

St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

24th April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please remember that this coming week, **on Monday, Tuesday (Y4 only) & Wednesday, we are holding our Parent Consultations.** This is a really important opportunity for you to **meet with your child's teacher** to discuss their learning progress and how you can also support their learning at home. If you have not yet made your appointment, please do so asap. Many thanks.

Early School Closure Due to Parent Consultations

These are **Face-to-Face meetings** which will be held in the school

- **Monday 27th April between 3pm and 5.30pm**
- **Tuesday 28th April (Y4 only) between 3pm and 5.30pm**
- **Wednesday 29th April between 3.40pm and 6.30pm**

To facilitate these timings, please note that **school will finish for all pupils on Monday 27th April at 2.40pm.** If you have any difficulties with this, your child can go to After School Club. Please inform Ms Barton (BASC lead) or Mrs Michael (Office Manager) if this is required.

Usborne Book Fair

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair during our Parent Consultation Evenings next week (Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th April).

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Anne Croxford and every book purchased will go towards brand new **FREE** books for our school. Usborne will donate up to **60%** of the total book fair sales value raised in **FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every **£600** of books purchased, we will get **£360** in FREE Usborne books for our school



London Mini- Marathon

Wishing the very best of luck to all of our pupils who are running the Mini-London Marathon this Saturday. It is an amazing opportunity to run on the main London Marathon route, along the Mall and near to Buckingham Palace. Have fun and enjoy the atmosphere!

School News

- ★ Our **Girls football team** have been playing really well this year and we were delighted that they won all bar one of their matches in last week's Enfield Schools tournament, which put them in 2nd place for the season. What a fantastic achievement – We are so very proud of you all!
- ★ Plans are underway for our **new nursery opening in September.** Flyers will be sent out next week. Please sign up for a place through the office if you have a 3 year old – or share your flyer with friends, family and neighbours. One third of places are already filled ... don't miss out!
- ★ We will be celebrating our **annual Cultural Day on Wednesday 20th May.** Please make sure the date is in your diary / you leave work early to join in the fun, festivities and fabulous food which is always on offer at this event. Letters will be out soon!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Harris

EYFS

This half term in EYFS, we are learning about *"How Things Grow"*. This week we began by reading the story *Oliver's Vegetables*, which sparked lots of discussion about where our food comes from and how plants grow. The children examined a variety of seeds, observing their different shapes, sizes, and textures. This encouraged curiosity and lots of thoughtful questions about what seeds need to grow and how they change over time.

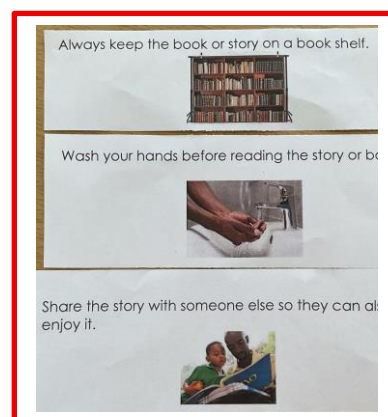
We have also started planting our own flower seeds. The children are excited to take responsibility for watering and observing their plants as they begin to grow. Next, we will be extending our learning by planting and growing our own vegetables. This will help the children further understand the life cycle of plants and the importance of care, patience, and the environment in helping things grow. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic—future gardeners in the making!



Year 1 – RE

This half term, our RE big question is 'What does it mean to be a Muslim?'. We found out that the holy book for Muslims is called the Qur'an. We thought about books that are special to us and how we take care of them. We worked in groups and looked at six sentences about showing care and respect to important stories and books and had to choose three that we thought were most important.

Nicole, Malachi, Jasson and Jordan worked together and chose these sentences.



Team 1 are Sculptors

On Thursday, Team 1 became sculptors. Sculptors are a special type of artist who make sculptures. Sculptures are three-dimensional artworks. We were inspired by an Australian sculptor named Samantha Stephenson specifically exploring her work entitled 'other'.

Our sculptures were made from cardboard, card and paper. We thought carefully about shape. We made cylindrical towers as the centre piece of our sculpture. Then, we used a variety of techniques to manipulate the paper like: bending, scrunching, folding, cutting and rolling. We then had to think about our placement of the individual pieces, how to shape it and interweave it so it would stand proudly.

