

# St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 23rd December 2025



Welcome back to all our children and a Happy New Year to all!

## Drama4All Workshops! 🎭

EYFS and KS1 enjoyed a workshop with drama for all on Tuesday! As always, our children were keen to explore the characters within the stories shared.

Michelle, Randa, Niki - please add a photo or two!



## Important dates:

**Thursday 29th January**  
EYFS trip to Hackney City Farm AM



**Friday 30th January**  
Year 6 Trip TfL Young Citizenships Award workshops



**Friday 3rd February**  
Year 3 St Paul's Cathedral Singing Trip



**Thursday 12th February**  
Year 6 St Paul's Cathedral Singing Trip



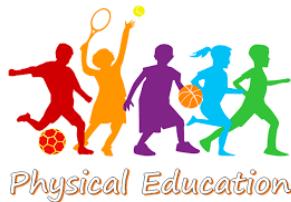
**Monday 16th-Friday 20th February**  
Half term holiday



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



**Monday 23rd February**  
Registration for Hackney Run Schools Challenge opens



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

### Spring 1 P.E Days

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

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

#### EYFS:

This week has been super busy, and we are so proud of the children's fantastic engagement across all areas of learning. The boys have been amazing with their mark making and sentence writing, showing great enthusiasm and focus. We have been working on story openings, and it has been lovely to see the children sharing ideas and developing their confidence as writers. In Maths, the children have been exploring more than and fewer than, using hands-on activities to support their understanding. During RE, we have been learning about the importance of Jesus and talking about what it means to feel safe in the temple, encouraging thoughtful discussions and reflection. In Nursery, the children have been practising the sound "s" through Little Wandle, as well as enjoying the rhyme Hey Diddle Diddle. They have shown great engagement and enthusiasm throughout.

We will also be coming down the mountain for Write Dance, which the children are thoroughly enjoying as part of their movement, coordination, and mark-making development.

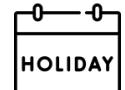
Well done to all the children for another fantastic week of learning — we are very proud of them!

#### Year 1:

What a fantastic week it's been in Year 1! The children have been working brilliantly on re-writing *Hermelin the Detective Mouse*, adding their own creative twists and showing growing confidence as young authors. In science, we've been busy discovering what makes mammals so special, and were especially fascinated by some unusual examples – from the armour-plated pangolin to the big-eared fennec fox and the wide-eyed lorises. A real highlight of the week was our drama workshop, where the children loved bringing stories to life through movement and expression. This linked beautifully with our learning in music, as weekly they have been exploring using their bodies to move to tempo and rhythm while experimenting with loud and soft dynamics...And despite the very wet weather, nothing has dampened Year 1's spirits – they've continued to explore new and imaginative ways to play and learn outdoors, whatever the weather brings!



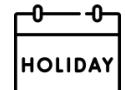
Monday 30th March - Friday  
10th April  
Easter Holidays



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



Monday 4th May  
Bank Holiday



Saturday 16th May  
Hackney Run School  
Challenge!



<p><b>Year 2</b> Another amazing week of learning in Year 2. We have been busy writing our stories all about finding our own Bog Baby and I have been so impressed with the complexity and vocabulary the children have been using - they are all showing such great progress! We continued our work on multiplication in maths and in science we learned what life is like for different polar animals.</p>	<p><b>Year 3:</b> Year 3 has been working extremely hard this week! In maths, we have moved on to a new topic, focusing on the three methods to support pupils with challenging additional questions. In writing, we have planned and written our fantastic setting narratives, using rich vocabulary and imaginative ideas. In PSHE, we have been exploring our dreams and goals and discussing the steps we need to take to achieve them. Well done, Year 3!</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b> Year 4 has worked very hard this week. We have written some fantastic Myth Narratives including so many grammar focuses that we've been working on! In RE we looked at how Hindus worship at home and what items are needed to create a Puja tray. In science we have learnt how to draw a scientific diagram of a circuit using the correct symbols. In PSHE we looked at broken dreams and wrote some motivating messages of encouragement to keep on trying.</p>	
<p><b>Year 5 Faith:</b> Year 5 has had a productive week! They have been working hard in all areas of their learning. In maths, we started our new topic of Area, looking at what Area is and engaging in practical activities to understand this. Within our writing lessons, Faith started planning their narratives, using all their amazing sentences and work they have done to plan and write their cliffhanger narrative. In science this week, year 5 had a fun lesson exploring different objects in the playground and what they are made out of! In PSHE, they looked at different jobs and their salary, talking about the importance of each job and whether it is important to look at salary when thinking about a profession in the future. Well done year 5, you have really worked hard this week!</p>	<p><b>Year 5 Hope:</b> It has been a fantastic week of learning in Class Hope with lots of practical activities taking place! The children have been role playing characters from the Hound of the Baskervilles, to help prepare them for the cliffhanger writing narrative which the children have now planned. Another practical investigation was carried out in science where the children were testing the thermal insulation of various cups. Area and scaling is the new focus in maths which the children have been exploring this week with a focus on using key vocabulary. In PSHE the children have been exploring various professions and salaries and thinking about the importance of various jobs.</p>	<p><b>Year 6:</b> Year 6 NewsYear 6 has had another busy and successful week. We celebrated our excellent punctuality with a well-deserved trip to Butterfields Park, where everyone enjoyed spending time outdoors together.</p> <p>In Science, we have been learning about evolution, exploring how living things change over time. This linked perfectly with our English work, where we have begun writing a narrative inspired by Darwin's exhibition, focusing on descriptive language and historical detail.</p> <p>In Maths, pupils have made great progress in arithmetic, working hard to build confidence and accuracy as we continue preparing for SATs.</p> <p>In RE, we learned about how Buddhism started, exploring the life of Siddhartha Gautama and the key ideas behind the religion.</p> <p>Well done, Year 6, for your hard work and positive attitude this week!</p>	

### 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
Amaya	Ian	Marley	Sienna	Cavalli	Romeo	A`Maiyah F	Joel

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
Issac	Pearl	Nancy	Cataleja	Makaela	Henry	Dolly	Amelia

## 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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