

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 27th March



Children who have shown significant improvement in their attendance went on a cinema trip to the Islington Vue. The children enjoyed snacks whilst watching their film!



The children who have got 100% attendance so far this year will go on a trip to the Adventure Playground after the Easter Holiday!
Well done to these children for being in school for every day of learning.

Important dates:

Monday 30th March -
Friday 10th April
Easter Holidays



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



Thursday 30th April &
Tuesday 5th May
Parents Evening



Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday



Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School
Challenge!



Monday 25th - Friday
29th May
Half Term



Attendance

The winning class this week with



100%

is....

Year 6!

Year 6 have got the highest attendance across the Spring half term, so will receive at £50

Amazon voucher to spend as a class!!!

Which class will win this prize next half term?!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

"THE BIG TWO": ARRIVING ON TIME & COLLECTING ON TIME.

8:30-8:45 Start

To ensure we get off to a flying start, it is vital that all children are in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:45AM. This is when our registers are officially taken.

Being in your seat by 8:45AM means your child is marked present, hears the morning's first instructions, and starts the day feeling calm and prepared. If a child arrives after the register closes, disruption to the class and a rushed start to their day.

3.30pm

Just as a calm start is vital, a predictable finish is just as important for a child's emotional well-being.

If a child is not collected on time, they stay in their classroom until 3.40pm, they then go to the office.

While our office staff are always happy to help in a one-off emergency, please remember that the front office is a very busy hub of school administration.

When children are left there waiting for collection, it means our team must step away from their vital work to provide supervision. To keep the school running smoothly, we ask that all children are collected promptly from their designated areas.

KEY TIMES	
ACTIVITY	TIME
GATES OPEN	8:30
REGISTRATION	8:45
LUNCH REGISTRATION	1:00/1:30
SCHOOL ENDS	3:30

"HOW DO I HELP MY CHILD WITH MATHS?"

Watch Miss Frohock do
it with Year 1!

Adults try activities with their child
in class.

Take resources home to try.
Come back the next week to watch the
next activity!

SIMPLE - EFFECTIVE - FUN

Session 1 - Tuesday 14th April
Session 2 - Tuesday 21st April
Session 3 - Tuesday 28th April
Session 4 - Tuesday 5th May
Session 5 - Tuesday 19th March
8:45 AM IN THE YEAR 1 CLASSROOM



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

Summer 1 P.E Days

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

News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?				
EYFS: We've had such a fantastic week—well done everyone! We've been really busy with lots of Easter learning and activities. The children enjoyed learning about the Easter story and talking about what it means, especially thinking about the importance of the stone. There's also been lots of creativity in the classroom, with everyone getting stuck into Easter decorating and making their own hats ready for our Easter bonnet parade—it was lovely to see all their colourful and imaginative ideas! In maths, we've been learning about odd and even numbers, using practical activities to help us spot the difference and build confidence. In writing, we worked together to make our own class book of <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>, and the children were so proud of their work and loved sharing their ideas. In Understanding the World, we've been doing observational drawings of plants. The children took their time to really look closely and had a go at labelling different parts—it was great to see their focus and effort. It's been such a fun, busy week and we're really proud of all the children—well done!		Year 1: It's been a busy and exciting week in Year 1! We began with a fantastic Easter egg hunt in the meadow, full of excited squeals as the children discovered each "letter clue" and helped one another along the way. Staying with our Easter theme, we continued exploring Holy Week with the children showing a real depth of understanding about Jesus's sacrifice on Pause day, with their thoughtful and insightful observations. They also created some beautiful collages of the risen Christ, inspired by the cut out work of Henri Matisse. In Science, we completed our Animals topic by learning about a very familiar animal—humans! We explored our senses through fun activities. We finished our information texts about our very own "Wild Things," and in Maths, we focused on addition and subtraction with odd and even numbers. Our Humanities lesson was inspiring as we learned how to protect our oceans by reducing, reusing, and recycling, with children making pledges to help the environment in different ways. The children have certainly earned their Easter break with all their earnest learning. Well done, Year 1, enjoy your holidays!		
Year 2: This week has been an amazing end to our Spring term with lots of fun and creativity! We have been writing informative texts all about orangutans and have learnt some fascinating facts! In maths we have been revisiting addition and subtraction of two digit numbers and in Science we explored all about what good hygiene is and why it is important. We also took some time this week to get creative and reflect on the EasterStory by creating clay sculptures inspired by the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed before the crucifixion. It has been a busy term and all of Year 2 have made such amazing progress - enjoy your break!	Year 3: Year 3 have had an amazing end to the term, focusing on how and why volcanoes erupt – even making our own volcano to see an eruption for ourselves! We also had a brilliant final Forest School session, where we showed our gratitude to our Forest School teachers and enjoyed making hot dogs together. Year 3 also had a fantastic Art/Pause Day. We took inspiration from artists Niki de Saint Phalle and Wim Heessakers, and created our own crucifix sculptures. Head over to Class Dojo to see the pictures!	Year 4: Year 4 have had a fantastic and busy week! We have been reviewing fractions, focusing on comparing non-unit fractions, and the children have been working incredibly hard. We also completed our persuasive letters to the witch, asking for our happy endings to be returned. We enjoyed our final Forest School session, where we had lots of fun exploring and learning about nature. To celebrate Easter, we took part in an exciting Easter egg hunt and finished the week with Easter Pause Day. The children created beautiful banners inspired by Lakwena Maciver, using meaningful words linked to the Easter story. Well done, Year 4 – have a lovely and well-earned break!		
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 have had an amazing week this week, they have shown great resilience in completing all of their work and had amazing fun on their easter egg hunt! In our writing lessons year 5 engaged in roleplay	Year 5 Hope A brilliant final week to the end of the spring term! We have spent time reviewing our maths assessments so that we understand our mistakes. We completed our book 'Incredible	Year 6 As we reach the end of the Easter term, Year 6 have shown outstanding dedication and resilience in their preparation for SATs. The children have worked incredibly hard, demonstrating		

