

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 5th December 2025



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

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Joyful stuff for your calendar:

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

Year 5 Trip to The Natural History Museum



The children found out a lot of information regarding various animals (and insects) and their life cycles, which links directly to our science topic- Living Things and Their Habitats. A big thank you to all of the parents who attended and assisted both classes, we greatly appreciate your support!

Important dates:

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



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



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.



Spanish Coffee Morning with Mr Enric Sancho

Thank you to Mr Enric for running our first Spanish Coffee morning last week! Here is a

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!



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!

username
spanishenric

password
london2023

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



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

Autumn 2 P.E Days

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

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

EYFS:

We have had a really busy week in EYFS. Our Christmas spirit has been in full swing. We have been writing letters to Sanna asking what we would like for Christmas. We have also been decorating our Christmas tree and making snowflakes practising scissor skills to decorate our classroom, we have also been practising our nativity and our lines. In maths we are looking at different ways to make five and the composition of different numbers and in RE we have been focusing on Angel Gabriel and the message that he had for Mary.

Year 1:

It has been another lovely week in Year 1! In Maths, the children have been exploring the part-part-whole model and have shown great confidence in using it to understand how numbers can be broken down. In English, they have been getting creative with instructional writing, planning clear and imaginative steps for *how to get rid of the witch!* In Geography, we have continued learning about the world around us by exploring the local area of

		<p>Hackney. The children have loved sharing their favourite places to visit with their loved ones — with Micky's Chippy proving to be a class favourite!</p> <p>The festive excitement is also building, as the children revisit the Nativity story and continue practising our Christmas songs. Year 1 are certainly getting into the Christmas spirit!</p>	
<p>Year 2:</p> <p>Year 2 have shown such resilience and determination in their Autumn assessments and Miss Jay and I have been so impressed. We have seen some fantastic progress and results. Well done Year 2! We have also been working extremely hard in our writing - planning a dairy entry by analysing a good example. We have also been pattern spotting in maths. In RE we learned about the significance of the Christingle and had a go at making our own and in science we have been using different materials to build our own train carriages.</p>	<p>Year 3:</p> <p>Year 3 have had a week filled with the demonstration of their fantastic learning for the term through the completion of their assessments. Each child has shown resilience and perseverance, which has made the Year 3 team extremely proud!</p> <p>To end this brilliant week, Year 3 took a trip to Dalston Library to choose their own special books and listen to a story. Head over to Class Dojo to see pictures from this trip!</p>	<p>Year 4:</p> <p>We have had another great week! We have showed amazing resilience in our assessments, showing off all the knowledge that we've learnt in Year 4 so far! In RE we thought about all the selfless things Jesus had done to be named the 'Prince of Peace' We used our knowledge from past years to help us. In science we looked at how food webs are being effective by the damages to the environment. We saw that some animals could potentially go extinct if something was to happen to the food web. We went on a wonderful trip to Regents Hall to hear Apollo Music Orchestra in a festive show. The children showed exemplary behaviour! Well done!</p>	
<p>Year 5 Faith:</p> <p>Year 5 Faith have been working really hard this week. They have shown great resilience and determination throughout, as they have been completing their assessments. We visited the Natural history museum on Tuesday! Year 5 learned more about living things and their habitats that they shared in lessons! Within their writing lessons, they have been preparing to write a letter based on their writing text, sharing amazing vocabulary and emotive language throughout. They have shown amazing learning behaviours this week, well done year 5!</p>	<p>Year 5 Hope:</p> <p>It has been another busy week for Hope class, starting with their trip to the Natural History Museum on Tuesday (which was a great success!). The children learned about various groups of animals and the life cycles of insects, which links directly to our science topic in which we have been comparing life cycles across various groups of animals. They also found out that coincidentally, the prominent large blue whale skeleton that hangs over the hall, is also called Hope! This week has been assessment week and Class Hope have persevered through their tests, even when finding questions challenging and have been very mature in their attitude towards their assessments.</p>	<p>Year 6:</p> <p>Year 6 have had a busy and productive Assessment Week, approaching each task with maturity and determination. In science, they carried out an exciting experiment investigating how we can see around corners by using mirrors to explore the behaviour of light. The children enjoyed testing their ideas and discussing what their results showed. In geography, they worked hard to turn the data from their recent fieldwork into clear and accurate bar charts, helping them identify patterns and draw conclusions. We are incredibly proud of Year 6 for their focus, effort and positive attitudes throughout a challenging and rewarding week.</p>	
<p align="center">Hot chocolate Friday!</p> <p align="center">Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.</p>			



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Isaac	Esiri	Nancy	Kasey	Joshua	Hoang	Mariam	Amelia

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

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 **resilience** are:

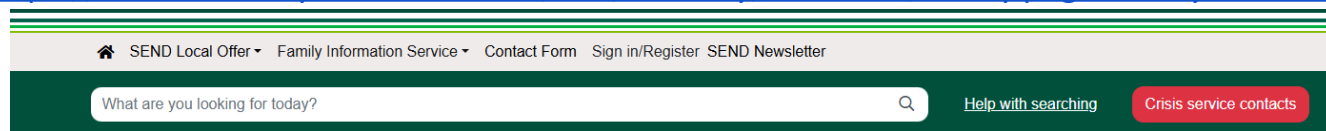
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Reuben	Esiri	Meela	Bleu	Sydney	Khyran	Ellis	Lola

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.childrensolpvents@nhs.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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