

# St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

12<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Our value for this half term is 'togetherness'

Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors have decided that our Right of the Month should be Article 15- *The right for all children to set up or join in clubs*. This was chosen as the ambassadors felt "It is really important that children get to have the opportunity to go to clubs to meet together with their friends and to make new friends".

### Can you help? ...

We are sure you have now all seen our new planters in the top playground. To help us fill the base of them, we would greatly appreciate donations of the following items:

- empty plastic bottles/milk bottles with lids
- plastic flower pots
- polystyrene
- logs



A large collection bag will be available at the gate for any donations. Thank you for your support!



### Football Festival

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 9 children from Year 6 went and participated in the Tottenham Hotspur Football Festival at Enfield Grammar School. After a few skill-based activities, they played the other three schools, winning two games and losing the third 1-0. They were incredible and they should be very proud of themselves!

### HAF Programme – Summer Holidays

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is running once again during the Summer holidays. The HAF vouchers will be emailed out to all eligible families on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10am** and this year's programme runs from 20<sup>th</sup> July to 28<sup>th</sup> August. Please remember to activate your voucher and book your child into the free clubs that are running over the Summer holidays. **We are pleased to announce that Blanco Activities will be running a holiday club from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August here at St Matthew's.** Depending on the uptake of places, there is a possibility that some paid places may be available. We will update you about this nearer the end of term.



**Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Harris**

## EYFS

This week in EYFS, we have been enjoying the much-loved story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. The children were fascinated as we explored the journey of the tiny caterpillar as it hatches from its egg, eats its way through lots of delicious foods, and eventually transforms into a beautiful butterfly.

Through storytelling, role play, and creative activities, the children have been developing their understanding of sequencing—learning what happens first, next, and last in the story. We also focused on counting and recognising different foods, linking our learning to early maths skills.

The highlight of our week was the very exciting arrival of our **real caterpillars in the post!** The children were full of wonder and curiosity as we carefully observed them in their new home. We are now looking forward to watching them grow and change over the coming weeks.

Having our own caterpillars will help to reinforce our learning about the **lifecycle of a butterfly**. The children will have the opportunity to observe each stage; from caterpillar, to chrysalis, and eventually into a butterfly. This will help them understand how living things grow and change over time.



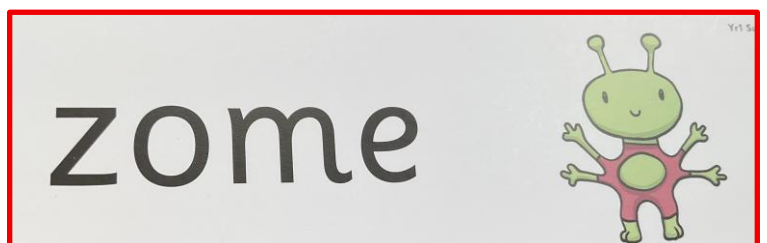
## Year 1

This year we have been working hard at learning new sounds with our phonics. We have learnt alternative ways to say different graphemes, for example 'a' can be said 'a' for apple but also 'a' for acorn. We know that a digraph is 2 letters that make one sound eg 'er', and there can be split digraphs like 'o-e' with a consonant in the middle, for example stone.

This term we have been reading real and alien words, which are made up, but help us read words that are unfamiliar.

We have been practicing our phonics every day all year and have become so much better at reading new words. This week we have completed our Phonics Screener Check, showing how much we have learnt! The staff are all very proud of the effort that all the children have put in over the year. They have made an amazing effort!

Can you read these words:



## Year 2 and 5's visit from the Fire Brigade!

The children were thrilled to meet the Fire Brigade team and learn all about the important job firefighters do to keep us safe.

The children learned about things around the home that could cause a fire, including:

- Unattended cooking
- Candles
- Overloaded plug sockets
- Damaged electrical wires
- Matches and lighters

The children were brilliant listeners and are now becoming Fire Safety Superstars, helping to keep themselves and their families safe!

