

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 3rd October
2025



News from this week:

BELONGING, RESPECT AND STANDING TOGETHER

At St Matthias, we know that the world outside school can sometimes feel unsettling, and recent events and protests across the country and closer to home have raised understandable concerns within our community. We want to reassure families that we take seriously our role in supporting children to grow up with a strong sense of belonging, respect, and empathy.

Our school values, alongside our Rights Respecting Schools agenda, guide us in helping children understand the importance of kindness, equality, and celebrating difference. Through collective worship, class discussions, and our curriculum, we provide children with the tools to think critically, challenge stereotypes, and appreciate the richness that diversity brings to our wonderful community.

We also strongly believe it is important to give children safe spaces to ask questions and share their feelings. Staff are always ready to listen, and we actively encourage children to speak up if they feel worried or confused by events they see or hear about beyond the school gates. Together, we are committed to building a school where every child feels safe, respected, and valued, and where divisive views have no place. By working in partnership with parents and carers, we can ensure our children develop the compassion and resilience needed to thrive in today's world.

To support discussion at home, we have the following links that you may find useful:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/stories/migration-and-displacement/refugees-and-asylum-seekers/teaching-children-about-refugees>

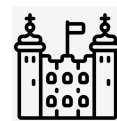
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>

<https://schoolsservices.lewisham.gov.uk/article/176960>

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/talking-to-my-child-about-race-and-discrimination>

Important dates:

Friday 10th October
Year 2 Tower of London
Trip



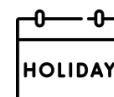
Thursday 16th October
Parents Evening
Reception - Year 6



Monday 20th October
Cultural Event 4-6pm



Monday 27th - Friday
31st October
Half Term Holiday



Monday 3rd November
INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November
Start of Autumn 2 Term



Monday 22nd

**CELEBRATING
BLACK AUTHORS**

Children can wear to school:
 -International dress
 -Superhero costumes
 -Non-uniform

Bring £1 to raise money
 for Literacy Pirates, who tutor children
 in our community to become
 empowered young writers.

Collect as normal at 3:30pm
 Church opens at 3:45 for a celebration of
 black authors – poetry, music and art!

Then into hall for music and food
FREE EVENT
 We will be selling boxes of Jerk Chicken,
 Rice, Curry Goat, Cupcakes, Puff Puffs etc

**MONDAY 20TH
OCTOBER** **3:45-6:00**

**HARVEST
COLLECTION**

**PLEASE GIVE DONATIONS OF DRY
GOODS TO CLASS TEACHERS
BY WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER**

**ITEMS TO BE GIVE TO LOCAL FOOD
BANK**

**ALL WELCOME AT OUR HARVEST CHURCH
SERVICE WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 9-9:20**

**December - Friday 2nd
January**
 Christmas Holidays



Have a look at the St Matthias website and see what each class is learning about this half term!

[EYFS Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 1 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 2 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 3 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 4 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 5 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)
[Year 6 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview](#)



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

September P.E Days - these days will change each half term

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

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

EYFS:

We have had such an amazing week in EYFS. We started a new story called Leaf Man and the children have loved drawing and decorating their own leaves. We have also been talking about autumn and all the changes we can see happening around us as the season begins to change.

In RE we have been thinking about who made this wonderful world and the children have shared some lovely ideas. In RWI we are off to a flying start and have already learnt 9 sounds! I am so proud of how hard the children are working and the excitement they are bringing to their learning every day.

Year 1:

Year 1 has had another great week of learning! In Maths, we have been exploring positional language, using key words such as first, second and third. In English, the children have been working hard to use adjectives to describe Old Bear in their sentences. We were especially excited to receive a letter from our friend, Old Bear, asking for our help! As part of our Science topic on materials, we are now on a mission to find the right material to make him the perfect coat. The children are thoroughly enjoying combining their learning across subjects and putting their skills to the test.

