

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 26th
June



A huge well done to all our staff this week who have come in every day and ensured our children are safe, learning and as cool as they can be.

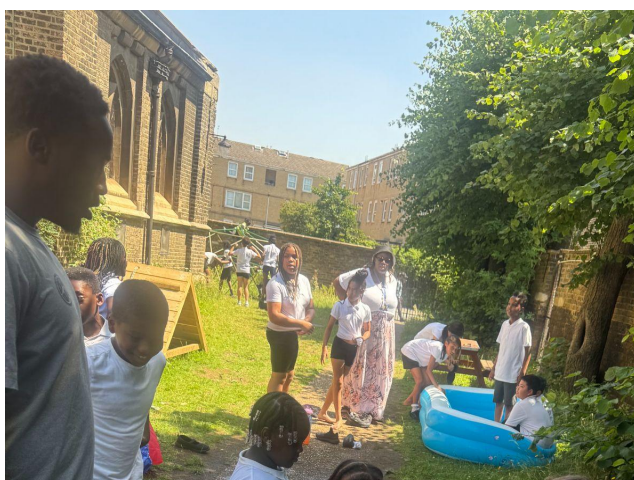
It has been a hot week- in fact one of the hottest we have experienced at St Matthias. It may not seem it, but according to colleagues working across other schools our temperatures have stayed lower than most. This doesn't mean it hasn't been sweltering! But it does mean we have been able to keep the school open- this is testament to all our staff but also to the spirit of St Matthias.

Whilst sweating away your children have been making some core memories. Dancing in sprinklers, running through the hoses, splashing in paddling pools. They have managed to seek shade in every part of the site and even constructed their own shelters across the school- a feat in engineering for many.

We are blessed to have access to the meadow and the green spaces alongside the church. Taking our shoes and socks off and having our toes in the grass has made a real difference. The church has also been a place of shade and sanctuary.

Thank you to all who have weathered this week. We anticipate many more days like this in the future as the earth warms up. It will become part of our reality. We will continue to educate our children on global warming and sustainability and in the meantime will make adaptations, where possible to keep the school cool.

Through the hazy heat this week we all felt very proud to be part of the St Matthias community- where we show resilience and come together in FAITH, HOPE and LOVE.... But the greatest of these is 35 degree LOVE!



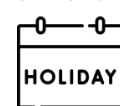
Thursday 2nd July
Summer Fayre



Friday 17th July
Final Day of the school year



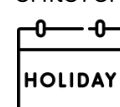
Monday 21st July
INSET day - not school for children



Monday 21st
July-Wednesday
2nd September
Summer Holiday



Wednesday 2nd
September
INSET day - not school for children



Thursday 3rd
September
Start of new school year





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COMMUNITY EVENTS SUMMER

Weekly: Monday 3:00 Jump into a Book

Friday 8:30 Family Friday Reading



Week 1

Wednesday 3rd June 9:00: Live Science Demonstration!

Thursday 4th June: WAMHS Coffee Morning: Neurodiversity

Week 2

Monday 8th June 8:45: Morning chat with Lucy (Headteacher)

Thursday 4th June: WAMHS Coffee Morning: Neurodiversity

Week 3

Monday 15th June 8:45: Pastoral and SENDCO drop in

Thursday 18th June: Sports Day!

Thursday 18th June 8:45 WAMHS Coffee morning : Emotional Regulation

Week 4

Monday 22nd June 8:45: Parent Summer Fayre prep

Week 5

Monday 29th June 8:45: Linden Family Hub

Thursday 2nd July 3:45: STM Summer Fayre

Week 6

Tuesday 7th July 8:45: Neurodiversity Transition Coffee Morning

Attendance

The winning class this week with



91%

is....

Year 4

Uniform

School uniform

Grey or black skirt	Grey pinafore or blue gingham summer dress	Grey or black trousers (not joggers)	White shirt (short or long sleeved)	Blue jumper with logo badge	Blue cardigan with logo badge	Navy and gold striped tie	Black shoes (can be 100% black trainers)

PE kit

Jogging pants or shorts Navy or Black	Plain white T-Shirt	Or White logo polo	Blue jumper with logo badge	Or fleece top with logo badge	100% black trainers	Black plimsolls

As we approach Summer Term 2, I would like to emphasise that cycling shorts are not to be worn as uniform. Girls need to wear skirts or dresses.

On PE days, (knee length) shorts are permitted. It is really important children remain presentable and respectable in the hot weather.