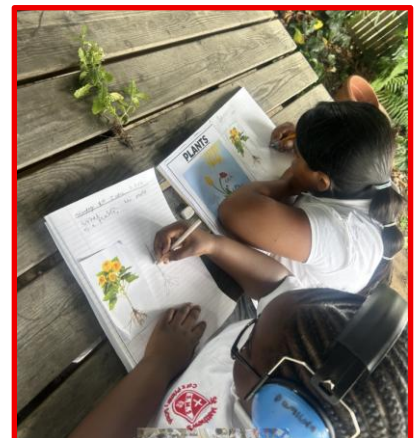
"I am going to make sure that my smoke alarm is tested once a month." – **Josiah**



## Year 3

Year 3 have started their final science topic of the year, which is Plants, consolidating and building up on their knowledge from Year 1. To start off the topic, the children went outside in the nature zone and looked at different types of plants, comparing its similarities and differences. They identified the main parts of a plant and discussed their functions.

Then in their books, they drew the plants they picked out and were able to label the different parts.



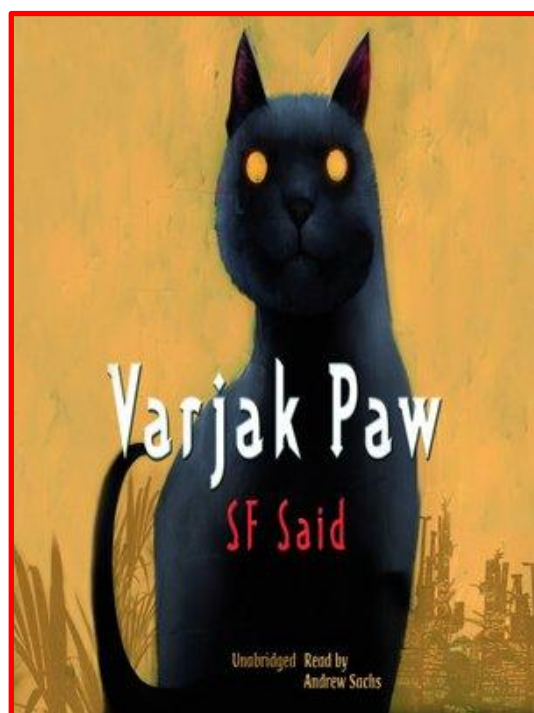
## Team 4

Team 4 have been reading Varjak Paw....

So far it has been about a cat called Varjak who has been discriminated against by his family because of his appearance – he has amber eyes unlike his family who all have green eyes. During our reading sessions, year 4 have realized that Varjak's rights have not been met and he is not being respected.

As we reached chapter 7, we acknowledged that Varjak's faith and determination about Jalal (his ancestor) is guiding his desire to want to explore the outside world and help his family against the strange tall man.

We have made a number of predictions about this amazing book and cannot wait to continue to find out more about Varjak's future adventures! This is such a great book already! To be continued...



## Year 5

Our grammar focus in English this week has been direct speech.

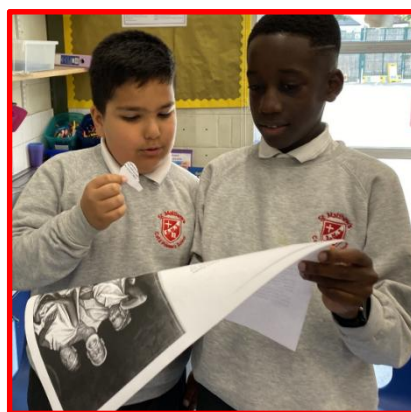
We created three main rules for our speech and then we did an oracy activity in order for us to decide where speech was happening in an unpunctuated piece of text.

Rule 1 – Punctuation – inverted commas around the speech and punctuation before the last inverted comma.

Rule 2 – Who and How someone said it

Rule 3 – New speaker, New Line" ***Tony***

"Each time there was speech, we would hold up the speech bubble which helped us to add inverted commas into our text!" ***Sharon.***



## Year 6 Debate

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 we took part in a lively debate related to our history topic about monarchs.



There were three groups in the debate: the Kings and Queens, the rich landowners and the modern civilians. The debate was about whether civilians should have the right to vote for decisions. Kings and rich landowners decided on no, but the civilians chose the right to vote, sparking a debate.

