

# St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th July  
2025



## News from this week:

**Wow! What a week- this week we have celebrated St Matthias' best SATs results ever- with a combined score of 80% compared to the national average of 61%. We are particularly pleased with our 95% score in reading.**

**Year 6 put on a production of Bugsy Malone and we saw them celebrate their success with a prom after school- lots of food, games, music and fancy outfits!**

**Thursday topped off a week of events with an amazing turn out from parents at sports day. Thank you so much for aiming along and supporting. Especially those parents who ran at the end! The children had a blast, and you will be unsurprised to hear, had a very quiet afternoon. One more week of school with collection at 14:00 next Friday.**



## Important dates:

**Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th July  
Year 6 Ufton Court Residential**



**Thursday 17th July  
Year 6 Graduation AM**



**Friday 18th July - tbc  
Summer Holidays**





Year 6 Production



The Year 6 Production of Bugsy Malone was absolutely FABULOUS!

Year 6 worked incredibly hard to put on a spectacular performance for our school. Bugsy

Malone is about friendships, conflict and resolution and the key message behind the performance is the importance of forgiveness which aligned perfectly well with our school values. We were determined to learn, by heart, the many lines in this play and even created our own artwork for a fully immersive performance.

**Have a look at the St Matthias website and see what each class is learning about this half term!**

[EYFS Summer 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 1 Summer 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 2 Summer 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 3 Summer 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 4 Summer 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 5 Summer 2 Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 6 Summer 2 Curriculum Overview](#)



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

### **Summer Term Changes**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year 6  Year 2 Year 1	Year 4  Year 3	Year 5  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
Ezrah	Huzaifa	Noah	Crystal	Amaya	Artem	Zayn

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

<b>EYFS:</b>  It's been a busy and emotional week in EYFS! We said a fond goodbye to Miss Reynar and wished her all the best. On Wednesday, the children had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. In class, we've been learning all about summer and the importance of keeping our oceans clean. We've also been focusing on transitions into Year 1, helping the children prepare for their next adventure and starting to say our goodbyes as the year comes to a close.	<b>Year 1:</b>  What a busy but lovely week we've had in Year 1. We have focused on learning about time in Maths using clocks. We have learnt how to tell the time on the hour and half past the hour - so please help us practise at home! Midweek we enjoyed watching the Year 6 dress rehearsal of Bugsy Malone which made us laugh A LOT. We also had a great sports day and all the children really enjoyed taking part and trying their best! In writing we have been practising lots of patterns to develop our pencil grip, and we have also practised using rulers to get us ready for underlining the date in Year 2. We are all set to enjoy our final week of Year 1 next week!	<b>Year 2:</b>  Year 2 have had so much fun this week and have been doing lots of learning. We spent time learning about the culture and music of Jamaica and even used traditional instruments to explore Mento folk music. We have also been practicing writing in the present tense so we can begin to write a set of instructions. WE have also been spending a lot of time learning to tell the time in 5 minute intervals. We were delighted to discover that our knowledge of the 5 times table comes in very handy when doing this! Finally we all showed great resilience and collaboration at sports day on Thursday which was such great fun! Well done Year 2!
<b>Year 3:</b>  Year 3 has had another fantastic week! We have started our new topic in maths - time, with a special focus on the position/importance of the minute hand. Year 3 launched a successful sustainability project focused on litter picking around the school grounds. The children showed great care and responsibility in helping keep	<b>Year 4:</b>  Year 4 has had a fantastic week! We completed some amazing writing assessments, showcasing our writing skills and all we have learnt this year. In humanities we have learnt the importance of a circular economy and why recycling our waste will help our world. We made some fantastic compost bottles to save our planet! We had an amazing sports day! We were filled with team	<b>Year 5:</b>  This week, year 5 has worked extremely hard and even though we are coming to the end of the academic year, they are still showing such amazing learning behaviours and they are definitely ready for year 6! We enjoyed sports day this week, they worked beautifully with their teams and had such a great time! Within maths they continued working on equivalent fractions, getting ready for year 6! Within writing they wrote amazing setting poems based on our text, showing great enthusiasm for writing lessons this week. In RE year 5 researched about different places of

our environment clean. In addition, year3 had an incredible sports day filled with resilience, kindness and collaboration. Well done Year 3!

spirit and support for all members of the class and the rest of the school! Well done year 4

worship within the borough, getting ready for their presentation next lesson. Well done year 5, I am very proud of all the determination you have shown this week!

**Year 6:** What a spectacular and eventful week we have had. As we approach the end of the year, we showcased our fantastic talent with our performance of Bugsy Malone. We celebrated midweek with our prom which was amazing fun. We were delighted to receive our end of KS2 SATs results- with 80% of us meeting the expected standard in reading, writing AND maths. This is a true testament to our hard work and we are incredibly proud of ourselves.