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SUMMER

MULTISPORTS

CAMP

 MON 27TH JULY – FRI 21ST AUGUST 2026 | 9AM – 4:30PM

A SUMMER OF SPORTS, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDS FOR AGES 5-11.

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STANDARD WEEKLY RATE : £130

EARLY BIRD (BEFORE 26/06) : £120

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

Summer 2 P.E Days				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 6 Year 3	Year 5 Faith	Year 4 Year 5 Hope	EYFS Year 1

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

EYFS:

Another great week in EYFS, looking after our little chicks. Which are growing stronger and bigger everyday. Learning to look after a living thing. Making sure they have food and clean water morning and afternoon. Listening to the cheeps growing louder everyday. We will all be very sad to see them leave.

During a very hot week, learning has continued and we have shown great resilience to changes in routine and adapting to the heat.

Well done to Nursery who have started joining Reception and KS1 in the bottom playground at lunchtime and have loved all the activities.

We have all enjoyed the water activities set up everyday to help us keep cool, especially the new water slide and water shooters. Fun and laughter yesterday afternoon with new summer memories made.

Well done EYFS you are truly a very special class.

Year 1:

The children have worked incredibly hard on their assessments this week, and we have been so proud of the way they have approached each one with focus, determination and a real desire to do their best, even in the extremely hot weather conditions.

Aside from trying to keep cool, we have been learning about directional and positional language in Maths. Through practical games and activities, the children have enjoyed getting on, under, behind and next to objects, as well as exploring what a whole, half and quarter turn looks like.

In Writing we have started gathering ideas for what tasty treat to make for a bear and learning about imperative verbs (bossy verbs), which are used to give instructions in recipes.

We have been dancing along to the Claudia Jones song as we started to learn about the important role she played in bringing the Carnival spirit to life in Britain.

The children have also been making the most of every opportunity for water play during the heatwave. It has been a delight to watch them becoming increasingly inventive in their games and activities. The highlight was definitely the supersoaker wars and the slip and slide!

In amongst all the watering, our plants are thriving too! The lettuce is becoming wonderfully bushy and our beanstalks have grown several inches since we planted them.

We loved visiting our newly hatched chicks and it was a great link to our animals unit last term when we learnt about birds. They were incredibly cute and I'm sure, if they were allowed, many of the children would be adopting one!

Another great week Year 1, thanks for all your super effort! 😊👏

Year 2: Year 2 have had a wonderfully productive week, starting off with a trip to the Barbican Conservatory! We explored the conservatory and all of the related habitats, spotting interesting plants, fish and even turtles! We then designed our own creatures to help clear pollution - Year 2 all made amazing pictures and showed their incredible imagination when making new creatures! The class have also worked so hard on their assessments during really hot weather, with incredible focus and learning behaviours. Miss Fryatt, Miss Donson and Coach Ash are all so proud of their amazing attitudes towards these tests and their amazing outcomes - these have really reflected their hard work throughout the year! The students have also furthered their knowledge about Jamaica in Humanities, discussing the physical geography of the country and identifying potential similarities and differences between the UK and Jamaica. They are also learning more about Baptisms, particularly the role of Jesus and St John the Baptist! Overall a fantastic week in spite of boiling hot weather! Very well done Year 2!	Year 3: This week, Year 3 have showcased their brilliant learning by completing their reading, writing and maths assessments. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their hard work, perseverance and positive attitude throughout the week. They have all done an amazing job! In writing, we explored how interviews are structured and had a go at interviewing one another to gather information for our newspaper reports. The children asked thoughtful questions and listened carefully to each other's responses, helping them prepare for writing their own engaging reports. Despite the scorching heat, Year 3 have been absolute troopers, coming to school each day ready and eager to learn. To help everyone cool down, we enjoyed some exciting water play, including a water fight and a turn on the slip and slide. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, and I know Year 3 had a fantastic time!	Year 4: This week, Year 4 have shown fantastic enthusiasm and determination in all of their learning. In English, we planned and wrote our own invention narratives inspired by <i>Manfish</i>. In maths, we have been learning how to divide with remainders and solve problems using our knowledge of times tables. In science, we explored the fascinating world of states of matter and carried out investigations to deepen our understanding. We have also been incredibly proud of the effort everyone has put into their assessments this week. Despite the extremely hot weather, the children remained focused, resilient and worked hard to show just how much progress they have made this year. Well done, Year 4, for another brilliant week of learning!	
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 Faith have been working really hard this week, despite the hot temperature they have shown great resilience and perseverance. We have been completing	Year 5 Hope I am extremely proud of Class Hope this week! with how well they have applied themselves to their assessments, even with the extreme heat.	Year 6 This week, Year 6 completed their final Mentivation session, reflecting on the valuable skills and strategies they have developed throughout	