which helped them come up with amazing vocabulary for their bargain speech! In Maths we looked at our maths assessments, going through to unpick any mistakes that were made! Within RE, we learned about Holy Saturday, the amazing day of waiting and anticipation and Easter Sunday the resurrection of Jesus and what that means to Christians! In Humanities we continued our work on Biomes looking at what the Taiga biome is! In art this term we created clay vessels which related to our pause day about the women at the well, year 5 created amazing vessels. Well done Year 5! Have a lovely and well deserved Easter break!	Journeys' in reading which was informative and enjoyable. We now understand the various rituals that take place within Christianity in the lead up to Easter which we learnt about in RE. We have enjoyed learning about biomes in humanities and reversible and irreversible changes in science. The writing in Hope Class has developed greatly and this is evident in the work the children have been producing. We enjoyed the vehicle text, 'The Promise' and it has driven some brilliant writing. We had an enjoyable Easter Egg hunt earlier in the week and also enjoyed Art Day, where the children learnt about sculpting. Well done Hope Class! I hope you all have a fantastic, relaxing break - ready for the new term!	focus and determination across all areas of learning. On Wednesday, pupils took part in a special Pause Day as part of their RE learning on Christianity, reflecting on the meaning of Easter. During this time, they engaged in thoughtful discussions and expressed their understanding through art, creating meaningful and reflective religious collages. In English, the children proudly published their Hansel and Gretel narratives, showcasing their creativity and progress in writing. In computing, they impressed us by improving and developing their own games using Scratch, applying both creativity and problem-solving skills. Homework has been set for the Easter holiday. It is essential that all pupils complete this to maintain their strong progress and momentum as we move closer to SATs. Well done, Year 6—keep it up!	
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Hot chocolate Friday!

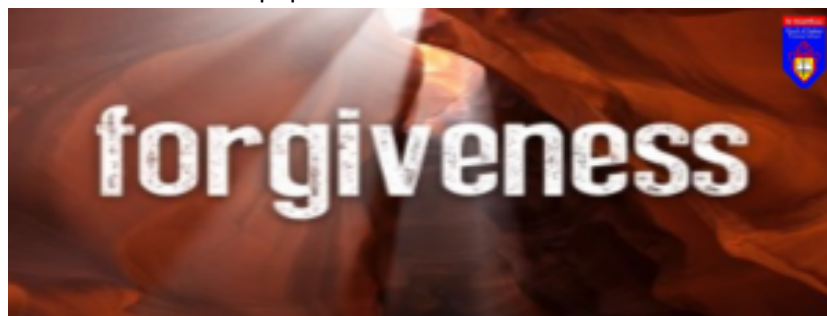
Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Nile	Aras	Meela	Seline	Enzo	Aiden C	Ellis	Sarai

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
Owen	Esiri	Janiah	Bleu	Joshua	Henry	Zahra	Kabir

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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