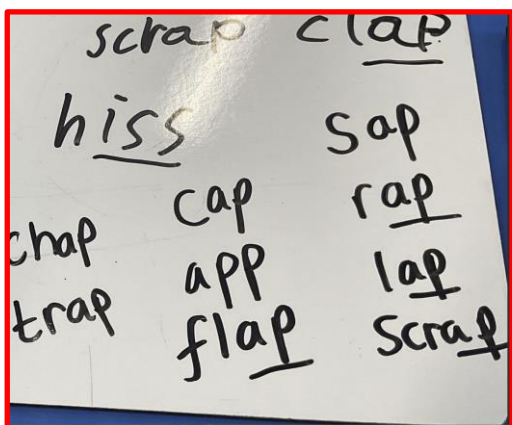


Year 2: Exploring Sounds and Rhymes in Poetry

This week in Year 2, the children have been exploring the exciting world of poetry, with a focus on onomatopoeia and rhyming words. It has been a fun and creative experience, full of imagination, laughter, and expressive language.

We started by learning about onomatopoeia—words that imitate sounds. The children enjoyed identifying and acting out words such as *buzz*, *crash*, *bang*, and *whoosh*. They also listened carefully to different sounds, including the crackling of fire, and created their own sound words.

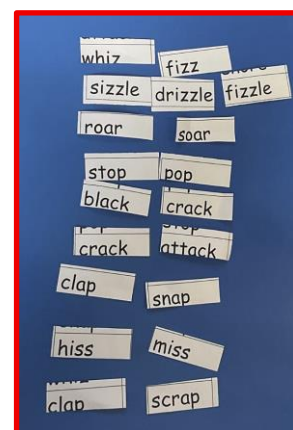
We then moved on to rhyming words. The class practised spotting rhymes in simple poems and matching words that sound the same at the end. We discussed how rhyming words usually share the same ending sound and often have similar spelling patterns, such as *cat*, *hat*, and *bat*. This helped the children understand that rhyming is about both how words sound and how they are spelled.



Firat – “The fire is making a ‘tak tak’ ”

Leo – “ Click Click”

Karis – “ The last words at the end of the line has to rhyme.”



Year 3

Our new Science topic is ‘The Bee Project’. In this first lesson, we looked at the parts of a bee. We were able to identify the main parts of a bee and research their function.

Then we had a chance to create our own bee model using resources we had in the classroom.

Nana – “ We were making bees for our bee project. We spoke about the bee’s body. The main body parts of the bee is the abdomen, thorax and the head”.

Muhammed – “In our lesson, we were making bees out of paper. We learnt about how bees can sting people”.



Team 4 - Trip along the River Lee Navigation - Thursday 23rd April

We started the trip by walking through Ponders End over the station to reach the River Lee. Along the canal we saw a lots of boats that people live in, and birds such as Egyptian geese. We also saw great crested grebes, mallards, coots and tufted ducks, swimming and nesting along the banks of the canal. We walked along the tow path of the canal from Ponders End Lock to Pickets Lock. We met the owner of a boat who told us about the river and their experiences. We also sat on the bank for a while, sketching what we could see around us. After we went via the Lee Valley Athletics Centre to come back to school. We had a lovely time. Written by: **Sia**