assessments this week in the morning, year 5 have shown how hard they have been working, using their prior knowledge! Alongside this, in writing year 5 have been completing their dilemma narrative, focusing on a determined and cautious character. In PSHE we looked at what y5 are looking forward to in year 6, relating it to academic success and personal goals! In Humanities we looked at Sustainability in Curitiba and how they have developed amazing green spaces. We have also had amazing water play fun on the slip and slide and having a water fight, helping us to cool down in the hot sun! Y5 have behaved amazingly this week, well done!	We have completed our Dilemma Narratives in writing and it makes me immensely proud to see the progression made by the children. We have been revisiting problem solving and reasoning in maths, to consolidate our learning. We have worked in teams and independently to complete maths quizzes based on what we have learnt so far. We learnt about one of the earliest cities to convert to a sustainable city; Curitiba which is a city located in Brazil. We learnt about the positive impact it had on its citizens and how it influenced many other cities across the world. We have continued learning about our changing bodies in PSHE, with a greater focus on boys this week. Well done year 5 for being successful and resilient even in extreme weather conditions!	the programme. We also continued rehearsing for our upcoming performance of Oliver!, with the children showing great enthusiasm and commitment. In Maths, we began our new topic on algebra, with pupils confidently exploring patterns and using symbols to represent unknown values. Despite the hot weather, the children demonstrated excellent resilience, finding sensible ways to stay cool while remaining focused and engaged in their learning. We also took part in an inspiring workshop exploring self-identity, where pupils reflected on what makes them unique, celebrated diversity, and discussed the importance of understanding and respecting themselves and others.	
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Hot chocolate Friday!

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



Nursery and Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Amin Kiron	Cinar	Zion	Buruk	Mouhammed	Kendrick	Mariam	Lionel

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

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 **resilience** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Joel	Arina	Nancy	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Ellis	Joel

COMMUNITY & PARTNER EVENTS

African Community School Saturday Programme

Every Saturday during term time, 10:00am-1:00pm, The Bridge Academy, Laburnum Street, London E2 8BA. GCSE/SATs prep plus cultural enrichment. [Register

Here: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Md0mzIMUMUyOp8YQ6zje9XaenChOPs9EjK3ZjRqcsxhUMLZSWUEzUVY0RVpGNDQzODdWN0FaSU5NTC4u&route=shorturl>]

Creative Wellbeing Courses

Drawing and Painting (5 weeks): Thursdays 18 June – 16 July, 11am-2pm.

Aspland and Marcon Estate, E8 1LP. [Sign Up]: bit.ly/4s1793g

Jewellery Making (5 weeks): Mondays 8 June – 20 July, 11am-2pm.

Pembury Community Centre, E8 1FA. [Sign Up]: bit.ly/47sEJaP

Sewing (5 weeks): Thursdays 17 April – 21 May, 10:30am-1:30pm.

Ashwin Street Bootstrap Building, E8 3DL. [Sign Up]: bit.ly/4rZ6RcW

Volunteer Mentoring in Hackney

African Community School recruiting mentors for young people aged 9-18. Open to undergraduates, postgraduates, and professionals.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2026

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from 11 to 17 May 2026. This year's theme focuses on community and the importance of connection, belonging, and supportive relationships in protecting mental health and wellbeing.

We would like to recognise the continued work taking place across schools and services to support the wellbeing of children and young people across City and Hackney. This month also marks World Day for Cultural Diversity. We

encourage schools and partners to use this as an opportunity to reflect on wellbeing, connection, inclusion, and the communities we serve.

Support for Children & Young People

- Childline: Dial 0800 1111 or visit the website to talk to someone and get text support.
- Every Mind Matters: Simple and practical ways to ease anxiety, manage stress, lift mood, and sleep better
- Young Minds: Information and support for CYP or for someone wanting to help a child or young person who is struggling with their mental health
- Clear Fear app: Information and support to reduce the physical responses to threat as well as changing thoughts and behaviours, and releasing emotions
- Calm Harm: Information and support to help manage the urge to self-harm, based on Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)

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 Janiece).



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