

St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

3rd July 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

Enjoy reading about our learning and our adventures over the last couple of weeks.

Year 6 Residential



Our Year 6 children have had a fun-filled week away at Ferny Croft. Here is what they have to say:

"It was great fun! I loved it.." **Alimamy**

"It was a week to remember" **Precious**

"This trip gave us a chance to bond with people we never really talk to" **Maramawit**

"Two rooms, twenty-three kids and infinite memories" **Ayman**

District Sports

On Monday 15th June, 24 children from Years 3 to 6 participated in District Sports. They represented the school amazingly with some winning their individual races and the school winning four out of the six relays. St Matthew's finished 4th overall out of 14 school. Well done team – we are extremely proud of you all!



Three week Summer Camp here at St Matthew's



Blanco Activities will be running a three-week summer camp from Monday 27th July to Friday 14th August. Activities will include football, dodgeball, watersports, arts & crafts, camouflage games and more. There will be daily prizes to be won along with medals, certificates and photo moments. If your child is not eligible for Free School meals/in receipt of a HAF voucher, your child can still attend at a cost. **Please secure your place by phoning Blanco Activities for further information on 07377403377.**

ONLINE SAFETY Workshop – Wednesday 15th July at 9am

We have arranged an information session for parents about **ONLINE SAFETY** on **Wednesday 15th July at 9am** in the School Hall. It is very clear to us all that children are accessing the internet/social media sites/apps at a very young age and the priority is for us, as adults, to keep them safe whilst they are online. The children obviously learn about online safety at school but as parents it is important that we also understand this. In order to cover this subject thoroughly, we have arranged a presentation by an expert in this field. This session will provide parents with an insight into the wide array of apps/games/websites children are using. The aim is to support and empower parents to keep their children safe when using technology. **I would really urge you all to attend this important session.** There will be refreshments available.



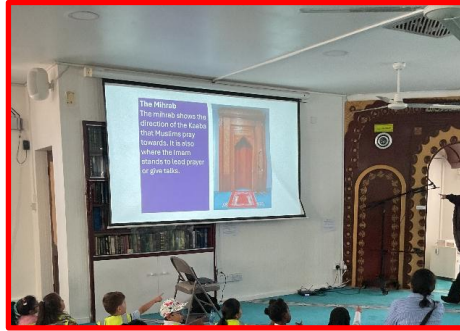
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Harris

EYFS - What Makes a Place Special?

In RE over the last few weeks, we have been exploring the big question: "What makes a place special?". As part of our learning, we visited three different places of worship: St Matthew's Church, Ponders End United Reformed Church, and Jalalia Jamme Masjeed Enfield Mosque.

These visits gave the children the opportunity to learn about different faiths and communities, as well as compare the features and purposes of each place of worship. The children enjoyed exploring the buildings, asking thoughtful questions, and discovering how these special places help people to worship, reflect, and come together as a community. Across all three visits, the children demonstrated curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm, making the most of these valuable learning experiences.



We would like to thank everyone at St Matthew's Church, Ponders End United Reformed Church, and Jalalia Jamme Masjeed Enfield Mosque for making us feel so welcome and for helping bring our learning to life!

EYFS Newsletter - How Things Grow

Over the past few months, the children have been busy growing courgettes, cucumbers, beetroot and tomatoes in our outdoor area, caring for them by watering them daily. This week we were excited to harvest our courgettes and cucumbers and taste our homegrown produce. Our wonderful school chef, Alima, cooked the courgettes for lunch, and the children loved them. Mohammad said, *"It is delicious,"* and everyone enjoyed trying something new.

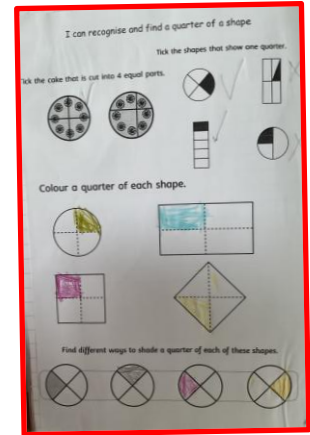
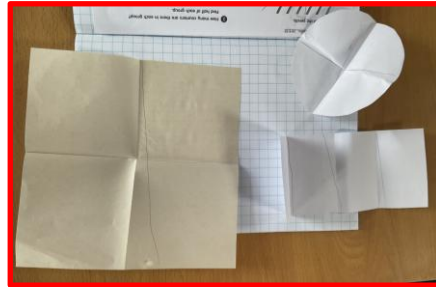
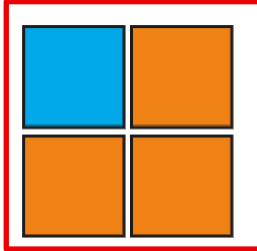
We also chopped up the cucumbers and shared them at snack time. The children agreed they tasted even better than shop-bought cucumbers!