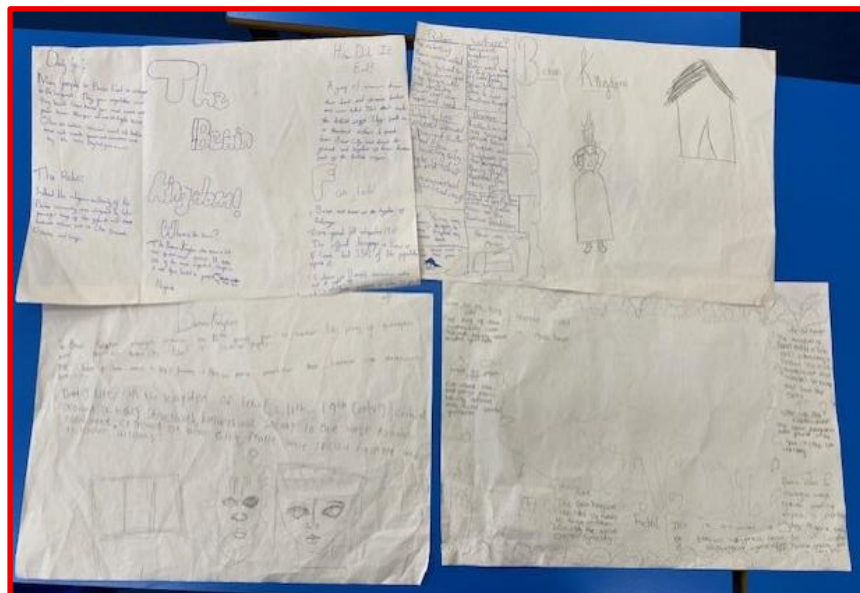


Year 5

In Year 5, we have been reading 'Children of the Benin Kingdom' for guided reading and English. This has linked to our learning in History, which is all about the Benin Kingdom.

We have gathered facts on sugar paper and are now using these facts in different types of presentations.

"We are working in groups to make posters and power points about the Benin Kingdom. Learning about the daily life and what rulers they had. The Benin Kingdom is in Nigeria and are famous for Benin Bronzes which are sculptured portraits made from Bronze." **Jeriel, Y5.**



Year 6 & 5 – Cookery Club

In cookery club so far, we have made pineapple upside down cake, Easter nests, cupcakes, garlic bread, pizza, scones and yet to come; COOKIES!



We would like to thank our very special supervisors, Mrs Hands, Mrs Tompkins, and the lovely Mrs Bailey. It was all amazing due to them, everyone loved it.

SPECIAL REVIEWS:

Hasan: "It was really fun"

Noah: "I really liked the pizza with all the toppings"

Grace: "I really enjoyed making and eating what we made"

By the best reporters, Nabhan and Ayeyi!



Whole School Attendance

Today's attendance was 92%

Our target attendance is 96.5% - please help us to achieve this!

Best attendance for week ending 17th April was won by Year 6 with 99.3% and this week's winner were Year 2 with 98.5%.

For your children's benefit please make sure that you are getting your children to school every day and on time. Thank you



Our Time to Shine certificates are awarded weekly to 2 pupils in each class who have been recognised as great role models for our school values & children's rights. This week's awards were given to:

Class 1:	Thayla & Jasson	Sapphire & Kendel
Class 2:	Sarah & Leo	Aiden
Class 3:	Muhammed & Melek	Melissa & Milenna
Class 4:	Dawid & Eric	Jayden & Isabella
Class 5:	Amariah & Tony	Minay & Iris
Class 6:	Maramawit & Sydelle	Joyce & Ayeyi

MUSIC THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL

Prom Praise 4 Schools

On Tuesday 17th March the choir went to the Royal Albert Hall for Prom Praise 4 Schools. We sang with many schools and when we finished practicing the songs, the performance started. The theme was 'What were you made for?' In the drama, four children went all through history for the answer. We saw different parts of the Bible, like the Creation, Adam and Eve and Noah's Ark.

Alicia, Giovanna and Sharon



Y5 at the Royal Festival Hall

On Monday 23rd March we went to see the wonderful Philharmonia Orchestra. It was their 80th Anniversary! The music was relaxing and the time flew by so fast because it was really enjoyable.

I enjoyed the 'I am music' song because we had practiced it and I was very familiar with the song and knew what to sing. I felt proud and happy because my picture was shown on the screen and I recognised it.

Keyan and Tony



Maintenance Fund

We pay an annual charge, per pupil, into the Maintenance Fund. **Our School, like all VA schools, depends on contributions from parents to meet this cost.** We have to make up any shortfall by using the Government funding we receive for teaching staff, learning materials or activities to support classroom learning. We want to avoid having to do that and we hope you would too. So we are asking for a contribution of **£35 per child** from parents to enable us to meet the costs of remaining in the Diocese's scheme without taking away from our teaching and learning activities. So far this year we have collected £913. Many thanks to those you have contributed so far – **please remember it is for the benefit of your children!**

Currently over £6,000 will now have to come out of our curriculum budget – which means that your children miss out on learning resources – please support us by making a contribution.