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
Marcus	Keanna	Stan	Lais	Nayala	Winley	Olamide



## **Non-Violence Resistance Parenting Programme (NVR) - STARTS SEPTEMBER 26**

Starting Date: 26th of September 2025

### **About the Programme**

This Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) programme is designed specifically for parents from the African Caribbean Heritage Community (ACH) whose children (aged 9-18) may be facing emotional wellbeing or behavioural challenges at home or at school. The programme runs over 12 weeks, with topics including:

- De-escalation strategies
- Strengthening parental presence
- Reconciliation gestures
- Understanding trauma for both parents and children

### **What is NVR?**

NVR is an evidence-based approach that helps parents and carers develop strategies to manage their children's challenging behaviours, while also building or rebuilding positive relationships with them.

### **Criteria to Join**

This programme is open to parents from the African Caribbean Heritage Community (ACH) and other parents from different backgrounds who live in City and Hackney. Children must be aged 9 years and above.

To participate, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Hackney or the City
- Have a child who is a resident or attends a school in Hackney or the City
- Work in Hackney or the City

### **Unsure about commitment?**

Join us on for a tastier class on September 19th at 10am -12pm at:

The Print House, 18

Ashwin Street, London, E8 3DL

Register here for the taster class:

<https://bit.ly/4novaAe>

For further information on the full course starting in September 26th 2025, please contact us at [hamdi.a@acschool.org.uk](mailto:hamdi.a@acschool.org.uk) or call 07484356541.

## **Click this link to book onto the course!**

### **Summer Offers for Young People, Parents & Carers**

#### **Parent Summer Group: Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries**

A free 5-week support group for parents of children aged 5–12 experiencing anxiety. Sessions are based on CBT strategies to help parents support their child's wellbeing.

21st, 28th July; 4th, 11th, 25th August | 10:00–12:00

15 Homerton Row & MS Teams | please share with parents [[Poster](#)]

[[Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries – Eventbrite](#)]

#### **Walk & Talk: Family Coach Session**

15th July | 11:00–12:30 | Hackney Mosaic Project

For parents of children with SEND (no diagnosis needed).

[familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk) | [[Flyer link](#)]

#### **Mind the Gap Drop-in Group**

For autistic young people (ages 12–18) | Hackney Ark | Monthly

[huh-tr.mindthegap@nhs.net](mailto:huh-tr.mindthegap@nhs.net) [[Poster](#)]

#### **FREE 3-Day Summer School: Breakin' Convention**

Know any young people aged 15–17 with a passion for creativity, performance, or trying something new this summer?

3 days of workshops, movement, and creative expression led by professionals. It's completely free to attend!

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th July 2025

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

To apply, young people just need to complete this short form:

[East Summer School Registration Form](#)

Or visit the full info page here: [Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – Summer School](#)

#### **4 U BY U – Youth-Led Summer Experience (Ages 11–17)**

Monday 28th July – Friday 22nd August

Gainsborough Playing Fields & Here East, East London

A unique summer programme where young people take the lead. This youth-designed experience allows participants to shape their own daily activities based on their passions and interests.

Whether its sports, digital storytelling, green skills, or creative arts, each day offers something new—designed *by young people, for young people*. The programme builds confidence, leadership, creativity, and a strong sense of ownership in a safe and supportive environment.

Highlights include:

- Sports and physical activity sessions
- Digital skills workshops (e.g. video editing, podcasting)
- Urban gardening and sustainability projects
- Opportunities to lead, plan and evaluate sessions
- Positive role models and staff guidance

To sign up or enquire: [kevin.i@thebaduway.com](mailto:kevin.i@thebaduway.com)

## Multi-Sports Holiday Camp (Ages 5–11)

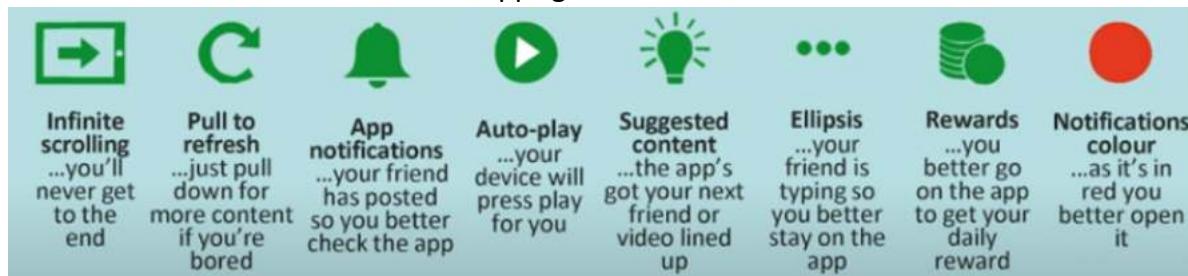
BADU's popular holiday camp is back—blending fun, learning and discovery. Perfect for younger children, the camp offers a wide variety of activities to keep minds and bodies active during the school break.

Led by experienced educators and coaches, each session promotes confidence, wellbeing, teamwork, and a sense of adventure.

[Register here](#) Weekly from 28th July – 18th August | Gainsborough Primary School, Hackney

### Tip for keeping pupils safe online (taken from [saferinternet.org.uk](http://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 Chered).