

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

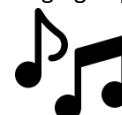
Friday 30th January
2026



Important dates:

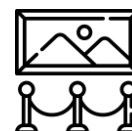
Friday 6th February

Year 3 St Paul's Cathedral
Singing Trip



Monday 9th February

Year 2 Trip to the Tate
Modern



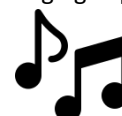
Wednesday 11th February

Year 4 Trip to the British
Museum



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

BOOK AMNESTY

**HELP! We are
missing some
reading books!**

Please search under beds,
behind the sofa and in the
cupboards for any books

**OUR READING CHAMPIONS NEED
YOUR HELP!**

If you do find any books at home,
please return them to school so
all children can enjoy them.



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: EYFS have had a fabulous week full of exciting learning experiences! We made our own bread as part of our story focus on Jesus Feeding the 5000, which the children really enjoyed. On Thursday, we went on a trip to the farm where we saw lots of different animals, had the chance to stroke some goats, and even fed the chickens in our outdoor area. For our transport topic, the children have been very creative, making buses and cars using crates and boxes. In writing, we have continued with Juniper Jupiter and the children have been working hard to write super sentences. We are so proud of all the children's achievements in Nursery this week. The children have also been singing Old MacDonald Had a Farm and learning the 's' sound in Little Wandle — well done everyone!

Year 1: Year 1 have had another busy and exciting week of learning. In RE, the children have continued exploring Judaism and have made some thoughtful comparisons with their knowledge of Christianity, particularly around shared values such as peace and the importance of family. They have worked incredibly hard on their writing, and it is encouraging to see their summarising skills developing so well, through their story sentences.

In maths, the children have been strengthening their understanding of number lines and have had lots of fun learning about odd and even numbers through practical, hands-on activities. In Science, they have learnt so much about what makes birds special, and while discussing bird migration, we all wished we could spread our wings and fly off to warmer climes too!

Keep up the good work, Year 1! 😊

Year 2.

This week Year 2 has been busy planning our own stories about finding a magical creature. In science we discovered more about food chains and in Maths we learned more about the parts of a multiplication equation! We also got to log into Times Table rockstars to test our knowledge of the 2 times table - get us to show you how to log in so we can play at home! We compared the lives of Victorian children with our

Year 3:

This week, Year 3 have been focused on recalling the songs for their trip to St Paul's Cathedral next Friday — they sound great! In maths, the children have applied their knowledge of subtraction using a number line and practised using these skills to solve problems. In RE, we discussed the importance of the Seder plate, what each food item represents, and its links to the story of Moses in

Year 4:

Year 4 has had another exciting week! In Reading we have been loving Charlotte's Web and development of the characters. In writing we have been using technical vocabulary to plan sentences for our Monster Hunters Guide. In RE we looked at a typical day for a Hindu Priest and what types of ceremonies take place during a day. In Science, we had great fun investigating circuits and what happens when a component in the circuit is changed! Well done Year 4



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!



Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
Half Term



own in Humanities and in RE we designed our own Sukkah to celebrate Sukkot.	the book of Exodus. In writing, we have begun exploring an example of an information leaflet in preparation for writing their own. Well done, Year 3!		
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 Faith have had a really productive week! Within Maths, they engaged in a practical lesson, in which they went outside in the playground to estimate the size of various parts of the playground, thinking about the area! In science, they engaged in an experiment to investigate which material was the best thermal insulator and would keep water warm the longest, discussing whether their predictions were accurate! In reading, we continued to answer retrieval and inference questions on our text Ghost, thinking about how he might be feeling based on the evidence in the text! In writing, they completed their big write and assessment based on a cliffhanger narrative, showcasing their amazing writers knowledge and imaginative skills. Well done Year 5!	Year 5 Hope: It has been another busy and investigative week in Class Hope! We carried out another practical investigation in science- this week it was based on soluble and insoluble kitchen solids. We also carried out some practical work exploring area in maths. We created square metres in groups using paper and metre sticks and then estimated the size of various areas in the playground. In writing, we finally completed our cliffhanger narratives with some exceptional work produced! I could feel the tension as I was reading them! In humanities, we have been learning about King Henry II and the Doomsday Book. We have been exploring what it means to be Hindu in RE.	Year 6: Year 6 have had a busy and productive week of learning across the curriculum. In history, pupils explored civil rights and learned about the important role Rosa Parks played in challenging injustice. In RE, the class studied the Eightfold Path and discussed how its teachings can guide positive choices in everyday life. In writing, pupils completed their discovery narratives inspired by Charles Darwin's expedition, showing creativity and strong descriptive skills. At the end of the week, Year 6 took part in the Hackney Junior Citizenship Scheme, learning about staying safe, responsibility, and how to be active members of their community.	

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
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Luis	Liya	Kamirah	Luke	Aaliyah	Yaafi	Ruzgar	Winley
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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:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Stefan	Shae	Ezequiel	Junior	Delaney	Aiden C	Zahra	Chloe

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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