



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 1st  
December  
2023**

### Latest news from school:

Look at these pictures from Ufton Court. The year 6 children have had the most amazing time! We can't wait to hear all about it...



### Important dates:

#### Monday 4th

#### December:

Christmas Breakfast  
Club  
8am

#### Friday 8th

#### December:

Non Uniform - Bring  
tombola chocolate!

#### Wednesday 13th

#### December:

EYFS Nativity  
9:30am

#### Thursday 14th

#### December:

Christmas Fair  
3:45-5:00

#### Monday 18th

#### December:

Family singalong  
concert 9:30

#### Tuesday 19th

#### December:

Christmas lunch

#### Wednesday 20th

#### December:

Festive clothes day

Last day of term -  
finish at 3:30pm

#### Tuesday 9th January:

All pupils return to  
school

**CHRISTMAS  
EVENTS**

**Joyful stuff for your  
calendar:**

Non Uniform- bring tombola chocolate! Friday 8th December	
EYFS Nativity @ 9:30 am	Wednesday 13th December
Christmas Fair 3:45-5:00	Thursday 14th December
Concert: Family Sing-along	Monday 18th December
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 19th December
Festive dress/ any dress	Wednesday 20th December
Last day finish at 3:30pm	Wednesday 20th December
Back to school	Tuesday 9th January



**Upcoming Coffee Mornings**

Please join us from **8:45-9:15** in the **Community Room**.  
 These are opportunities for us to share information with you about a range of subjects. We hope to see as many people as possible.

**Autumn 2:**

<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Maths
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	KS2 Maths

<b>PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit</b>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2</b>	<b>EYFS Y3</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Y5 (swimming)</b>

### Hot chocolate Friday!

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

Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Keanna	Remie	Jaciara	Mariam	Luna	Nathan	Jael

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

#### EYFS:

This week we have been learning all about pets for our new story Lulu Gets a Cat - we had fun looking at photos of our pets from home and explored what we need to look after them. We even had a vets station set up in the classroom so we could practise looking after unwell animals with bandages and blankets!

#### Year 1:

We had so much fun in our D.T day! We learnt the difference between a fruit and vegetable and were able to sort them, even the tricky ones. We practised our chopping skills when making our fruit salad and it was delicious! Well done year 1!

#### Year 2:

We have had a very busy week. We started our new book, The Snowman and have been making predictions and retelling the story to our talking partners to inform our writing for next week. We have also been making fruit salads by cutting, peeling, chopping and measuring different ingredients.

#### Year 3:

This week year 3 experienced a DT day where they focused on healthy eating and were able to make smoothies. Alongside this year 3 in maths year 3 have been focused on measuring and converting mass. Well done year 3!

#### Year 4:

We have been on 2 trips this week, as well as hosting a DT day focused on food technology! Our first trip helped us better understand the use of rivers in London and allowed us to operate a lock. We then had a fantastic ice skating trip with a few falls. Our DT day had us making healthy bread and dips

#### Year 5:

This week in Year 5, we explored negative numbers through engaging word problems and challenges. We also delved into the science of metamorphosis, differentiating between complete and incomplete transformations in insects. Culminating our week, we learned about the history of Margherita pizza and crafted our own recipes, enhancing our understanding of measurements and cooking.

#### Year 6:

Year 6 has been away, having a fantastic time at Ufton Court! The children who have stayed in school this week have been exceptional year 6 ambassadors, helping other children and focusing on their learning. We're so proud of them!

### School value in focus this week: **Kindness**

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 **kindness** are:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Kemal</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Selasi</b>	<b>Asmin</b>	<b>Kerem</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Roshni</b>

Online guidance for supporting your children at home:

A reminder of the web address for our school YouTube Channel. There are lots of useful short clips; for example, maths strategies which we use at school.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP\\_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW\\_g?app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop)

**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 Baez) or leadership team (Ms Martin/Ms Frohock/Mrs Blewett)

**Pupil Attendance and Punctuality**

As a school it is really important that we keep accurate records of the children's attendance and punctuality. If your child is unwell, or will be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office and speak to Ms Janiece to report the absence. Alternatively you can email on: [admin@st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk)

It is important that we have this information by 9:00 am at the latest.

### **Speech and Language Update**

Parents and carers of children on the speech and language caseload can contact our SaLT, Isobel, on Fridays at the details below.

	<p>Isobel Stockton Speech and Language Therapist Working days at St Matthias: Fridays Focus: All year groups Mobile: 07785 700 885 Tel: 020 7683 4262 Email: i.stockton@nhs.net</p>
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### **Talking Walk-in Dates**

If you are a Hackney resident, your child is under 5 years old and you'd like to see a Speech and Language Therapist, please get in touch and you will be invited to attend an appointment. These are stay-and-play style sessions where your child can play and interact with others in a relaxed environment. A Speech and Language Therapist will talk to you individually about your concerns and observe your child. You will be given some advice and, if appropriate, you will make a plan together about the most appropriate next steps (this may include further assessment of your child or booking in for some therapy sessions).

#### **Dates and Locations:**

<https://gethackneytalking.co.uk/healthcare-professionals/tiwi-dates/>

