

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

My Identity



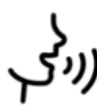
Know who they are

My World



Ask questions about the world around them

My Voice



Use their voices to make a difference

My Future



Aspire to greatness

Friday 28th November
2025



News from this week: **(please scroll all the way to the bottom!)**

St Matthias choir at St Paul's



This week, the choir put on a wonderful performance at the Choral Evensong services held at St Paul's Cathedral, the children blew everyone away with their beautiful voices. Well done choir!



Dalston Library Visits



Each week, a class visits Dalston Library to choose a special book that they would like to borrow from the library to read. Children at St Matthias are brilliant readers! Please encourage your child to read a book every day at home; we know that this has a huge impact. Thank you to Ms Cherid for booking these trips :)

Why not go to your local library? They are free and often have workshops, reading competitions for children and access to computers.



Important dates:

Tuesday 2nd December
Year 5 Natural History
Museum Trip



Thursday 4th December
Year 4 Apollo Music Concert



Thursday 11th December
Year 2 Theatre Trip to see
Mamma Goose



Friday 12th December
Festive Dress - children to
bring in chocolate for
Christmas Fayre chocolate
tombola



Monday 15th December
St Matthias Christmas
Sing-along 2:45-3:30pm



Tuesday 16th December
Year 1 Museum of the Home
Trip



Spanish Coffee Morning with Mr Enric Sancho



Thank you to Mr Enric for running our first Spanish Coffee morning last week! Here is a website that we would like to share with you. It has some brilliant resources to help you/your child learn a new language. Check it out!

**Rock
A
Lingua**



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If your device has a camera you can scan
the QR code to automatically sign in

Year 4 Trip to Olympic Park Canal Systems



Tuesday 16th December
Year 2, Year 3&4 Ice-Skating
Trip to Lee Valley



Wednesday 17th December
EYFS Nativity 9-9:30am (EYFS
parents only)



Wednesday 17th December
Year 5&6 Ice-Skating Trip to
Lee Valley



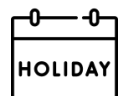
Wednesday 17th December
St Matthias Summer Fayre
(3:45-5:30)



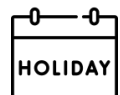
Friday 19th December
Last Day of Autumn 2 Term
3:30pm finish



Monday 22nd December
- **Friday 2nd January**
Christmas Holidays



Monday 5th January
INSET Day - no children



Tuesday 6th January
Start of Spring 1 Term
**ALL CHILDREN BACK TO
SCHOOL!**





CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Joyful stuff for your
calendar:

Children Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 10 th December
Festive dress- bring tombola chocolate!	Friday 12 th December
Concert: Family Sing-along 2:45	Monday 15 th December
EYFS Nativity @ 9:00 am	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Fair 3:45-5:30	Wednesday 17 th December
Last day finish at 3:30pm	Friday 19 th December
Back to school	Tuesday 6 th January



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

Autumn 2 P.E Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Year 5	Year 6	Year 1 EYFS
News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?				
EYFS: The EYFS have been very busy this week. We have been rehearsing our songs and lines for the upcoming Nativity, and the children are showing great enthusiasm and confidence. In our provision, we have been learning about winter and exploring Arctic animals, as well as discussing what we need to wear now that the weather is getting colder. Nursery have also been enjoying their pre-phonics sessions with Little Wandle, developing early listening and sound skills. In Reception, we have also been learning our digraphs in RWI and practising our CVC writing, which the children have been really excited to show us.		Year 1: Year 1 have been having a brilliant time re-writing the tale of Rapunzul using our best descriptive writing! We have become confident at using our sounds and remembering full stops at the end of every sentence - well done Year 1!		
Year 2: Year 2 have been very busy this week, we have been writing our own setting descriptions of the topiary trees from our book The Night Gardener. We have also been looking at different forms of presenting data in maths, such as pictograms and bar charts and using them to help us calculate the difference between amounts. We had great fun in science testing the tyres in our school playground for their strength and flexibility we also learned about how John Boyd Dunlop invented pneumatic tyres.	Year 3: This week, Year 3 explored volume and capacity , learning their definitions and applying this understanding to read and interpret measurements. In Humanities , they examined different settlement patterns including nucleated, dispersed, and linear and connected these arrangements to examples such as cities, towns, and villages. In Science , the class investigated how mirrors work , using labelled diagrams to illustrate how light reflects to create an image.	Year 4: We have had a great week this week! In writing we have completed our Outsider Narratives and have produced some amazing pieces of writing! In maths we have been securing our knowledge of the 3 & 6 x tables and putting them to the test in a tournament. In science we looked at a food webs and saw how it was made up of many different food chains in an eco-system. We wrapped up warm and went on a lovely trip to the Olympic Park Canals where we learnt lots about our water ways.		
Year 5 Faith: Faith class have shown amazing learning behaviours this week, within maths they have been working collaboratively and extremely hard to learn about negative numbers within maths. In writing they have started their new outcome, engaging in roleplay preparing to write a letter from the father to the son. In PSHE this week, year 5 looked at how discrimination can affect others and how to stand up to discrimination. Within RE, we engaged in carol singing, looking at the christian beliefs of christmas and whether they are presented in christmas carols.	Year 5 Hope: Hope class have shown great resilience this week! Even though there has been a lot of illness, the children have managed to successfully complete their independent setting narratives (which were lovely to read!) and have now started their new writing unit based on letter writing. The children have revisited negative numbers in different contexts within maths, compared life cycles of a mammal and a bird in science and also compared slums in two different countries (Brazil and India). They have done amazingly well!	Year 6: This week, Year 6 created a scientific model to show how light is reflected, using string to represent light rays and demonstrate how they change direction when hitting a surface. As part of our geography fieldwork, pupils surveyed the local area to find the most common mode of transport, gathering and presenting their own data. In English, the children wrote powerful flashback narratives, focusing on creating atmosphere and tension. We also continued practising for SATs, showing great focus and determination. In PSHE, we explored the ideas of equity and equality, discussing what fairness means in different		

Well done year 5, you have been amazing this week!

situations. A brilliant week!

