

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

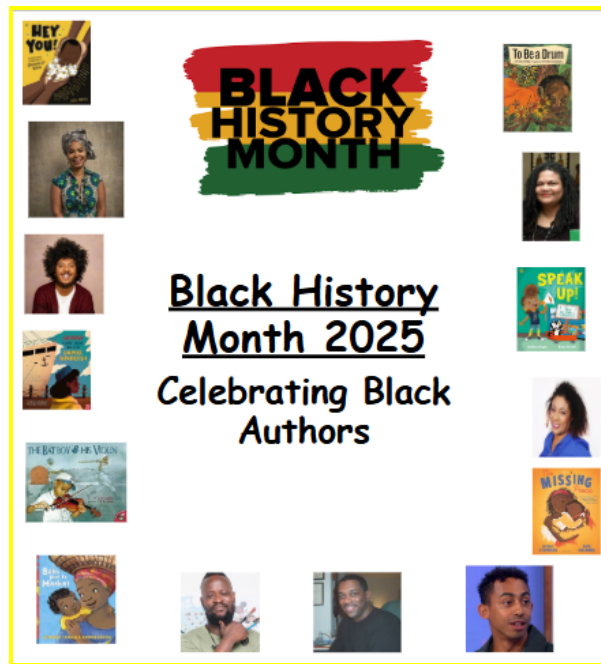
Friday 24th October
2025



News from this week: **(please scroll all the way to the bottom!)**

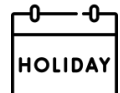


St Matthias Black History Month Event



Important dates:

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October
Half Term Holiday



Monday 3rd November
INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November
Start of Autumn 2 Term
ALL CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL!

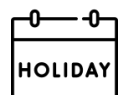


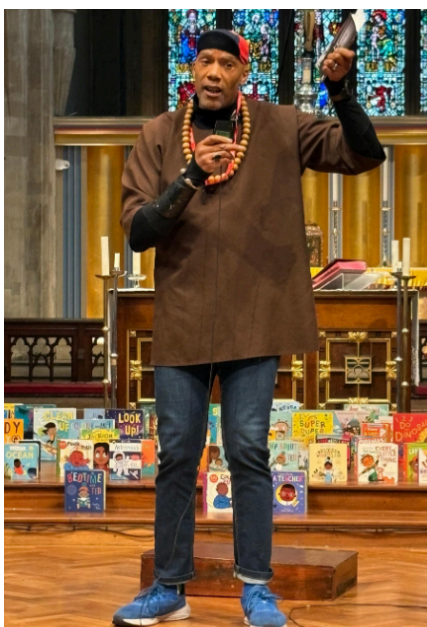
Tuesday 4th November
Individual and Sibling photos

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE WEARING CORRECT UNIFORM



Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Christmas Holidays





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

[EYFS Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 1 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 2 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 3 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 4 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 5 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 6 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)



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

Autumn 2 P.E Days fro

Autumn 2 P.E Days from W2 - w.c. 10.11.25 - some classes P.E days have changed for the next half term. Please see below:

