

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

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



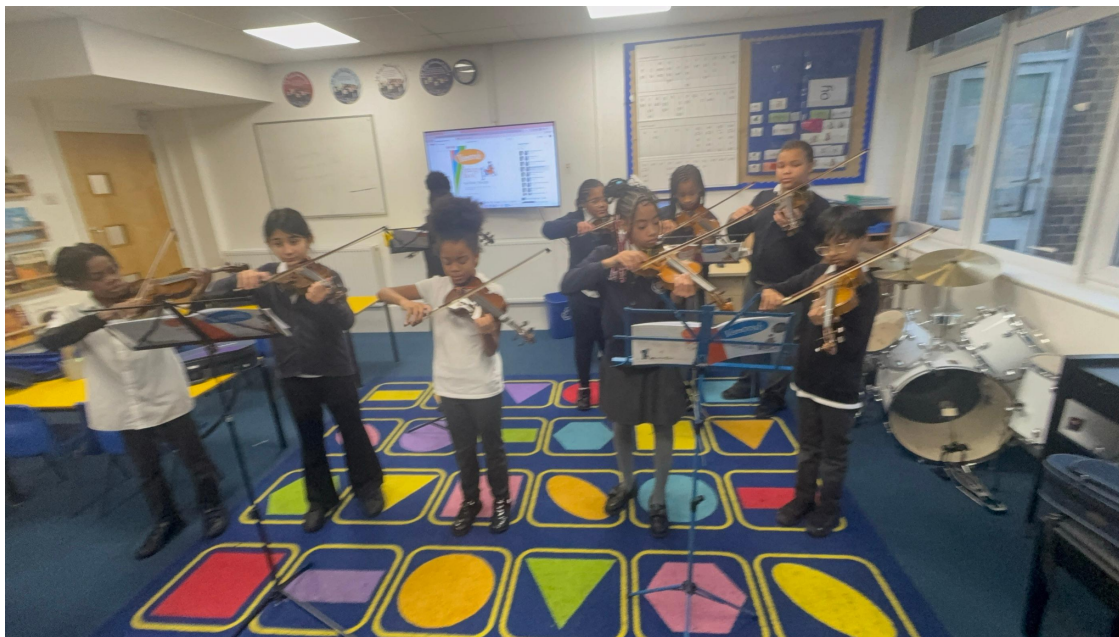
Aspire to greatness

Friday 16th January
2026



Welcome back to all our children and a Happy New Year to all!

Our Year 5 violinists put on a superb performance this afternoon to their classes! At the end of the month they will be performing to KS2. We are so proud 🍷🎻



Important dates:

Thursday 29th January
EYFS trip to Hackney City Farm AM



Friday 30th January
Year 6 Trip TFL Young Citizenships Award workshops



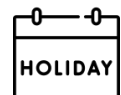
Friday 3rd February
Year 3 St Paul's Cathedral Singing Trip



Thursday 12th February
Year 6 St Paul's Cathedral Singing Trip



Monday 16th-Friday 20th February
Half term holiday



Monday 23rd February
Spring 2 Term Starts
ALL CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL!



Monday 23rd February
Registration for Hackney Run Schools Challenge opens



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

Spring 1 P.E Days

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

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

EYFS:

We have had a very busy week! In writing, we have been reading Juniper Jupiter and focusing on writing Super Hero Sentences. In maths, we have been exploring the numbers 6 and 7. In RE, we listened to the story of The Lost Sheep and talked about how Jesus guides and cares for everyone. In PSHE, we read the story of The Tortoise and the Hare and focused on our resilience, learning about the importance of perseverance, patience, and not giving up. We have also been very busy in the mud kitchen, cooking and creating lots of delicious food for our teachers and friends. Well done everyone for such a creative and settled second week back!

