

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 16th May

2025



News from this week:

Huge congratulations to Year 6 who have now completed their SATs assessments. This week they completed a spelling paper, a grammar paper, a lengthy reading paper and three maths papers! They kept their cool and showed their fabulous knowledge and skills. We are so proud of all the work they have done and how they have performed this week. Well done year 6 and the whole team who have supported them this year. You are fabulous!



St Matthias will be taking part in the 2025 walking to school challenge week
Monday 19th-Friday 23rd May!

Families are encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scooter or 'Park and Stride' for the whole week to see the big differences that come from small steps, from healthier and happier children to fewer cars outside the school gates. This year's challenge, The Great Space Walk, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various colourful intergalactic friends along the way, pupils will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the planet!

Daily stickers and an extra special reward are up for grabs at the end of the week for those who travelled actively every day!

Important dates:

Saturday 17th May
Hackney Run 2025!!



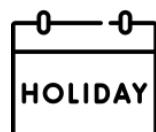
Wednesday 19th-Friday
23rd May
Walk to School Week 2025



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





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 have been 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!

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](#)



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

Summer term - Week 4

Changes

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

Hot chocolate Friday!

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

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



Tuesday 22nd June

St Matthias Hispanic Day



Thursday 26th June

Summer Fayre



Tuesday 8th July

Year 6 End of Year Performance



EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Liya	Kamirah	Ryaan	Selasi	Steven	Alberta	Lewis



Wednesday 9th July

Year 6 Prom



Thursday 10th July

Sports Day AM



Monday 14th - Wednesday

16th July

Year 6 Ufton Court
Residential



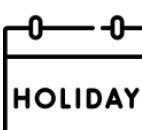
Thursday 17th July

Year 6 Graduation AM



Friday 18th July - tbc

Summer Holidays



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

EYFS: This week in EYFS, the children have enjoyed exploring The Extraordinary Gardener, focusing on sentence writing and using their phonics skills. In maths, they worked on number bonds to 5 through fun, practical activities. They also designed their own bug hotels and loved observing Steve's caterpillars. It's been a fantastic week of learning and discovery!

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 2 has had such an amazing week of learning. We have really been showing so much focus and resilience this half term and it is a joy to see.

In writing this week, we have been writing letters to persuade the King in our story not to ban the dark and there have been some very impassioned arguments.

We learned about the first female cosmonaut, Valentine Tereshkova in humanities and write a fact file about her life.

We have also been observing and documenting the changes in our sunflower plants which have had a growth spurt with all the lovely warm weather!

Year 3:

This week, Year 3 have been diving into *unit fractions*, learning how to accurately use notation to describe equal parts of a whole. The students have shown great focus and mathematical thinking as they explored this important concept.

In writing, we proudly completed and published our *mystery narratives*! Every student put in tremendous effort, and I couldn't be prouder of their creativity, perseverance, and storytelling skills. They truly gave it their best.

Year 4:

We have had another great week in Year 4. In reading we came to the end of our book the Suitcase Kid and wrote a book review of our favourite parts. In maths we have been working hard at placing mixed fractions on a linear system and adding mixed fractions together. In Science we have continued our learning on sound, we made phones out of cups and string and discovered how the vibrations allows us to hear. In writing we have been so enthusiastic about writing our refugee narrative and have produced some lengthy, powerful stories.

Year 5:

This week Year 5 have been applying their knowledge to all aspects of their learning! Within maths they worked really hard in multiplying decimals, using their knowledge of tenths and hundredths. They found this a little tricky, but used their resilience to tackle the problems! Within writing, year 5 started writing their big write, using their plans to write a dilemma narrative based on two characters and their chosen creature. Within reading they have been learning about the author Floella Benjamin, answering comprehension questions and using their inference skills. Well done year 5 for your hard work this week!

<p>Year 6: Year 6 had a very successful week, displaying resilience and determination as they did their SATs. They worked incredibly and to prepare themselves and it is clear that their hard work has definitely paid off. We celebrated our hard work with a visit to a local park where we played sports and shared snacks.</p>			

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

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
Maliah	Jasmyne	Kavell	Lais	Harry	Keylor	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

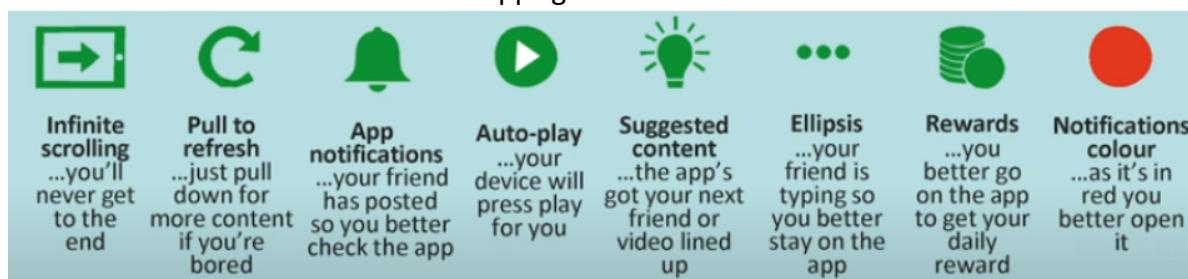
The Parent Advice Sessions are open to all children and families living in Hackney including those children not yet in school, children who are out of school, children who live in Hackney and attend school in other boroughs

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).