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

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

<p>EYFS: Reception! We loved celebrating Diwali by creating beautiful rangoli patterns, decorating with henna designs, making firework paintings, tasting delicious Indian sweets, and even learning some lively Indian dances. In Literacy, we have been working hard on writing CVC words and have even started to put together our own sentences — we are so proud of everyone’s progress! In RE, we have been thinking about what it means to be thankful, and the children wrote lovely thank-you cards to Father David to show their appreciation. What a fantastic week of learning and celebration!</p>		<p>Year 1: Year 1 had a wonderfully busy final week of the term! Not only did they write outstanding self-affirmation poems as part of their Black History Month project, but they also had a fantastic time exploring the work of this term’s featured artist, Joan Miró, during Art Day. After studying and discussing a range of his pieces, the children created their own imaginative artworks — and wow, we certainly have some talented artists in Year 1! They also enjoyed Computing Day, where they learned about technology, its responsible use, and how to confidently operate a laptop.</p>	
<p>Year 2: We have been consolidating lots of learning this week in our foundation subjects, testing what we have learned over this half term. We have also been learning how to edit and improve our work in writing and practising solving word problems in maths. We have had such a wonderful first half term together filled with great experiences - from our fabulous writing to our trip to the Tower of London, Year 2 have shown so much progress! Enjoy your break!</p>	<p>Year 3: This week, Year 3 took part in an incredible Art Day inspired by Makeda Bizuneh. The children created their own beautiful cityscape paintings, showcasing their creativity and attention to detail — head over to Class Dojo to see their amazing work!</p> <p>In Humanities, we have been learning all about the Bronze Age and exploring how it began. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered how early humans used new materials and technologies to shape their world.</p>	<p>Year 4: Year 4 had a fantastic time celebrating Black History Month in our showcase. We were very proud of our poems that we made! In writing we have completed our assessment using a newspaper report and are very pleased with our outcomes. In maths we have been using rounding to find numbers to the nearest 1000. In humanities, we have been thinking about how the Romans could have changed Britain for the better. We also had our art day where we looked at Nigel Peake’s work and created our own skyline using line patterns.</p>	
<p>Year 5 Faith: Year 5 have enjoyed art day this week, in which they used many different techniques to create their own futuristic building! Within computing, they enjoyed a day of looking at different systems and how they work, working with their partner to create a system for a talking teddy bear! Within maths year 5 used their knowledge of operations to answer word problems, looking at the key information to help them work out the problem! In their writing lessons, they finished their last writing outcome and assessment and produced amazing mission logs. I have been very proud of year 5 this week, they have earned a well deserved break!</p>	<p>Year 5 Hope: Many things have been happening in Hope class this week! It has been a week of creativity and great focus! We have finally completed our report logs in our writing and have also continued to explore decimals (with a focus on thousandths) in maths. Thursday was art day and our focus was drawing. The artist/architect who we learned about was Zaha Hadid. We explored different drawing techniques such as, 1 point perspective drawing, hatching and shading and explored the purpose of these different techniques. The day ended with the children designing their dream homes/ futuristic schools. It has been a fantastic first half term involving a lot of hard work. Well done Hope Class! I wish you all a restful break!</p>	<p>Year 6: This week, Year 6 celebrated Black History Month with enthusiasm and creativity. The children performed powerful poems celebrating Black voices and created vibrant artwork inspired by the artist Chris Ofili. In English, we continued reading our class novel Wonder, discussing its important messages about kindness and empathy. In maths, we focused on developing our multiplication skills and strategies to solve more complex problems. As we reach the end of the half term, we’re proud of the effort and teamwork Year 6 have shown.</p>	
<p>Hot chocolate Friday!</p>			

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



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Amaya	Abigael	Zion	Seline	Amina	Eliza	Shanika	Israel

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:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Elira	Kiara	Janiah-Rose	Sally	Sydney	A'Meirah	Asmin	Luna

Hackney Local Offer

We know navigating the Hackney system can be really tricky so Hackney have created a padlet that includes everything you may need.

We are very lucky to have a rich Local Offer but there are many things we don't know about so be sure to discover:

<https://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/kb5/hackney/localoffer/family.page?familychannel=0>

What are you looking for today?



[Help with searching](#)

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Family Information Service

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Help and advice

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Childcare and Early Years



Education



Parenting and Family Support



Health and Wellbeing



Young People



Financial support and Housing Options



Training, Employment and Volunteering

<https://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/kb5/hackney/localoffer/localoffer.page?newlocalofferchannel=0>

[Home](#) > [SEND Local Offer](#)

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What's on?