Year2: Year 2 have been doing lots of amazing learning this week. We have been practicing using commands in our writing lessons so we can warn our protagonist from our stories about the danger that they will face on their journey down the river. We also discussed the value of forgiveness in our RE lesson and had a very exciting visit from the Fire service to give us a talk on how we can stay safe in our homes.	Year 3: Year 3 have had another fantastic week! We had the pleasure of attending a sports-inspired trip, where Year 3 were able to showcase their brilliant teamwork, resilience, and kindness. In Science, we explored the keywords <i>attract</i> and <i>repel</i> and discovered that opposite poles on a magnet always attract. In Reading, we have begun exploring a non-fiction text titled <i>Stone Age</i> and have been answering comprehension based questions to develop our understanding. Well done everyone!	Year 4: Year 4 have had another fantastic week! We got the chance to show off our sporting skills at SportsInspired, we played a variety of games and focused on our teamwork and resilience throughout the day! We were a proud example of St Matthias. In writing we have recorded some fantastic news reports about a sighting of a large marine animal. In humanities we learnt about Boudicca and why she was important in the Roman Invasion. 	
Year 5 Faith: Faith class had an enjoyable week this week. They enjoyed learning how to ride a bike, in which they were able to go on the road! In maths we learned about hundredths, through hands-on activities, using metre sticks, they showed great understanding! In writing, we engaged in role play, which helped them to	Year 5 Hope: Hope class have been doing lots of practical activities this week! We conducted a science experiment to see what happens to our shadows throughout the day! Luckily we had plenty of sunshine! We have also done some role playing as part of our writing lesson. We role played being astronauts exploring the moon, which gave us the	Year 6: This week, Year 6 have had a wonderful mix of learning and reflection. We visited St John of Jerusalem Church to take part in a special service all about journeying through faith. It was a thoughtful time to pause and consider how our own journeys are shaped by values, hope, and community. Back in the classroom, science took us outdoors as we carried out a	

imagine they are astronauts, this will help with their mission logs that they will be writing! Alongside this, in RE they learnt more about the miracles of Jesus and how their disciples may have felt as witnesses. Well done year 5!

opportunity to use new vocabulary we have been learning! In maths we are now developing our knowledge of decimals and applying it to converting between units of measure.

hands-on experiment classifying different types of leaves. Pupils carefully observed, compared, and grouped their findings, putting their scientific enquiry skills into practice.

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
Ariana	Cinar	Kameel	Junior	Keiden	Ja'niyah	Amaya	Alberta

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
Nile and Reuben	Ezrah and Emerald	Isla, Maison, Keanna and Sadet	All of Year 3!	Year 4 during SportsInspired	Ja'niyah Kendrick	Ruzgar and Nylah Rose	Amelia Luna

Non-Violence Resistance Parenting Programme (NVR) -

STARTS SEPTEMBER 26

Starting Date: 26th of September 2025

About the Programme

This Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) programme is designed specifically for parents from the African Caribbean Heritage Community (ACH) whose children (aged 9-18) may be facing emotional wellbeing or behavioural challenges at home or at school. The programme runs over 12 weeks, with topics including:

- De-escalation strategies
- Strengthening parental presence
- Reconciliation gestures
- Understanding trauma for both parents and children

What is NVR?

NVR is an evidence-based approach that helps parents and carers develop strategies to manage their children's challenging behaviours, while also building or rebuilding positive relationships with them.

Criteria to Join

This programme is open to parents from the African Caribbean Heritage Community (ACH) and other parents from different backgrounds who live in City and Hackney. Children must be aged 9 years and above.

To participate, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Hackney or the City
- Have a child who is a resident or attends a school in Hackney or the City
- Work in Hackney or the City

Unsure about commitment?

Join us on for a tastier class on September 19th at 10am -12pm at:

The Print House, 18

Ashwin Street, London, E8 3DL

Register here for the taster class:

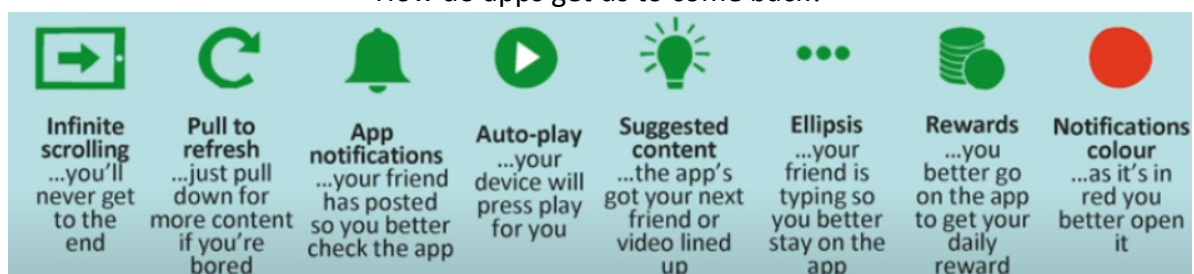
<https://bit.ly/4novaAe>

For further information on the full course starting in September 26th 2025, please contact us at hamdi.a@acschool.org.uk or call 07484356541.

[Click this link to book onto the course!](#)

Tip for keeping pupils safe online (taken from saferinternet.org.uk)

How do apps get us to come back?



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 (Miss Frohock & Mrs Cherid).