

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 13th
February
2026



Our Year 5 Reading Champions are in Tenerife! St Matthias was chosen as one of the only schools in Hackney to spread their love of reading overseas. This is such an incredible opportunity for our children. We look forward to hearing all about their reading adventures.



Year 1 & Year 3 enjoyed Forest School workshops with The Garden Classroom this week in Butterfield Green. They made dens, produced artwork with mud paint, swung in hammocks and

Important dates:

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



Wednesday 25th February (weekly)
Year 3 Trip Butterfield Green - Outdoor Learning 10:30-12:30

Year 4 Trip Butterfield Green - Outdoor Learning 1:30-3:30



Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Easter Holidays



enjoyed the beauty of the nature around them!



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



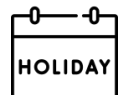
Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday



Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School
Challenge!



**Monday 25th - Friday
29th May**
Half Term



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

NEW Spring 2 P.E Days

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

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

EYFS:

This week our learning focus has been all about patterns. The children explored patterns in lots of fun and creative ways. We made delicious fruit kebabs, carefully threading different fruits to create repeating patterns. We also made pizzas using a variety of vegetables, arranging them in colourful patterns before they were cooked. The children did a fantastic job recognising and creating their own repeating sequences!

With Valentine's Day approaching, we have been busy making beautiful Valentine's cards for our family and friends. The children put so much care into their creations, and it has been lovely to see them talking about the special people in their lives.

In our Understanding the World lesson, the children were fascinated learning about volcanoes and volcanic eruptions. They especially enjoyed watching – and taking part in – our very own volcano science experiment! There were lots of excited faces as we saw our “lava” explode.

Our nursery children have also been doing some amazing mark making during Write Dance sessions. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they experiment with different movements and marks to support their early writing skills.

Well done everyone for such a fantastic week of learning! 🌞

Year 1:

In the final week before half term things have certainly accelerated as we race towards the end of an amazing Spring 1! In Humanities, Year 1 wrapped up our Amy Johnson topic by becoming investigators, trying to unravel the mystery behind Amy Johnson's disappearance.

In Maths, the children have been busy securing their understanding of addition and subtraction, exploring different methods including partitioning, number lines and part-part-whole models. We finished our unit on *Hermelin*, writing letters as the famous detective mouse and applying our knowledge of the key features of letter writing.

We also enjoyed a fabulous trip to Butterfield Green, where the children took part in Forest School activities. They worked collaboratively and creatively to produce some amazing creations, including dens, habitats and even bridges for earthworms to cross!

In Art, we learned all about Wawiriya Burton, an Aboriginal artist who discovered her talent for storytelling through art later in life, in her 80s. The children explored Dreamtime stories and Aboriginal art styles, then emulated Wawiriya's use of pattern with real confidence and creativity.

We finished the week with a visit from the Rabbi to support our growing knowledge on Judaism, as well as an interesting Computing day where we learned all about data, information and how to group data.

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this half-term and I am so proud of everything they have achieved.

Onwards and upwards for Spring 2! Have a very well-deserved break, children

**Year 2:**

Year two have had such a busy final week of learning before the holidays!

We started our week with a trip to Tate Modern to look at some different art works. We even saw some secret art that was hiding on the Millenium Bridge!

We looked at the art of Maret Sanna and used this as our key inspiration for our Art day where we created prints inspired by the living creatures found in the arctic circle.

We also had a great day of Computing - using Bee bots

Year 3:

Year 3 have had an adventurous week! Year 3 attended Forest School, where they explored their natural environment with enthusiasm and curiosity. They did incredibly well and are already excited to continue after half term. In computing, the children learned all about coding through Scratch, discovering how to use codes to program a sprite and bring their ideas to life. In art, we focused on tessellations and created our own designs, taking inspiration from the amazing artists Makoto

Year 4:

Year 4 have had a very busy last week of term! We started off the week with a fantastic Art day! We were looking at the medium of collage inspired by the author of Jemmy Button. We also made a cross curriculum link to our Rivers unit to ensure that we were creating accurate pieces. They came out so beautifully! In writing we have finished our Information Reports, we tried really hard to stay in the correct style of writing and used some fantastic vocabulary!

We visited the British Museum to see lots of artefacts from Roman Britain and Anglo-Saxons! We had a great time looking through our activity packs, finding different artefacts and behaved absolutely brilliantly!

to devise and test algorithms, We had to get the Bee Bot through a maze, correcting our algorithm as we went to make sure there were no mistakes - it was a lot of fun!	Nakamura and M. C. Escher. The results were fantastic and showed great creativity. In RE, the children were able to meet with a Rabbi, which helped to further their understanding of Judaism through first-hand learning and discussion. Well done Year 3!	We sadly say goodbye to Ms Jeffrey at this end of this half term. Ms Jeffrey will be moving onto a different placement but we thank her so much for all the hard work she's put into helping the children's learning and I know she will be greatly missed by all!	
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 have had an amazing week. In maths they have started their new unit, looking at dividing and timesing by 10, 100 or 1000. They were able to use their prior knowledge on tenths and hundredths to help them with this. In writing they completed their final assessment for the term, producing their plan and write for their formal report, wrapping up their text The Hound of the Baskervilles. In reading, we answered inference and clarifying questions based on our book Ghost, wrapping up our text. Within Science, we conducted an investigation to see whether the household goods were soluble or insoluble, some children were surprised with the results that they discovered! Year 5 have worked extremely hard this week. Have a well deserved half term!	Year 5 Hope: Class Hope have had another busy week with lots of exciting events happening! We have finally completed our formal reports based on the Hounds of Baskerville. In maths we have started a new unit- adding decimal fractions. We started this week by looking at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000. We have been comparing Kings in humanities deciding who was the worst king between King Richard and King John; the children collectively decided that King Richard was worse! We had a day of computing where the children learnt about databases, their purpose and how they work. We also had Art Day, where the children learnt about Amrita Sher-Gil and Friday Kahlo. They then created their own self portraits! It has been another great half term! Well done Class Hope!	Year 6 As we reach the final week of half term, Year 6 have continued to work incredibly hard and show great enthusiasm in all their learning. In Computing, the children explored variables, learning how they are used in programs to store and change information. In Science, we investigated Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, discovering why finches have different shaped beaks depending on their environment and food sources. The class showed fantastic curiosity and asked thoughtful questions about adaptation and survival. We also had a wonderful visit to St Paul's Cathedral, where we took part in a special service and sang beautifully. A huge congratulations to those who have reached the Maths Challenge semi-finals against other schools — a fantastic achievement! Well done, Year 6!	

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
Rita	Izra'il	Alan	Ryaan	Iqra	Kayden	Niyah	Raheem

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
Ariana	Nevaeh	Ezequiel	Daniel	Safiyah	Romeo	Kiarah	Kemari

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ATHLETICS

GIRLS FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL CENTRE

RUN CLUB

JUNIOR SWIM

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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