Help and advice

You said - We did

Local authorities have a statutory duty to provide, in one place, a description of their offer of support for local families with children and young people who are 0-25 years of age and have SEND (special educational needs and or disabilities). The purpose of the Local Offer duty is to:

- Provide clear, comprehensive, accessible, up-to-date information about available provision and how to access it.
- Make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by involving disabled young people, their parents, and local service providers in developing and reviewing what is available.

Hackney's SEND Local Offer to families is made up of support from partners across Education, Health, Social Care, and Leisure Services. It includes registered specialist charities, and community and voluntary services where appropriate to the 0-25 cohort with SEND. Our Local Offer website is where we share with families and partners, information from these services about their support, processes, and opportunities.

Use the category search buttons below, key words, or '[Contact Us](#)' if you need help finding information.

[View all services](#)



Childcare and Early Years



Education



Family Support and Social Care

<https://hspcf.org/>

WELCOME TO Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum (HSPCF)

The forum enables parents and carers of children (0-25yrs) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to work in collaboration with local decision makers, communicating their views and experiences and helping to shape local services.

[@ Join Us](#)

Parent Wellness Course Being, Mindful & Kindful to Yourself

10th Oct to 21st Nov 2025 every Friday 10 - 12 pm
at Rushmore Primary School in the Music Room

6-week course run by Dr Su Batuwitage Psychologist

This wellness group is for parents/carers who would like a nurturing space for their wellbeing and to develop a practice of mindfulness and compassion to support them with caring for themselves and their families

This group is designed to help you to develop your own self-care practice, to make time for yourself and to meet other parents/carers who also want a space to recuperate and rest



Use the QR code or the weblink to access the

[Eventbrite page to register for this course:](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-wellness-course-being-mindful-kindful-to-yourself-autumn-2025-tickets-1587973472348?aff=socialcreator>

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Contact Ms Cherid for sign up
information!

Children &
Family Hubs
Partnerships



Support your child's early language development

The Peep Learning Together Programme



For parents, carers
and children
aged
2-4 years old

St Matthias
Community
Room

Starting November
Thursday
8:45 - 10:00

Working for every child

peep supporting parents and
children to learn together

Helping Your Child With Fears and Worries

Supportive Group for Parents & Carers of Anxious Children (Ages 5–12)

Date and time

November 7 · 9:15am - December 12 · 10:30am GMT

Location

Children & Young People's Centre

15 Homerton Row London E9 6ET

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-your-child-with-fears-and-worries-tickets-1757634525179?aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail&ref=email&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_content=notification&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite

Foundations for Positive Parenting - using Incredible Years principles

Join our group to share your experiences in parenting and what is going well.

For parents of children aged 5 – 7 years.



Join our supportive group to share your experiences in managing behaviours that challenge. For parents of children aged 5-7 years.

Date and time

November 7 · 9:15am - December 19 · 10:30am GMT

Location

John Scott Health Centre

220 Green Lanes London N4 2NU

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foundations-of-positive-parenting-tickets-1757658326369?aff=ebemnsebconsumeremail&lid=51fdn9qrzfqr&utm_campaign=clab_coex_lcm_dss_na_mc_mum_0_0_followroundup&utm_term=GB-London-organizer.addl listings-Priority-listing.organizer&utm_content=b0a269ce-0ebd-47f3-adec-c100b5255492_68ed4e2007f64c2426812e1a3c96f0da_a9bb9a44-b472-4b39-a371-9874028bd571_e3fc8e93-385e-47cc-a4e8-b3fe8b4d0e58&utm_source=braze&utm_medium=ebml



Yoga Home - FREE Classes for Parents and Carers

Service details

Yoga Home is a registered charity and community studio offering a wide range of yoga, Pilates, and movement classes, along with therapeutic massage and a cafe.

As we are a charity, proceeds from our paid classes and services fund free yoga and movement programs for schools and groups within Hackney who would benefit from this opportunity.

About these sessions.

Yogahome is delighted to offer a free weekly yoga class specially designed for parents and carers of children with SEND.

