

St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

8th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

World Cultural Day

Please make sure **Wednesday 20th May from 2pm** is in your diary. Last's year's event was a fabulous community day with pupils and adults wearing their cultural outfits / colours, performing and sharing homemade food. This year we'd like an even bigger event to celebrate our wonderful diverse community. The letter for signing up to perform and bring food went out on Wednesday and needs to be returned by Friday (15th) with music loaded on to Google Classroom.

Picnic in the Park

A huge thank you to all of our families who joined us in Ponders End park on Saturday for our first joint Friends of St Matthew's & St Matthew's Church "Picnic in the Park". It was a fantastic afternoon - the sun shone; families brought their blankets & picnics and there were plenty of games to keep the children entertained all afternoon. With free music, sports activities, teas, coffees and treats provided by the Church and ice pops & pocket money toys on sale from FOSM - it truly was a great Ponders End Community event! Look forward to the next one!



Happy School Bag Collection

Your child should have brought home a "Happy School Bag" today, for you to fill with any unwanted yet reuseable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and accessories (please refer to the bag to check on what is accepted). Please bring all filled bags back to school on the morning of **Friday 22nd May**. The more bags we collect the more money our school receives. Thanking you all in advance.



British Athlete visiting our school

On Tuesday 2nd June, we are excited to be welcoming Tyler Panton, a British Athlete to St Matthew's. The children will be fundraising for our school by taking part in a fitness circuit along with Tyler. Your child should have brought home a sponsorship form this afternoon. Please support your child in their effort with this event. All sponsorship forms and money need to be returned back to school by Monday 1st June. Many thanks in advance.

Congratulations to our very own athletes!

An impressive 36 St Matthew's pupils ran either 1 mile or 2.6km in this year's London Mini-Marathon – we are incredibly proud of them all. A special congratulations to Eric who came 1st in his wave... a very impressive achievement!

Y6 SATs Week next week



Please ensure all Y6 children arrive at school on time each day, ready to do their best. Breakfast will be provided to help everyone start the day feeling focused and ready to go. Good luck Year 6 – we know you will shine!



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

This week we are exploring the capacity of different containers. We described if containers were full, half full or empty. We explored the capacity using sand, water, pasta and cubes. We made predictions as to which container had the greater capacity before testing it out. The final challenge was finding out how many small containers could fit into a larger container.



"I predict that the cup has a greater capacity than the bottle" **Gideon**



"I predict that the jug will hold 12 cubes" **Nikole**

Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to London, bringing their learning about the Great Fire of London to life. They explored key landmarks and were fascinated to learn how the city changed after 1666. A highlight was dressing up and acting as people from that time, passing leather buckets of water from the River Thames in a human chain. The children showed great teamwork and enthusiasm. They also learned about St Paul's Cathedral and were especially impressed by the size of its dome. "It weighs 65,000 baby elephants" - helping them understand how London was rebuilt to be safer and stronger.



Year 3

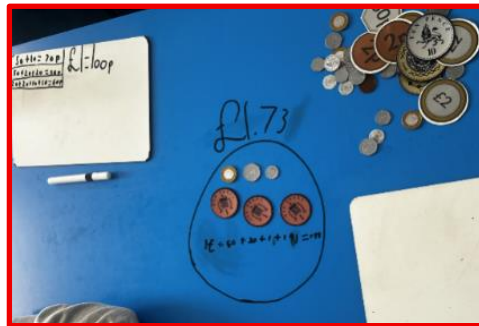
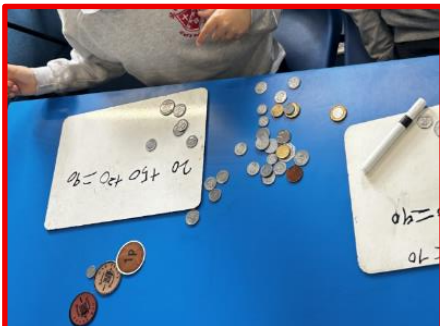
In maths this week, year 3 have enjoyed learning about money:

Shaniya "This week in Year 3, we were making different amounts of money using the coins. For example, we had to make £1 without using a £1 coin. Like using two 50p coins".

Hamza "In Maths we looked at adding money and how to calculate change if we were to go to the shops".

Regis "In maths we were learning about money. We also had word problems so when we go the shops, we can have an idea of what happens and how to solve things".

Mina "We looked at exchanging pounds and pence with the column method



Team 4 are Athletes

In PE, we have been developing our skills in athletics, making lots of progress as athletes in preparation for St. Matthew's forthcoming Sports Day.