Year 1:

The children have shown such improvement in the way they are coming into class and getting on with their tasks. It is obvious to see they are more settled in their routines during this second week. There has been quite a lot of partner work across the board and it's nice to see children who don't often work together, flourishing in their collaborative discussions. In Humanities we all wondered what it would be like to fly such a long time (19 days) all by ourselves when talking about Amy Johnson's amazing feat. In Science we learned that we as humans belong to the animal group 'Mammals', and we will be investigating that group more closely next week. During our e-safety lessons, the children showed maturity and understanding about why it is important to not divulge personal information online and they all have a good awareness of making trusted adults aware if they feel unsafe.

Year 2

We have had another great week of learning in Year 2 and everyone has been sharing such amazing ideas and thoughts this week. We have been learning all about multiplication this week by grouping objects together and practicing repeated addition. In writing we wrote some outstanding character descriptions of the Bog Baby from our writing text and we even had a go at designing

Year 3:

Year 3 has had another brilliant week of learning! In maths, we progressed from rectangles to exploring pentagons and hexagons, while continuing to spot right angles. In writing, we successfully wrote a direct narrative inspired by a setting from our class text, Rhythm of the Rain. In humanities, we discussed the three social classes of the Shang Dynasty, and in RE

Year 4:

Year 4 has had another successful week! We have loved reading Charlottes Web as our Reading text and have been making very thoughtful predictions about what could happen next. In humanities we began to look at Anglo-Saxons and saw images of artefacts discovered by archaeologists! In RSHE we talked about our dreams and goals for the future and we have some fantastic aspirations! In writing we have been pushing ourselves really hard to think of ambitious vocabulary in



Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Easter Holidays



Monday 13th April
Summer 1 Term Starts
ALL CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL!



Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday



Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School Challenge!



our own characters to write about. In science we identified what objects in our playground were living, dead or had never been alive and finally we recreated the coronation of Queen Victoria in our history lesson.	we focused on Jewish artefacts, finishing the lesson by creating our own mezuzah. Head over to ClassDojo to see photos from this lesson!	order to describe the setting and characters in the story Arthur and the Golden Rope. In science we looked at how an electric circuit works and we made our own using wires, bulbs and switches! It was great fun!	
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 have been working really hard this week! They continued their division unit, answering reasoning questions by using their timetables knowledge. In writing they continued working on preparing for their cliffhanger narrative, using roleplay to fully immerse themselves in the book! Within the Humanities lesson, they started their new unit Medieval Monarchs, they showed great enthusiasm as they looked at the claims made to the throne in 1066. As part of their PSHE, they started their new unit, in which they thought about their dreams and goals for the future and how important money was in future decisions. Well done Year 5 on another great week!	Year 5 Hope: The children have been super busy with another week of strong learning. The children have fully immersed and engaged with the writing text based on The Hounds of the Baskervilles (Sherlock Holmes). They have written some fabulous character descriptions based on their chosen extracts. The children have finished division and now have a very good understanding of the correlating relationship between division and multiplication, and also know how to divide up to three digit numbers using the short division method. We have started our new topic of Mediaeval Monarchs in humanities, and have learnt about Edward the Confessor who was the former King of England, whose death led to the Battle of Hastings.	Year 6: Year 6 have been working hard in arithmetic lessons and are making good progress, showing increased confidence and accuracy with their calculations. In computing, pupils took part in an important e-safety lesson, learning how to stay safe and responsible when using technology online. In history, the class has been learning about the Civil Rights Movement, exploring key events and understanding why equality and justice are so important. In English, pupils planned an engaging discovery narrative inspired by the book On the Origin of Species, using imaginative ideas and thoughtful vocabulary to develop their stories. Well done, Year 6, for your continued focus and enthusiasm across the curriculum!	

Hot chocolate Friday!

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
Luis	Emerald	Kemi and Valentina	Seline	Tuana	Jehovani	Jamal	Amelia

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

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 **collaboration** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Raymond	Ian and Marinela	Year 2	Kasey and Sally	Rome & Ajiri	Romeo and Elsio	Zahra and Harry	Sarai Alberta

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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