St Matthew's
C of E Primary school

Free Breakfast club

Start the day the best way!
Everyday from 8.15am-8.30am

All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to join us for a tasty, energising start to the day!

- ★ Drop your child off and let them enjoy a delicious, healthy breakfast with friends before school.
- ★ The perfect way to fuel their bodies and minds ready for a day full of learning and fun!

Just drop off at the Breakfast club entrance on South Street. There's no need to book.



ENFIELD CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET

JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING
WEEKLY ON FRIDAYS

SCHOOL YEARS 5 & UNDER
5:30PM - 6:30PM

SCHOOL YEARS 6 & UP
6:30PM - 7:30PM

All Abilities Welcome!

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COME ALONG, SIGN UP & HAVE FUN!

Community News



Family Based Solutions
Moving Forward Together

Join Our Free Online Parent Support Group

Once a week for 4 weeks

Introducing our virtual Parent Support Group
Facilitated by Family Based Solutions
Supporting families since 2012

Join us every week for a month to connect with other parents, share experiences, and gain valuable insights. This online group is designed to provide a safe space for parents to discuss challenges, seek advice, and build a supportive community.

Suitable for parents/carers/grandparents looking for ways to improve their current situation when faced with conflict and challenging behaviours. Let's navigate the ups and downs of parenting together.

GROUP 2 Thursday's	GROUP 3 Tuesday's	GROUP 4 Thursday's
1230pm-2pm	1230pm-2pm	630pm-8pm
19th March 2026	28th April 2026	30th April 2026
26th March 2026	5th May 2026	7th May 2026
16th April 2026	12th May 2026	14th May 2026
23rd April 2026	19th May 2026	21st May 2026

Switching groups is not permitted.
Due to sensitive discussions children should not be present during the weekly sessions.

Sign up confidentially for this 4-week journey:
CONTACT DETAILS admin@familybasedsolutions.org.uk
Tel: 020 8363 6262

www.familybasedsolutions.org.uk
www.facebook.com/familybasedsolutions
Family Based Solutions (FBS) Charity No. T149383

Pharmacy First

It involves pharmacists providing advice & NHS-funded treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions:

1. Sinusitis (age 12 year +)
2. Sore throat (age 5 year +)
3. Ear infection in children (age 1-17)
4. Infected insect bite (age 1 year +)
5. Impetigo (age 1 year +)
6. Shingles (age 18 +)
7. Simple urinary tract infections in women (age 16-64)

No need for an appointment
Free service funded by NHS England

St Matthew's C of E Primary School

Diary Dates

April

Friday 24th April – Year 3 commence weekly swimming programme
Monday 27th April – Parent Consultations – 3.pm to 5.30pm (School closes at 2.40pm)
Wednesday 29th April – Parent Consultations – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 30th April – Year 2 out on a Trip

May

Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday (No pupils)
Saturday 9th May – Joint FOSM & St Matthew's Church Family Fun Day
"Picnic In The Park"
Friday 15th May – Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 15th May – FOSM Movie Night – 3.30pm to 5pm
Wednesday 20th May – Cultural Day – 2.30pm to 5pm
Thursday 21st May – Year 4 out on a Trip
Friday 22nd May – Happy School Bag Collection
Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

June

Tuesday 11th June – Class Photos
Wednesday 17th June – KS2 Sports Day (AM)
Thursday 18th June – Reception & KS1 Sports Day (AM)
Friday 19th June – FOSM Father's Day Games Day- 2.30pm to 3.20pm
Friday 26th June – FOSM Summer Fair - 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 29th to Friday 3rd July – Year 6 Residential

July

Monday 6th July - Yr 6 Music Partnership Festival
Tuesday 7th July- Year 4 out on a trip
Monday 13th July – FOSM Year 6 Leavers Disco - 5pm to 7pm
Friday 17th July – Thanksgiving Service in St Matthew's Church at 9am
Monday 20th July - INSET Day (No pupils)