# St Matthew's Newsletter

*"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16*

**5th December 2025**

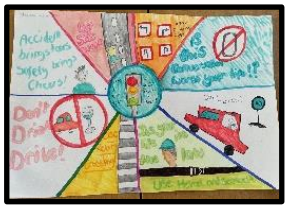
It's beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas in school with a busy, fun-filled two weeks ahead. Please add these dates to your calendar:

- **Year 3 Class Assembly:** Friday 12th December at 9am
- **Christmas Fair**: Friday 12th December at 3.30pm
- **"Carols By Candlelight"** St Matthew's Church: Sunday 14th December at 6pm
- **Reception Nativity** to parents at 9.15am
- **Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch**: Wednesday 17th December
- **KS1 Nativity to parents**: Wednesday 17th December at 9.15am
- **KS2 Carol Service:** at St Matthew's Church: Friday 19th December at 9.05am

## Nursery Places at St Matthew's C of E Primary

As you will know, we opened up 8 nursery places this September within the Reception classroom and quickly filled them all, between a mixture of 15 and 30 hour places. We are now exploring the possibility of opening a separate nursery provision on our school site, with a shared Early Years outdoor area. Your feedback will help us to understand your needs, thoughts and gain your support. **Please kindly take a few minutes to complete this link to show your support**: **https://forms.gle/p9Yh8cGuUS7iDPaV9**

## Road Safety Week



The children took part in Road Safety Week where we spoke about the importance of children wearing seat belts and them sitting in the correct child seats (if applicable) along with not being distracted by mobile phones when walking along the street. Please help your child stay safe by following these guidelines. As part of this, children were asked to make a "Road Safety" poster. The competition was high and judging was extremely difficult. Our final winners were Mary (Y6), Sianna (Y6), Natasha (Y6) and Nevaeh (Y5). Very well done to them!

## HAF Reminder

All eligible families (families in receipt of FSM) should have received by email their HAF vouchers. Please remember to activate these and book your child into the free clubs that are running over the Christmas holidays. Blanco will be running a **Christmas Activity Club** at St Matthew's on Monday 22/12 & Tuesday 23/12 – 9am to 3pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

## World Children's Day

**World Children's Day** is UNICEF's global day of action for children, which we celebrated on 20th November, as a Rights Respecting School. This date marks United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 as well as the Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The children are very good at knowing their rights – please learn with them, using the UNCRC poster attached to the newsletter email.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, with warmest wishes, **Mrs Harris**

Our **Time to Shine** certificates are awarded weekly to 2 pupils in each class who have been recognised as great role model for our school values & children's rights. The last two weeks awards were given to:

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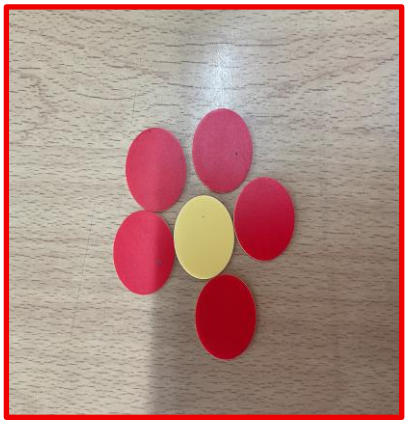
| Class 1: | **Luca & Malakhi** | **Leroy & Jack** |
| Class 2: | **Kaiyen** | **Amira & Aleenah** |
| Class 3: | **Regis & Milenna** | **Jairus & Melissa** |
| Class 4: | **Dawid & Haley** | **Naomi & Eric** |
| Class 5: | **Giovanna & Halle** | **Alicia & Keyan** |
| Class 6: | **Jason & Maramawit** | **Aleena & John B** |

