters would be feeling in the situation they are in.</p>	<p>Year 5: Year 5 have been working hard this week in all of their subjects. Showing great enthusiasm whilst learning more about the characters in their writing text King Kong, which allowed them to write a character description about their chosen creature. Within maths we have started multiplying using decimal numbers and using units of measure which was quite tricky, but year 5 showed great determination. Within reading year 5 wrapped up their book and found out the end of the story, some were happily surprised! Within PSHE, they received a lovely workshop from young Hackney about hygiene, learning about the different ways of keeping themselves and their body clean and healthy. Within science, they learnt more about space, exploring night and day and why we have seasons! Within humanities year 5, learnt more about the Middle East! Well done for another hard working week year 5!</p>	

Year 6: Year 6 has had a very busy week as we prepared for our SATs. We have worked incredibly hard, and are now ready for success! We practised word classes in Spag, calculating percentages in maths and vocabulary in reading. We look forward to the challenge ahead and we are really proud of the progress we have made. We look forward to celebrating our success with lots of fun activities in the Summer 2 term.

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

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 **kindness** are:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emerald	Maison	Aishat	Cavalli	Elif	Artem	Jeremiah



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).