No need to bring anything, just come wear comfortable clothes. You can just turn up!

Each hour-long weekly session will include gentle movement to strengthen and stretch, and guided relaxation to deeply soothe and release tension and stress.

We hope you can join us for this free session.

When?

Every Wednesday 10 am to 11 am

No class during half terms and school holidays.

[Check school holiday dates here.](#)

Where?

Yogahome, 14 Allen Road, Hackney, N16 8SD.

Further information

If you have any questions please call us on 020 7249 2425 or email Shira: shira@yogahome.com

Hackney SENDIAGS Drop-in Sessions Fortnightly on a Tuesday from 10am - 2pm Autumn Term 2025

Hackney SEND Information, Advice and Guidance Service (SENDIAGS) is an arm's length service providing impartial and confidential information, advice and support to parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and young people and children with SEND.

Do you need help, for example, to:

- prepare for a school meeting in order to effectively share your views, wishes and feelings in any discussions
- know what questions to ask when visiting a school for a tour
- make sure that your child's needs are being met at school, college or nursery
- think about your contribution to an assessment
- go through your EHC needs assessment request
- go through your draft EHC Plan
- Prepare for an Annual Review meeting and make sure your views are included

Attend one of our 20 minutes' drop-in appointments where you can discuss further and receive information, advice, support and guidance from one of our advisers.

**30.09.25, 14.10.25, 28.10.25,
11.11.25, 25.11.25, 09.12.25**

Ann Tayler Children & Family Hub
1-13 Triangle Road
London Fields, Hackney, London
E8 3RP

For any more information please contact:
Hackney SENDIAGS

SENDIAGS@hackney.gov.uk
0207 275 6036



Working for every child



Parent Empowerment Groups

Every group has 10 spaces available to parents that have a child with an identified special educational need or disability that live in Hackney or have a child in a Hackney school.

No formal diagnosis or education health care plan is necessary.

We ask that you commit to attending all sessions as parents report consistency helps to build community connection and problem solving.

To express your interest in attending the group please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Please include the group you'd like to attend and the school your child attends in the email.

Building a toolbox for parental wellbeing

Starting Monday 10 of November 1 to 3 pm at Daubeney Children's Centre, Daubeney Rd, London E5 0EG

- Monday 10 of November - What's already in your wellbeing toolbox?
 - Monday 17 of November - Bringing awareness to your strengths
 - Monday 24 of November - Catching unhelpful thoughts
 - Monday 1 of December - Finding a moment for you
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Creating a sleep routine that works for you and your family

Starting Tuesday 11 of November 9 am to 10:30am at Holy Trinity Primary School, Beechwood Rd, London E8 3DY

- Tuesday 11 of November - An Introduction to sleep
 - Tuesday 18 of November - Before bedtime (transitions and routines)
 - Tuesday 25 of November - Before bedtime (calming activities and screen time)
 - Tuesday 2 of December - Thinking about the bedroom environment
 - Tuesday 9 of December - How to settle if your child wakes-up.
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Winter Wellbeing Walks

Opportunities to take a moment for yourself, meet with other parents of children with SEND and walk together. All walks meet at Hackney Service Center behind the Town Hall on Mare Street.

To express interest in attending the walks please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk telling us the walk/walks you'd like to attend and your child's school.

Friday 14th of November 10-11am - A walk to notice

Friday 28th of November 10-11am - A walk to calm

Friday 12th of November 10-11am - A walk to connect.

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community? Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time and an invitation to upload something from your walk onto a community online padlet.

Training Opportunities

Understanding Autism Training for Parents (Online)

- Would you like to learn more about Autism?
- Are you waiting for an assessment for your child?
- Do you have a child that has a diagnosis of autism?

If you've answered yes then the Understanding Autism training may be for you.