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
Shanaya	Ezrah	Maison	Meslian	Ajiri	A'Meirah	Amelia	Taaraz

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
Elira	Issiakha	Year 2	Buruk and Jaidayal	Anna & Mustapha	Henry	Chantae and Amaya	Israel Kemari

Hackney Local Offer

We know navigating the Hackney system can be really tricky so Hackney have created a website that includes everything you may need.

We are very lucky to have a rich Local Offer but there are many things we don't know about so be sure to discover:

<https://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/kb5/hackney/localoffer/family.page?familychannel=0>

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Local authorities have a statutory duty to provide, in one place, a description of their offer of support for local families with children and young people who are 0-25 years of age and have SEND (special educational needs and or disabilities). The purpose of the Local Offer duty is to:

- Provide clear, comprehensive, accessible, up-to-date information about available provision and how to access it.
- Make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by involving disabled young people, their parents, and local service providers in developing and reviewing what is available.

Hackney's SEND Local Offer to families is made up of support from partners across Education, Health, Social Care, and Leisure Services. It includes registered specialist charities, and community and voluntary services where appropriate to the 0-25 cohort with SEND. Our Local Offer website is where we share with families and partners, information from these services about their support, processes, and opportunities.

Use the category search buttons below, key words, or '[Contact Us](#)' if you need help finding information.

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WELCOME TO

Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum (HSPCF)

The forum enables parents and carers of children (0-25yrs) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to work in collaboration with local decision makers, communicating their views and experiences and helping to shape local services.

[Join Us](#)

Hackney SENDIAGS Drop-in Sessions
Fortnightly on a Tuesday from 10am - 2pm
Autumn Term 2025

Hackney SEND Information, Advice and Guidance Service (SENDIAGS) is an arm's length service providing impartial and confidential information, advice and support to parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and young people and children with SEND.

Do you need help, for example, to:

- prepare for a school meeting in order to effectively share your views, wishes and feelings in any discussions
- know what questions to ask when visiting a school for a tour
- make sure that your child's needs are being met at school, college or nursery
- think about your contribution to an assessment
- go through your EHC needs assessment request
- go through your draft EHC Plan
- Prepare for an Annual Review meeting and make sure your views are included

Attend one of our 20 minutes' drop-in appointments where you can discuss further and receive information, advice, support and guidance from one of our advisers.

**30.09.25, 14.10.25, 28.10.25,
11.11.25, 25.11.25, 09.12.25**

Ann Tayler Children & Family Hub
1-13 Triangle Road
London Fields, Hackney, London
E8 3RP

For any more information please contact:
Hackney SENDIAGS
SENDIAGS@hackney.gov.uk
0207 275 6036



Working for every child



Winter Wellbeing Walks

Opportunities to take a moment for yourself, meet with other parents of children with SEND and walk together. All walks meet at Hackney Service Center behind the Town Hall on Mare Street.

To express interest in attending the walks please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk telling us the walk/walks you'd like to attend and your child's school.

Friday 14th of November 10-11am - A walk to notice

Friday 28th of November 10-11am - A walk to calm

Friday 12th of November 10-11am - A walk to connect.

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community? Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time and an invitation to upload something from your walk onto a community online padlet.



Family Coach Service
Winter Wellbeing Walks 2025

**For parents of children with
special educational needs and disabilities.**
No formal diagnosis or Educational Health Care Plan necessary.

All walks will meet at Hackney Service Center



**Friday 14th of
November 10-11am**

A walk to notice

Bring attention to your
surroundings and
notice the little things.



**Friday 28th of
November 10-11am**

A walk to calm

Promote calmness
when walking in your
local community



**Friday 12th of
December 10-11am**

A walk to connect

Create something for
others to connect with
on their walks

To sign up please email: familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community?
Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time.

How does it work?

The sessions will be offered either face to face, telephone or virtually for a 15 minutes consultation and can be booked in over the phone.

Talk to an OT

Do you have any concerns or questions about your child's development?



Occupational Therapy can help with life skills such as self care skills (e.g. toileting, dressing, sleep and eating), school skills (e.g. attention, focus, writing and cutting) and play skills (e.g. turn taking and sharing).



Drop In is for children and young people aged 0-18yrs

Identify a goal for your child to work towards in their everyday life.



Learn from an Occupational Therapist.



Upcoming dates

Wednesday 29th January
Wednesday 26th February
Wednesday 26th March
Wednesday 30th April
Wednesday 28th May
Wednesday 25th June
Wednesday 30th July
Wednesday 27th August
Wednesday 24th September
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 26th November
Wednesday 17th December

Where:

Face to face
Hackney Ark
Downs Park Road
E8 2FP

Telephone

Microsoft teams

For some advice or tips on your child's development, come and speak to an occupational therapist. Everyone's welcome!



To book your place, or for more details, contact us on:

huh-tr.childrensolpventsnhs.net
020 7014 7025

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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