This experience has been a fantastic way for the children to learn about where food comes from, develop their confidence in trying new foods, and take pride in something they have grown themselves. We look forward to continuing to care for our plants and enjoying more of our homegrown produce soon!



Year 1 – Fractions

We have been learning about 2D shapes and how we can find halves and quarters of them. We know that it is important to keep the pieces equal and be fair when we are sharing. We first experimented in folding shapes in half, then in quarters. Then we used cubes to find halves and quarters of numbers. Finally, we used our new knowledge of quarters and halves to make turns like a clock.



"This shape is in quarters" said **Calvary**

"Quarters have 4 equal parts" added **Leroy**.

Year 2 - Become Carbon Monoxide Safety Detectives!

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting Carbon Monoxide Safety Workshop, joining Safety Seymour on an adventure to learn how to stay safe from this dangerous gas.

The children impressed everyone by remembering the gas emergency number, 0800 111 999, and confidently discussed where boilers are found in their homes. They also learned about the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and what to do if they think the gas is present.

To help keep their families safe, every child received a carbon monoxide alarm to take home.

Well done, Year 2, for becoming brilliant Carbon Monoxide Safety Detectives and sharing this important safety message!

"Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas in the air" – **Kaiyen**

"You can't see, smell or touch it" – **Seline**

"You need to open all your windows and get fresh air" – **Karis**



Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 - Our Visit to the Mosque

This week our children had the wonderful opportunity to visit the local Jalalia Jamme Masjeed Enfield Mosque and learn more about Islam. The visit was both educational and enjoyable, providing the children with valuable first-hand experiences and a deeper understanding of a different faith and culture.

Sister Uzma led the session and did an excellent job of explaining key aspects of Islam in a clear, engaging, and age-appropriate way. The children were fascinated by what they learned and enjoyed taking part in the activities, which helped bring their learning to life. We got to see inside the dome at the top of the Mosque and heard how it reflects the sounds to make them louder.

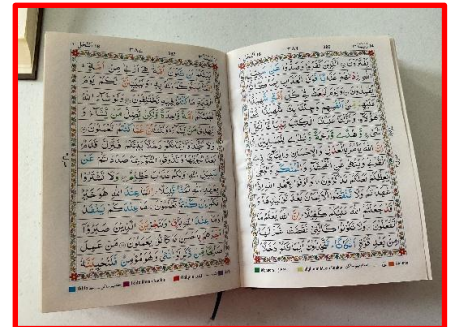
We were made to feel incredibly welcome by everyone at the Mosque, and the warm hospitality shown throughout the visit made it a memorable experience for both children and staff. The children asked thoughtful questions and were encouraged to explore their curiosity in a respectful and supportive environment.

We would like to thank Sister Uzma and all the staff and volunteers at the Mosque for such an informative and enriching visit. We look forward to returning next year and continuing to strengthen our understanding of different faiths and communities.

"When we stood under the dome you could hear the voices getting louder" **Beverley**

"You have to take your shoes off when you go inside so you do not dirty the carpets where people pray"
Savannah

"I liked it when we got to look at things" **Nana Yaa.**



Year 3

In DT this term, we have been looking at different types of seasonal fruits and vegetables. In this lesson, we had an opportunity to cut different fruits and vegetables using the 'BRIDGE' method to make sure we were cutting carefully.

Rhys "We cut up fruits and vegetables in different sizes using a plastic knife and we got to eat them!"

Rohini "We were cutting fruit and vegetables and then we got to eat it."

Hamza "I enjoyed eating the fruit!"



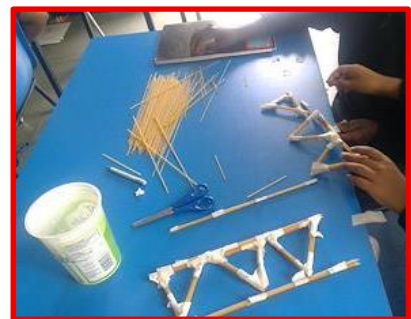
Team 4 are Engineers

Following on from our trip to the Tower Bridge, Team 4 have been working hard, making Truss Bridges from the material – spaghetti. From our trip, we have learnt that triangulation is important in strengthening bridges. We have also been learning about structures specifically pavilions which is linked to our history topic of Romans. Making the Truss bridges is one of many focused practical tasks we have been completing in DT.