Every session begins with an important warm up, consisting of different activities including jogging, star jumps, heel flicks, side steps, arm rotations and stretches. The warm-up is an essential part of our sessions because:

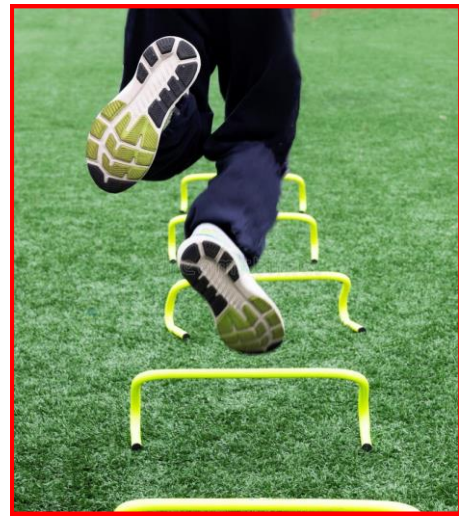
- They warm up the muscles – keeping them safe and ensuring they move with greater ease.
- They begin to increase the heart rate in preparation for more strenuous physical activity.
- They reduce the risk of any injuries as our muscles are getting ready to work harder.

Following the all important warm up, we have been practicing our running techniques. This involves lifting our knees higher, keeping our head up, using light quick steps, specific arm movements and controlling our breathing. All of these techniques have been useful in helping us move faster, smoother and with more power.

Then, we progressed to relay racing where we learnt to run quickly ensuring we stayed in our lanes and pass the baton carefully to our team mate.

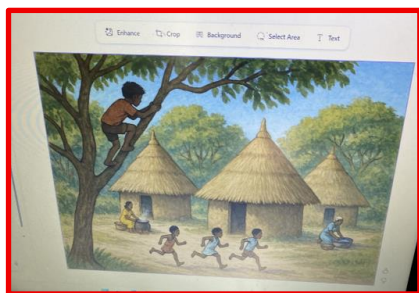
This week, we used our previous learning to help us complete relay racing with the addition of hurdles which included using our jumping skills.

Team 4 are limbering up for Sports Day.



Year 5

In English, we used AI as an assessment tool to check our setting description to see if it was specific enough. It allowed us to see what changes we needed to make. Here are some of our attempts below:



In Science, we made the lifecycle of a frog using foods – which the children then also got to eat. Here are our final products:



Year 6 – A moment of Calm

On Thursday 30th April, Year 6 had a workshop about mindfulness and being calm for SATs. We learnt how to manage and control our emotions when feeling scared and sad. We got to meditate and picture our calm and happy place and make our minds take over. It helped us to take the stress away from our minds and to control our breathing using a new method that was different to us.

We were given a book which helps with calmness and helps us to remember what to do in times of stress and worry. We learnt a new word called mantra which means 'a few words to repeat that is like a magic spell for your mind'. We also learnt about positive words to help when feeling worried or stressed.

THANKS TO THE SUCCESS CLUB WE HAVE ALL LEARNT HOW TO KEEP CALM WHEN THINGS ARE TOUGH.

Sianna and Natasha



Whole School Attendance

Today's attendance was 94.3%

Our target attendance is 96.5% - please help us to achieve this!
Best attendance for week ending 1st May was won by Year 6 with 97.3% and this week's winner were Year 4 with 100% - WELL DONE Y4!
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: **Jack & Kaan**
Class 2: **Kaiyen & Summer**
Class 3: **Mina & Hamza**
Class 4: **Nazif & Amreen**
Class 5: **Caleb & Giovanna**
Class 6: **Luenna & Jason**

Amarachi & Elijah
Whole Class
Joel
Haley & Lucas
Nevaeh & Levi
Precious & Hasan



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Primary School!
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places available**

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St Matthew's Early Years is a place where every child's light
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 **For children aged 3–5 years**

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**St Matthew's School
PICNIC IN THE PARK**

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Saturday 9th May
12–2pm

- Bring a picnic and join the fun
- Free teas and coffees
- Sports and family games

Community News

Free Adult English & Mathematics Course

Looking to improve your English and maths skills?

Come along to our free 10-week adult English and Mathematics course.



When: Starts Wednesday 6 May 2026
Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm (every Wednesday)
Where: Boundary Hall, 7 Snells Park, N18 2SY

Find out more or sign up:
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**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.

St Matthew's C of E Primary School

Diary Dates

May

**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

Friday 22nd May – Year 6 Junior Citizenship Programme

Friday 22nd May – Stay & Play session for Reception 2026 – 2pm to 3pm

Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

June

Friday 5th June – Stay & Play session for Reception 2026 -9am to 10am

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

**Wednesday 24th June – Stay & Play session for Reception 2026 Parents Meeting –
2pm to 3pm**

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)