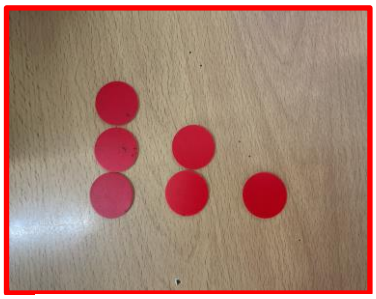
## EYFS

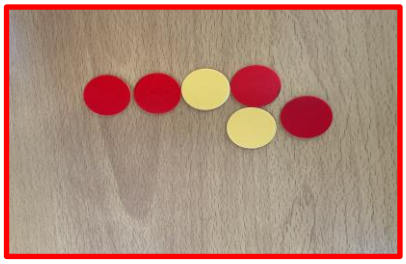
During the last few weeks we have been learning about 'Autumn'. We read the story of the 'Leafman'. The children were very excited when the Leafman came to visit us, unfortunately the Leafman flew away so we made 'Missing' posters to look for him. The children then made Leafman puppets. We went on a nature walk around the school grounds and explored the different things we could see that helped us identify it was autumn.

## Year 1

During the past 2 weeks we have been working on ways to make 6, 7 and 8. We tried different ways that we could arrange the counters. We also looked at combinations of 2 numbers that add to make the total, e.g. 2+4 =6. How many ways can you make 6?





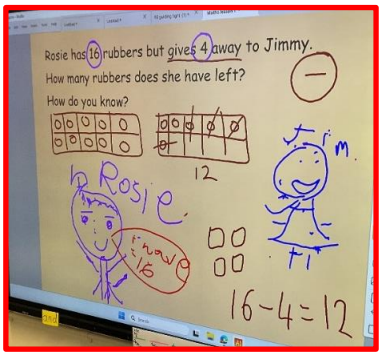


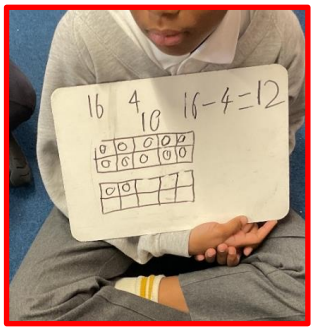
## Year 2 - We are Problem Solving Detectives!

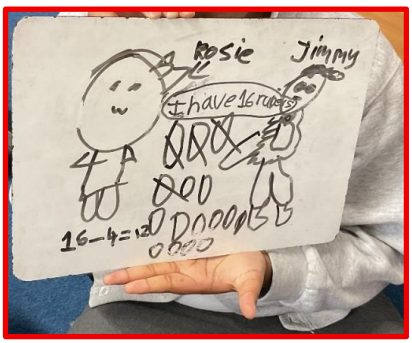
In Year 2, we've been tackling worded questions by really exploring what they're all about. First, we take time to understand the story in the problem—sometimes by acting it out or drawing a picture to bring it to life. Then we gather the resources we think will help us and have started drawing them. By paying close attention to the wording, we start to recognise the clues that tell us whether we need to **add** or **subtract** to find the answer.

"I know that it is subtract because it says **'gives away'** that means she is going to lose some" - Beverley

"If you see the word **'left'** that is also subtract" - Summer



## Year 3

Year 3 have started their weekly drama sessions. This program helps the children to develop their confidence, communication skills, collaboration and coordination. By the end of this program, they will be able to obtain LAMDA qualifications in communication and performance!

***"I like the drama workshop because it is fun!" Calista*** ***"I like it because I like acting!" Jordan***

***"I found it fun and interesting because we get to play and act out interesting things." Mikhail***

## Team 4 – Rights and Responsibilities

As you may be aware, Team 4 historians have been learning about Ancient Greece. The Greeks were responsible for a lot of amazing inventions, artwork and architecture. They even were practicing democracy all those years ago. Although we did notice that historically in Greece, there were many inequalities for different groups of people especially women. **Did you know that although the Ancient Greeks famously invented the wonderful sporting event named the Olympics, only men were allowed to compete?** This made us consider our **Global Goals and Children's Rights** that we are fortunate to have today. Team 4 wondered who helped enable us to have these rights.