Kings and Queen stated, "You're not educated enough to vote."

Civilians retaliated by exclaiming "You don't give us enough education!".

The Rich landowners objected, protecting the Kings and Queens "Maybe if you had actually paid attention in school, you would be as successful as us.", but civilians came up with another good point "You people were born into your riches and fame."

Kings and Queens soon retaliated with "It's not our fault we were born into it, also you depend on us to make laws, without us you wouldn't be safe." "We don't always have to depend on you, we can make our own decisions, and you can't control us." "Kings and Queens, how would you know that you have no education". The debate concluded that everybody should have an equal right to opportunities, regardless of the families they were born into.



### Whole School Attendance

Today's attendance was 95.2%

**Our target attendance is 96.5% - please help us to achieve this!**  
**Best attendance for week ending 5<sup>th</sup> June was won by Year 6 with 99% and this week's winner were Year 1 with 100% - Well done Year 1.**  
**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: **Cynthia**
- Class 2: **Levi & Ava-Maria**
- Class 3: **Alina & Madison**
- Class 4: **Whole Class**
- Class 5: **Levi & Jazaiah**
- Class 6: **Maliyaah & Richmond**



## Join us to play & learn at St Matthew's C of E Primary School! Nursery and Reception places available

Give your child a bright beginning to their education: St Matthew's Early Years is a place where every child's light shines through curiosity, communication and exploration.

**For children aged 3-5 years**

- ✓ 15 and 30 hours available
- ✓ New EYFS outdoor area
- ✓ Happy confident learners
- ✓ New Nursery Classroom



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# GIRLS NIGHT

@NYCC

AGES 8+

A space designed by girls, for girls Connect, grow in confidence, build friendships, and create opportunities together. Your ideas matter, your voice is valued, and this is a space you can help make your own.

**A SPACE JUST FOR GIRLS**

Activities Include

- Arts & Crafts
- Music & Playlist Takeovers
- Dance & TikTok Trends
- Karaoke & Singing Challenges
- Gaming
- Table Tennis
- AND MORE!!!

Every Monday  
3:30pm-7:00pm

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## Community News

## Enfield NAS PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING



Feel welcome to pop along to meet other parents/carers, have a chat and stay for tea!

**Location:**  
Craig Park Family and Youth Hub,  
2 Lawrence Road,  
London,  
N18 2HN  
Location: Social Space

**2025 & 2026 Dates**

**2025:**

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**2026:**

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

For more information, contact Natasha and Sandeep:  
[enfield@nas.org.uk](mailto:enfield@nas.org.uk)  
07757 100 777

These events are for parents and carers. Children are welcome to join you, but please note that you'll need to supervise them during the session.

National Autistic Society | Enfield Branch

## Are you interested in doing a bike maintenance course?




**Hands-on**

**Free**

Enfield Council is running 4 bike maintenance courses in July 2026. These hands-on courses will teach essential bike care skills, including fixing punctures, adjusting brakes, gear indexing, and chain lubrication.

The courses are open to adults aged 18 and over, and young adults aged 16+ if accompanied by a participating adult.

This is a hands-on course so please bring your own bike to work on and wear suitable clothing. Expect to get your hands dirty! If you are interested, please book online by scanning the QR code.



There are 10 spaces available on each course so book early to avoid disappointment

[www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk)

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# **St Matthew's C of E Primary School**

## **Diary Dates**

### June

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – District Sports**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Sports Day (AM)**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Reception & KS1 Sports Day (AM)**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – FOSM Father's Day Games Day- 2.30pm to 3.20pm**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 out on a trip**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Stay & Play session for Reception 2026**

**Parents Meeting – 2pm to 3pm**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – FOSM Summer Fair - 3.30pm to 5pm**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Residential**

### July

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 Music Partnership Festival**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July- Year 4 out on a trip**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Open Evening at 3.30pm**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – FOSM Year 6 Leavers Disco - 5pm to 7pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 End Of Year Production to Year 6 Parents at 3.45pm**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 & 2 out on a trip**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Thanksgiving Service in St Matthew's Church at 9am**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day (No pupils)**

