

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd Jul

My Identity

My World

My Voice

My Future



Know who
they are

Ask questions about the
world around them

Use their voices to
make a difference

Aspire to greatness



Summer Fayre!



St Matthias were presented with Hackney's Healthy Schools Award 🏆

This award recognises our commitment to providing every child at St Matthias with the best possible environment to grow, thrive and develop into healthy, happy young people.

We are especially proud of our fantastic Year 6 pupils, Chloe and Kerem, who confidently presented to an audience of almost 100 people at Britannia Leisure Centre. They spoke about the positive impact that our OPAL play programme has had on the health and well-being of our children, and represented our school brilliantly. 🤝🤝



Year 6 went canoeing at Laburnum Boat club!

The class worked as a team to navigate their canoe along the canal.
What a brilliant opportunity!



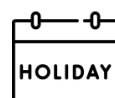
Friday 17th July
Final Day of the
school year



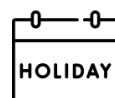
Monday 21st July
INSET day - not
school for
children



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



Y3/4 Sports Inspired

Year 3 and Year 4 had a fantastic time at Britannia Leisure Centre, competing against schools from across Hackney in the Sports Inspired event. Despite the hot weather, the children showed incredible resilience and excellent collaboration—two of St Matthias' core school values. We are so proud of the teamwork, determination and positive attitude they demonstrated throughout the day. Well done, Year 3 and Year 4!



Garden Classroom Outdoor Learning

Year 1 and 2 took part in a workshop to discover what lives on Butterfield Green!



Week 6

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

Attendance

The winning class this week with



98%

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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THE 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.



GAINSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
BERKSHIRE ROAD
HACKNEY, E9 5ND

ENTRANCE GATE AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL, UNDER GAINSBOROUGH CANAL BRIDGE

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

STANDARD WEEKLY RATE : £130

EARLY BIRD (BEFORE 26/06) : £120

**SCAN TO JOIN THE FUN**

EMAIL : CAMPS@THEBADUWAY.COM

CONTACT : 07852726907



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 busy week in EYFS. Learning about Under the Sea animals, how they live, what they eat and how they survive.

We've enjoyed the nice sunny weather with water play, climbing, learning new games like hoop scotch and duck duck goose.

We all enjoyed the great summer fair on Thursday after school and had lots to share with friends on Friday morning.

This afternoon we are joining the whole school for the St Matthias Picnic and are looking forward to our Baking session this afternoon, Chocolate nests here we come !!

Well done EYFS for another great week of learning.

Year 1:



The weeks are flying by as we race towards the end of the school year, and Year 1 have certainly been keeping busy!

In Science, we have been learning about seed dispersal and were delighted to taste the delicious lettuce we grew in our school garden. In Maths, we began our new topic on Time, by exploring chronological order and using sequencing language. We also applied this in our writing, using imperative verbs and time adverbials such as *First*, *Next*, *Then* and *Finally* to write our own recipes.

We enjoyed exploring nature on Butterfield Green, where we went bug hunting, learnt about habitats and tried our hand at birdwatching. Lots of fun was had at the Summer Fair...there was lots of excitement and huge grins were seen on every child as they played and took part in different games and activities. To round off the week, we had an exciting DT Day, designing and creating our own rainbow layered fruit salads before enjoying them together during a picnic on the meadow. It was a fantastic end to a fun-filled week!

Year 2:

Another fun and busy week for Year 2! This week we started breading detailed instructions and using them to build a tower made from marshmallows and spaghetti! We had to read the instructions several times and work together on each part

Year 3:

Year 3 have had a brilliant week!

We took part in a fantastic sports-inspired trip, where the children worked together, showed great teamwork, and practised resilience throughout the

Year 4:

Year 4 have had another fantastic week! We enjoyed a visit to Butterfield Green, where we explored the local wildlife through a bug hunt and bird watch. It was a peaceful experience, and we loved discovering

to build our towers. We also completed our learning on doubling, halving and division by taking part in a division themed funfair where we had lots of games and puzzles to solve using our skills! We also learned about the culture of Jamaica in Humanities, the importance of marriage vows in RE and took part in an amazing outdoor workshop in Butterfield Green as part of our science learning! 	activities. We also took part in a workshop at Butterfield Green, where the children explored different insects in their natural environment and enjoyed bird spotting, developing their curiosity about the world around them. In Writing, we analysed a text and identified the grammatical techniques the author used to make it effective. In DT, we created healthy smoothies inspired by Jamie Oliver, which we enjoyed at our St Matthias picnic. Well done, Year 3!	nature together. In Maths, we have been learning how to use mirrors to identify lines of symmetry. In English, we researched Jacques Cousteau and have impressed us with our fantastic biography writing. We also represented the school brilliantly at Sports Inspired, showing excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We ended the week with a fun Food Technology Day and a lovely whole-school picnic. Finally, we say goodbye to Ms Shaked, who has supported Year 4 so much this year. We are incredibly grateful for all her help and kindness, and she will be greatly missed.	
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 Faith had another amazing but busy week. In maths we continued our work on fractions, looking at equivalent fractions! In writing we worked on our dilemma narrative and completed our assessments, showcasing our amazing sentence accuracy skills. In science we continued looking at development specifically toddlers and what they are able to do! We also had our forest trip to Butterfield green in which we were able to do some bird watching and learn about insects and their habitats. We had an amazing week, well done y5!	Year 5 Hope Yet another super busy week in Class Hope with lots of great learning and activities taking place! We have continued our fractions topic with a focus on non unit fractions and representations in maths. We looked at the development of children from the toddler stages to the age of seven with a focus on the various milestones in between. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to attend a science workshop in Butterfield Green where we were given the opportunity to observe various birds and insects in their natural habitats. We were given binoculars to sport birds and	Year 6 This week has been another exciting one for Year 6! On Monday, we enjoyed a fantastic canoeing session at Laburnum Boat Club, where the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and confidence on the water. In Science, we built electrical circuits and investigated how changing voltages and different components affected them. On Thursday, the children took part in their secondary transition day, giving them a valuable opportunity to experience their new schools. To finish the week, we made delicious cheese twists in Food Technology and enjoyed sharing them during a	

magnifying glasses to find various insects. We made dough on Thursday as part of our D&T day and then shaped and created pizzas which we baked on Friday ready for our picnic! A busy but creative week!

whole-school picnic. It has been a wonderful week filled with learning, new experiences and lasting memories!

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
Kiron Amin	Pearl	Kemal	Sienna	Berekia	Hoang	Chantane	Samuel

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

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 **respect** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Nile	Abigael	Kameel	Sally	Aaliyah	Elif	Ruzgar	Lola

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=Md0mzIMUMUyOp8YQ6zje9XoenChOPs9EjK3ZjRgcxshUMLZSWUEzUVY0RVpGNDQzODdWN0FaSU5NTC4u&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 Janeice).



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