

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

My Identity



Know who they are

My World



Ask questions about the world around them

My Voice



Use their voices to make a difference

My Future



Aspire to greatness

Friday 23rd May
2025



News from this week:

We have reached the end of Summer1- and what a term it has been. We continue to welcome new children to the school from those schools around us that are closing. We are always so proud of how welcoming your children are and how quickly our new starters settle in. Summer 2 is a busy half term- please check the events we have planned. We continue to be rigorous when it comes to punctuality- with school gates opening at 8:30am. We are starting to develop a play strategy for the playground which will launch in September- lots more games and activities to keep the children active and creative! Have a good half term- spending time with loved ones, reading at home and hopefully getting outside in the sun. We will see you back in school on Monday 2nd June.



There was such a FANTASTIC turnout for this year's Hackney Run School Challenge! St Matthias were well represented; it was wonderful to see some many families there enjoying the event.



Important dates:

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th
May**

Half Term Holidays



Monday 2nd June

Start of Summer 2

All children back at school



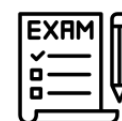
**Monday 2nd June - Friday
13th June**

Year 6 Intensive Swimming
course



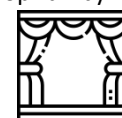
**Monday 2nd - Friday 7th
June**

Year 4 Multiplication Check
Assessment



Tuesday 3rd June

EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Drama
Workshop run by Drama4All



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](#)



Physical Education

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

Summer term - Week 5

Changes

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

Hot chocolate Friday!

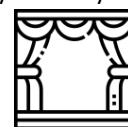
Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.



EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Izrail	Valentina	Archibald	Rome	Steven	Joel	Saron

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



Wednesday 9th July

Year 6 Prom



Thursday 10th July

Sports Day AM



Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th July

Year 6 Ufton Court Residential

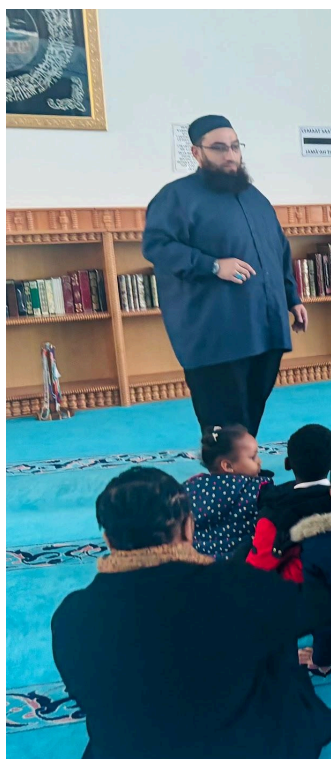


News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?

EYFS: Reception went on an amazing class trip to the mosque this week.

We looked at the beautiful mosaics, the golden domes and the hand drawn geometric art inside. The imam took us on a tour and gave us lots of fun facts.

We then went on a mosque treasure hunt to see if we can identify the important parts that are different to a church.



Year 1:

We had a lovely last week at school. In maths we consolidated our knowledge of teen numbers and the children have really impressed us with their efforts! In RE we listened to lots of stories from the Muslim faith and enjoyed talking about our favourite parts of the story of Mohammed the Prophet. In computing we had a great day learning about and practising using the keyboard! We really enjoyed typing different letters, our names and typing up our own sentences. Well done Year 1!

Year 2:

Year 2 have shown great focus and care when publishing their writing this week and they have written some very persuasive letters! We spent a lot of time outdoors this week in science, first we classified different plants and trees in the wellbeing garden then we potted on our sunflowers that have grown so much they needed bigger pots! We learnt more about the holy month of Ramadan in RE and why fasting is important to Muslims and we finished the week by designing and sewing our own pouches and making digital music in computing! Well done Year 2 for working so hard this half term, enjoy your break!

Year 3:

Year 3 have had an amazing week! The highlight was a sports-inspired trip where the children had the opportunity to try their hand at a variety of activities, including boxing, dance, cricket, netball, and wheelchair basketball. I was incredibly proud of each and every one of them, they showed an outstanding level of resilience and positive team spirit throughout the day. We also enjoyed a

Year 4:

Year 4 have had a great final week of the half term. In Writing we have been so enthusiastic about publishing our refugee narratives and have written some fantastic stories! In maths we have been working hard solving improper fraction problems and converting them into mixed numbers. In RE we have watched scenes from a Sikh wedding and imagined what it would be like to be a guest there. In Reading, we have

Year 5:

This week year 5 have really showed great dedication to their learning. Within maths, they worked extremely well with their partner to solve problems relating to tenths and hundredths. Alongside this within writing they finished their dilemma narrative, using amazing sentence accuracy and incredible description. Within reading, we have continued reading about Floella Benjamin, year 5 have been really enjoying discussing what they already know about the windrush generation, making predictions about the text.

Thursday 17th July
Year 6 Graduation AM



Friday 18th July - tbc
Summer Holidays



fantastic Computing Day focused on <i>Creating Media through Desktop Publishing</i> . The children explored how to design and format content using digital tools, demonstrating creativity and curiosity in every task. Well done, Year 3, what a brilliant week!	been looking at poems from Please Mrs Butler, and discussing the similarities and differences from schools 25 years ago. Well done for all your hard work this half term!	Within science, year 5 engaged in a fun experiment in relation to shadows to see any correlations between the time of day and the length of our shadows, linking this to what we know about day and night! Well done year 5 for working hard this week, Miss Paul is very proud of your hard work. Have a lovely half term!	
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Year 6: It has been a really exciting week for year 6. We started practising for our end of year performance; Bussy Malone. We also carried out a science experiment exploring the function of the human heart. We made models of the heart to represent its structure and shape. In writing, we continued our endurance narrative, based on the book; Shkelton's Journey.

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

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 **service** are:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Maasai	Keanna	Femi and Ryaan	Khloe, Khalid and Selasi	Joellianna	Kemari	JJ








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MULTI SPORTS CAMP 2025

AGES 5-11

MAY

TUESDAY 27TH MAY - FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025

SUMMER

MONDAY 28TH JULY 2025 - FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 2025

9AM - 4:30PM

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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!

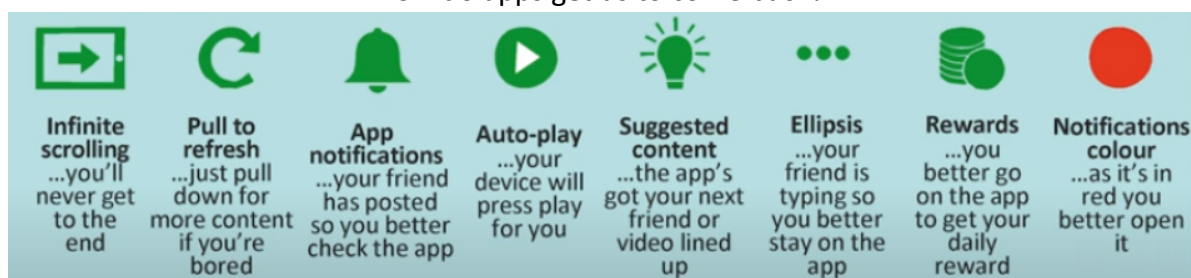


Upcoming dates:

- 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

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).