

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

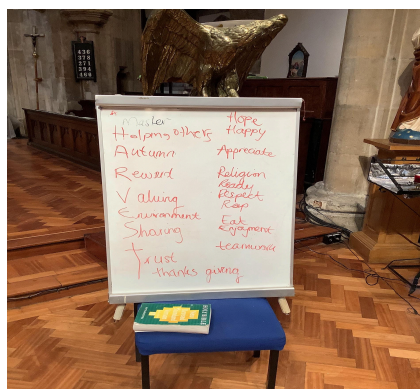
Friday 10th October
2025



News from this week:

What a wonderful week at St Matthias- celebrating the Harvest in all its abundance!

This is the start of our special events at St Matthias and we can't wait for you to join us on Monday 20th October for our special black history celebration. This will be an evening of poetry reading, spoken word and song. With a focus on celebrating black authors and the importance of representation in the world of publishing. We will be raising funds for literacy pirates- our local Dalston charity inspiring young writers. Children can wear their own clothes/ national dress on the day. Or to celebrate pride and power can come as a super hero! We will move from the church to the hall at the end of the event to share in a delicious meal together. See poster below and put it in your diary!



Important dates:

Thursday 16th October

Parents Evening
Reception - Year 6



Monday 20th October

St Matthias Black history
Event 4-6pm



Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Half Term Holiday



Monday 3rd November

INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November

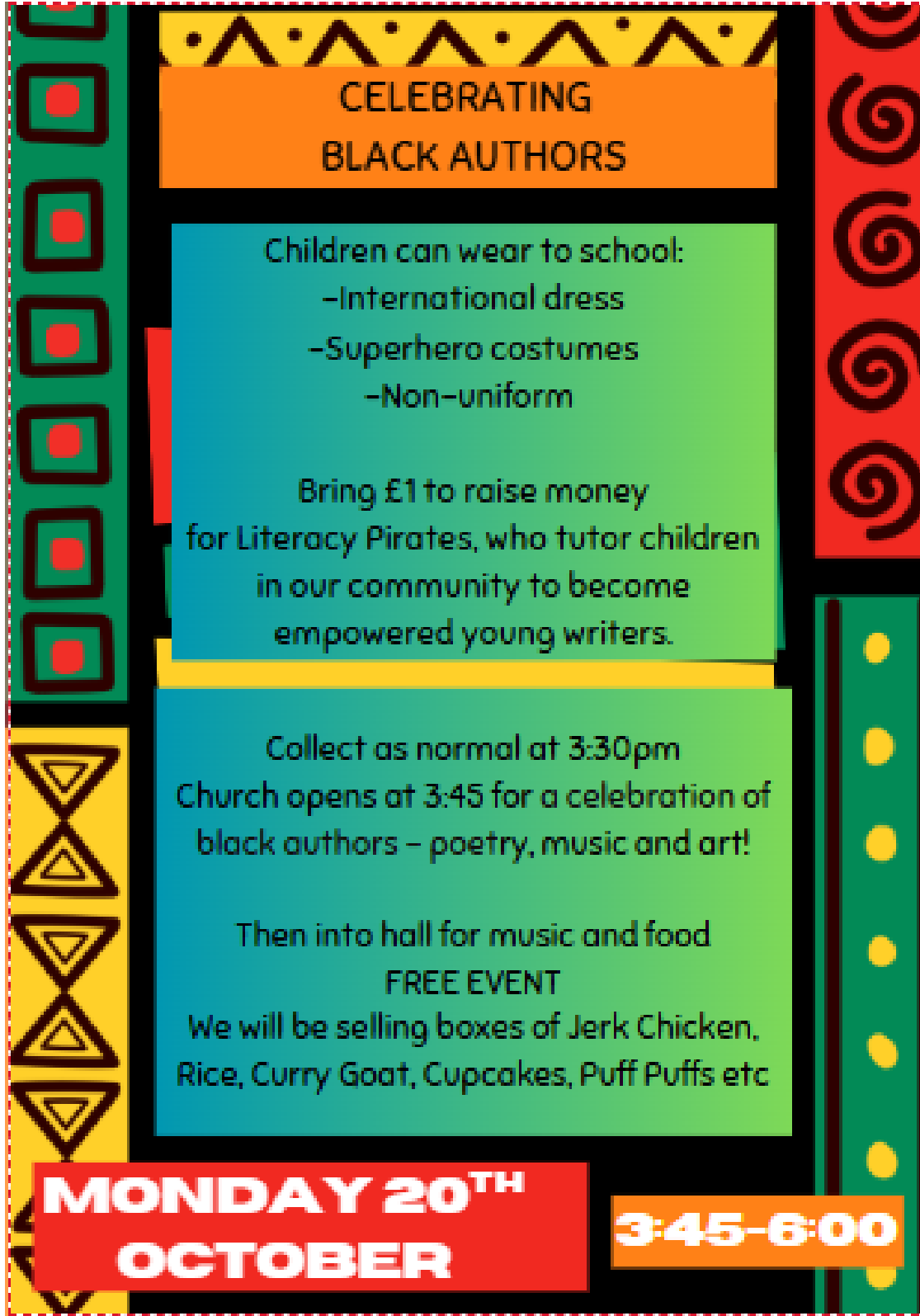
Start of Autumn 2 Term



Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Christmas Holidays





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



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:

What a busy and exciting week we've had in EYFS! We've been celebrating Black History Month and started reading Baby Goes to Market – the children loved drawing their favourite

Year 1:

Year 1 have been learning how to count forwards and backward from 20! The class have been practising using objects. Practise counting objects with them at home! The class has also put items in order and deciding which is first, second,

	characters from the story. In RE, we had lots of fun looking at our family and baby photos and trying to guess who's who! During RWI, we've already learned around 16 sounds and have even started blending them into words – amazing work, everyone! We also went to church for our very first Harvest Festival, which was such a lovely experience for the children.	third and fourth. Why not try putting toys in order? On Thursday, we had some Hackney Road Safety Officers visit us. We learnt about how we can cross the road safely and how we can be safe when riding scooters and bikes. Stop - Look - Listen - Think!	
Year 2: We have had another amazing week and have been very busy! We have been planning and writing letters to warn Tom, the character from our story about the dangers he may face on his journey along the river. We also continued our work with representing tens and ones and also thought of different ways to deal with temptation in our RE lesson. We also enjoyed our fascinating trip to the Tower of London, check class soho for photos. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers!	Year 3: This week, Year 3 have been learning about Nathan Byron, a famous Black author and actor. Taking inspiration from his book <i>Speak Up</i>, the children created their own poems centred around using their voice. In writing, we have designed and explained our own traps in preparation for our long write. In maths, we have continued to use known facts to support solving more challenging questions that bridge 100. In RE we were focused on the keyword 'gospel' and various parables that spread the gospel, to secure understanding we created role plays for each parable. Well done year 3!	Year 4: This week, year 4 have been very busy! In writing, we have been looking at newspaper reports, we recorded our own new round episodes and now we are planning to write up our newspaper report on a rare marine animal! In maths, we have been looking at numbers to 1000 and learning how to add and subtract using different strategies. In science we have carried out an experiment to look at the effect of liquids on the enamel of our teeth! We had an amazing visit from Apollo Music, they bought string instruments and played us different pieces from Beethoven!	
Year 5 Faith: Year 5 have really engaged with their learning this week. Within Maths we looked at how to use our knowledge of tenths and hundredths to solve mathematical problems, we had a variety of practical activities that they really enjoyed. In science we looked at the many different theories of space. In our writing lessons, year 5 produced amazing pieces of work, preparing them for their final writing outcome which is a mission log. Within RE, year 5 delved into theory based questions linked to the miracles of Jesus. Year 5 have shown amazing behaviour this week, they have been	Year 5 Hope: It has been another highly productive week in Hope class! The children have been fully engrossed with their science topic, Earth and Space! This week we evaluated our shadow experiment and have also started to learn about the moon phases and why they occur. This also links with our writing which has been based around the topic of the moon. We have been expanding our Writer's Knowledge, learning technical vocabulary through role play and utilising the new vocabulary in preparation for a formal report. In maths, the children have been applying their knowledge of tenths and hundredths to read various scales with partitions to	Year 6: This week, Year 6 have been busy and brilliant! In Maths, we explored place value, building strong number skills and confidence. Our Reading lessons continued with Wonder, where we discussed kindness, empathy, and acceptance. As part of Black History Month, we studied Black author Gavin Curtis, learning about his inspiring stories and writing our own powerful poems to celebrate identity and heritage. We also joined the whole school for our Harvest Church Service, sharing songs, readings, and reflections of gratitude. It was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks and celebrate together as a school community. What a fantastic week!	

extremely focused and engaged within lessons. Well done year 5!

one and also solve problems. We have been continuing the theme of Miracles in RE and exploring feelings and emotions surrounding them.

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
Georgia	Alessio	Valentina	Mizhari	Jaciara	Yaafi	A`Maiyah	Chloe

School value in focus this week **Respect**:

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 **respect** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Nile	Neveah	Meela	Aishat	Sharon	Elif	Asmin	Joel

Contact Ms Cherid for sign up
information!

Children &
Family Hubs
Partnerships



Support your child's early language development

The Peep Learning Together Programme



For parents, carers
and children
aged
2-4 years old

St Matthias
Community
Room

Starting November
Thursday
8:45 - 10:00

Working for every child

peep supporting parents and
children to learn together

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.

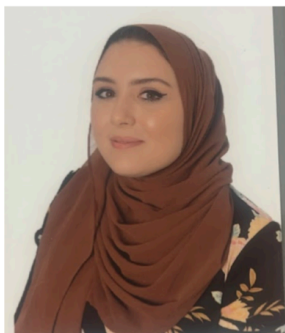
If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Blewett) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Ms Frohock, Ms Cherid or Ms Janiece).



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