Across the 2 hour training you will explore the following:

- An Introduction to Autism
- Understanding the individual
- Positive and effective relationships
- Learning and development
- Enabling environments

There are 20 spaces available for each session.

When and where?

Online - Thursday 13 November 9.30 am to 11.30am

Your child does not need a formal diagnosis or an Education, Health, and Care Plan for you to be eligible to sign up for these sessions. Any Hackney parent is welcome to join.

Please email us stating which training you'd like to attend to reserve your place. familycoach@hackney.gov.uk



Talk to an OT

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



Occupational Therapy can help with life skills such as self care skills (e.g. toileting, dressing, sleep and eating), school skills (e.g. attention, focus, writing and cutting) and play skills (e.g. turn taking and sharing).



Drop In is for children and young people aged 0-18yrs

Identify a goal for your child to work towards in their everyday life.



Learn from an Occupational Therapist.



How does it work?

The sessions will be offered either face to face, telephone or virtually for a 15 minutes consultation and can be booked in over the phone.

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 29th January
Wednesday 26th February
Wednesday 26th March
Wednesday 30th April
Wednesday 28th May
Wednesday 25th June
Wednesday 30th July
Wednesday 27th August
Wednesday 24th September
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 26th November
Wednesday 17th December

Where:

Face to face
Hackney Ark
Downs Park Road
E8 2FP

Telephone

Microsoft teams

For some advice or tips on
your child's development,
come and speak to an
occupational therapist.
Everyone's welcome!



To book your place, or for more details, contact us
on:

huh-tr.childrensofptevents@nhs.net

020 7014 7025

The Family Coach Service's 4 week Parent Empowerment Group

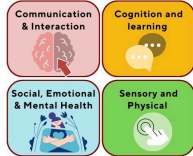
Building a toolbox for Parental Wellbeing

Mondays 1-3 pm @ Daubeney Children and Family Hub

103 Daubeney Rd, London E5 0EG

All families with a child that has a need within **any of the 4 areas of SEND** are welcome
We are a needs based service. **No EHCP or formal diagnosis** is needed.

4 Areas of SEND



10TH NOVEMBER

What's already in
your wellbeing
toolbox

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Bringing awareness
to your strengths

24TH NOVEMBER

Catching unhelpful
thoughts

1ST DECEMBER

Finding a moment
for you

*"Coming
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helped me
realise I'm
not alone
in this"*



There are **10 spaces available**. We ask that families are able to attend **all 4 sessions**.
To sign up email to familycoach@hackney.gov.uk or call the hub 020 8525 7040



Family Coach Service Winter Wellbeing Walks 2025

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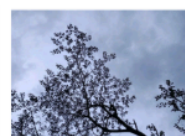
All walks will meet at [Hackney Service Center](#)



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November 10-11am

A walk to notice

Bring attention to your
surroundings and
notice the little things.



Friday 28th of
November 10-11am

A walk to calm

Promote calmness
when walking in your
local community



Friday 12th of
December 10-11am

A walk to connect

Create something for
others to connect with
on their walks

To sign up please email: familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

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The Family Coach Service presents Creating a sleep routine for you and your family Tuesday's 9 - 10.30am @ Holy Trinity Primary School Beechwood Rd, London E8 3DY STARTING TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

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11TH NOVEMBER

An Introduction to
Sleep

18TH NOVEMBER

Before Bedtime
(Transitions and
Routines)

25TH NOVEMBER

Before Bedtime
(Calming Activities
and Screen Time)

2ND DECEMBER

Thinking about the
bedroom
environment

9TH DECEMBER

How to settle if
your child wakes -
maintaining the
changes

*"Coming to the
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not alone in this"*

There are **10 spaces available**. We ask that families are able to attend **all 5 sessions**.
To sign up send an email to familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

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 (Ms Frohock, Ms Cherid or Ms Janeice).



Lucy Blewett
Headteacher
DSL



Amy Frohock
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy DSL



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Assistant Headteacher
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