Firstly, we took eight pieces of spaghetti and made a bundle by using masking tape, taping at regular intervals, which strengthened and secured it. We repeated this step six times. Next, we measured the bundle and divided it by three. It was approximately 8cm in length. After measuring, we used scissors to snip them into three.

Using the three pieces, we made a triangle, securing it with masking tape. We repeated this step to make six individual triangles.

Then we made four bundles of spaghetti to create beams. Finally, we attached the triangles to the beams. Next week, we will finish this project and test its strength. Reporters: Nazif and Jayden (T4 engineers)



Year 5 – Tottenham Hotspur Stadium visit

Mr Demani organized a tour of the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for us all. The stadium was huge! One of the screens was the size of two tennis courts. We explored the changing rooms, home and away and Mr Poxon let us do a team walkout from the tunnel into the stadium. We had a great time and loved seeing such an amazing facility!

By Kylan and Keyan



Bolognaise Making

On Wednesday 24th June, we made bolognese. First, we prepared some vegetables (carrots, onions, celery and peppers) we cut them, peeled them and diced them.

Then, we put the meat in and let it brown and broke it up into small pieces. This was followed by adding in our vegetables in and stirred it. Once everything was softened and cooked through, we added some Passata, stirred it and let it sit. We added some seasonings and then tasted it, boxed it up and took it home.

It tasted flavourful and the meat was cooked to perfection. Although it had a lot of vegetables in it, it tasted good. We loved it!

By Sharon and Amariah

Year 6 remainers – Olympic Park

The Year 6 students who did not attend our residential, had a lovely week, which was topped off by a trip to the Olympic Park in Stratford on Wednesday. They were able to explore the area, play in a huge adventure park, participate in some games and have an ice cream. The highlight, however, was going on the Swan Pedalos and pedaling them around on the water.



Jason sums the week up:

"On Tuesday, we went to a stadium tour of Tottenham Hotspurs football club. On Wednesday, we went to the Olympic Park where we played football, hide and seek and climbed on the Tumbling Bay playground. On Thursday, some of us had our secondary school transition day and today we had the opportunity to cook pizzas. We had a great week, full of fun and adventure!"



Whole School Attendance

Today's attendance was 90.6%

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

Best attendance for week ending 19th June was won by Year 6 with 99%; week ending 26th June was won by Year 4 with 92.6% and this week's winner were Year 4 with 95.2%.

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: **Leroy & Luca**
- Class 2: **Josiah & Praise**
- Class 3: **Jairus & Damilola**
- Class 4: **Whole Class**
- Class 5: **Minay & Halle**
- Class 6: **Away on School Journey**

Does your child experience anxiety linked to school attendance or are you worried about barriers to school attendance?

Join The Educational Psychology Service and Family Hubs to help shape support that works for families

This session will be a warm, welcoming space to share your views, connect with other parents and tell us what support would feel most helpful for families of children who experience anxiety linked to school attendance.

Together we will think about:

- What makes school attendance a challenge for children and families
- What support parents and carers need
- How schools, services and Family Hubs can work together
- What future parent/carer sessions should include

Wednesday 9th September
12.30 - 1.00pm
Ponders End Youth & Families Hub
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St Matthew's C of E Primary School
Diary Dates

July 2026

Monday 6th July - Yr 6 Music Partnership Festival

Tuesday 7th July- Year 4 out on a trip

Friday 10th July – FOSM Summer Fair - 3.30pm to 5pm

Monday 13th July – Open Evening at 3.30pm

Monday 13th July – FOSM Year 6 Leavers Disco - 6pm to 8pm

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 End Of Year Production to Year 6 Parents at 3.45pm

Wednesday 15th July – Parent & Carer Online Safety Workshop at 9am in Hall

Thursday 16th July – Year 1 & 2 out on a trip

Friday 17th July – Thanksgiving Service in St Matthew's Church at 9am

Friday 17th July – School ends at 2pm for all children (No ASC)

Monday 20th July - INSET Day (No pupils)

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2026

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September INSET Days (No pupils)

Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Christmas Break – Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027

