

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 12th December 2025



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

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Joyful stuff for your calendar:

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

Children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday. We had cracker and listened to some Christmas tunes!

Important dates:

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

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
Spring 1 Term Starts
**ALL CHILDREN BACK TO
SCHOOL!**



**Monday 16th-Friday 20th
February**
Half term holiday



Monday 23rd February
Spring 2 Term Starts
**ALL CHILDREN BACK TO
SCHOOL!**



Monday 23rd February
Registration for Hackney Run
Schools Challenge opens



**Monday 30th March - Friday
10th April**
Easter Holidays



Monday 13th April
Summer 1 Term Starts
**ALL CHILDREN BACK TO
SCHOOL!**



Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday



Saturday 16th May
Hackney Run School
Challenge!



Year 3 Trip to Dalston Library

The class enjoyed listening to stories at the library and got to choose their own books to take home!



Year 2 Trip to the Theatre to see Mama Goose

The class enjoyed a free trip to the pantomime in Stratford! The show was full of Christmas merriness. The class particularly liked the Christmas jokes!!





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've had a very busy week with lots of fun activities in our setting! The children have loved wrapping presents, making gingerbread houses and exploring what our Elf on the shelf is up to. We have been looking at how Christmas is celebrated around the world and the different foods that they eat. We have also been dressed rehearsing for our nativity next week and we are so excited to perform! We have also been exploring the nativity story and orally rehearsing it to draw our story map.

Year 1:

It has been an exciting week in Year 1 as we continue to get into the festive spirit, especially with our Christmas lunch. The children had a wonderful time pulling crackers, sharing jokes, and proudly parading around in their festive crowns. In keeping with the Christmas theme, we have also been learning about the different people in the Nativity story and discussing why each one is important, helping the children to develop a deeper understanding of this special time of year.

We have had a fantastic writing week too, as the children have been creating clear and imaginative instructions on how to get rid of the horrible witch from Rapunzel—the very same witch who “trashed” our classroom!

		In Maths, we have continued exploring the composition of numbers, taking a deeper look at how numbers are made using the part-part-whole model to support our understanding.	
Year 2: What a fantastic week! We enjoyed our trip to see Mamma Goose at the Stratford East Theatre this week - lots of singing,dancing and laughter! We have been working very hard on finishing our diary entries this week including editing and publishing our work. In maths we started working on adding 1 digit and two digit numbers together and we explored how humans have created flying machines that were inspired by the animal world.	Year 3: This week, Year 3 began investigating rotation and angles, learning about the degrees of different turns and applying this knowledge to identify right angles. To deepen their understanding, the children explored right angles in the real world. In RE, we had the opportunity to visit our school church and meet with Father David. The children asked him questions about Advent to further strengthen their understanding of the topic. We have also been working extremely hard to learn our Christmas songs for Monday's singalong. Well done, Year 3!	Year 4: We have had a great week! In writing we have been planning our information report telling the reader all sorts of interesting facts about Polar bears! In maths we have been looking at the 9 xtables and focusing on the relationship between the adjacent multiples and the 3 xtables. In science we looked at the rainforest and the food webs that would live there. We discussed what effects the environment might have on the animals lives and what we could do to help! We have loved practicing all our Christmas songs for Monday!	
Year 5 Faith: Faith class have enjoyed preparing for the christmas period, by first enjoying a christmas lunch and for their RE lesson creating christmas cards that portrayed the birth of Jesus! Within their writing lessons, they have completed their writing outcome which is a letter and have begun to publish this to put on a display outside of the classroom. In their Maths lesson, they have started learning about multiplication, looking at informal methods of multiplying, using their knowledge of times tables to help them solve word problems. In PSHE year 5 had amazing discussions about what makes them happy and how that may be similar or different to children in other countries. Well done Faith class you have been working very hard this week!	Year 5 Hope: With assessments finally complete, Hope class have been enjoying learning about short and expanded multiplication in maths, which builds on what they have learnt in previous years. They have also completed their letters in writing, and I have been extremely impressed with their emotive language and the progress they have made with their writing as a whole. The children also enjoyed making Christmas cards depicting the Nativity as part of their RE lesson.	Year 6: This term, Year 6 pupils engaged in a range of meaningful and enriching learning experiences. A group of boys took part in an anti-racism workshop, where they explored respect, equality, and understanding others. In RE, pupils discussed the true meaning of Christmas and reflected on its importance for Christians. In English, writing lessons focused on identifying and applying the key features of a newspaper report, developing clear and informative writing skills. In Geography, pupils carried out fieldwork activities and drew conclusions from their findings, helping them to better understand their local environment and interpret real-world data confidently.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Hot chocolate Friday!</p> <p>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
Kim	Steve	Kameel	Mateo	Delaney	Malachi	Asmin	Kerem

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

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 **forgiveness** are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Hope	Year 5 Faith	Year 6
Zion	Archie	Valentina	Atarah	Selasi	Elsio	Dolly	Winley

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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What's on?

Help and advice

You said - We did

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.

[View all services](#)



Childcare and Early Years



Education



Family Support and Social Care

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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