In Guided Reading, we have been reading Greek Myths by an author and illustrator called Marcia Williams. She has written many books – one of which is about inspirational women. We studied her biography on Eleanor Roosevelt who is a Human Rights Activist (1884-1902). She did many inspirational acts to help women, less wealthy people and people of colour. We recognised her part in influencing: Global Goal 5 'Gender Equality', Global Goal 10 'Reduce Inequalities', plus the Children's Rights UNCRC Article 2 'No discrimination' and Children's Right Article 4 'Making Rights Real'. Thank you to inspirational people.
You help us realise that we can be the inspiration of tomorrow.

## Year 5

In Year 5, we experienced what it was like to be Viking traders.

Trading: "The class was experimenting with how it would be to trade when the Vikings were alive. There would be essentials to trade like peasants, silver, fur, clothing, animals. There were people who bought and people who sold daily needs" ***Grace***

Enjoyment: "Year 5 was enjoying it because it was so loud, we couldn't even hear Mr Poxon speaking. Mainly, people were coming to the clothing section, and we were bartering. The animal section was the place barely anyone went to because it was mainly fur (clothing), materials and slaves" ***Keyan***

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## Year 6 – Debate about Migration

In class 6 this week we had a debate. Our class book is about a Jamaican boy called Leonard, moving to Manchester, England. He is bullied for the colour of his skin. We discussed whether Leonard should've come to England or not. The class was split into two groups. Four children from each group were chosen one at a time, and respectfully listened and argued with each other, while the audience actively listened and respected everyone's opinion. We included the pros and cons and rights in our discussion. Should Leonard have moved to England or should he have stayed in Jamacia. The answer is still unknown.

***Alimamy and Mary, Year 6***

## Gymnastics Festival Years 1-2

All term the Gymnastics club have been working towards competing at the Annual Enfield Gymnastics Festival. On Monday, 5 children from the club represented our school to compete against other schools within Enfield. Each child had to individually perform a floor routine and vault skills in front of judges. As a team they performed well and overall made 4th place out of 13 schools and 88 gym teams. Well done everyone – we are very proud of you!

A huge congratulations to Sianna (Y6) who came 4th in a Tumbling Competition over the weekend. Well done Sianna!

*"I got a medal"* ***Anaiya***

*"The best part was when we were doing our routine"* ***Sarah***

## Reminders……

**Chicken Shed Production** – Wednesday 10th December for EY, Yr 1, 2 & 3 – please pay £4 on ParentPay

**Reception 2026 Applications** (children born between 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022) need to be submitted by 15th January 2026 via Enfield e-admissions

**Nursery 2026 Applications** (children born between 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023) need to be submitted by 15th February 2026 via a school application form

## Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this term is 94.7%.

Today's attendance was 94.9%

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

**Best attendance for week ending 21st November was won by Years 5 & 6 with 96%, last week was won by Year 4 with 98.1% and this weeks winners are Year 4 again 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.

# 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

*Let your light shine*

**We warmly invite the families of children born between September 2021 and August 2022 who are due to start primary school in September 2026, to join our headteacher, Mrs Harris for a talk and tour of our small, nurturing, family school.**

**Tours at 9.45am:**

Tuesday 4th November 2025
Friday 14th November 2025
Monday 24th November 2025
Wednesday 10th December 2025
Thursday 8th January 2026

**Please call us on 0208 804 1666 or email office@st-matthews.enfield.sch.uk to book a place to visit us, or ask any questions.**

**We very much look forward to meeting you and your child.**

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## What to expect...

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- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

## Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

## Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
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4. Hear from others about what works for them.

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**Enhance your relationship with your children?**

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## What to expect...

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- Expert help from a real person each week.
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- Understanding and managing behaviour.
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## Group discussion...

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# St Matthew's C of E Primary School Diary Dates

**December**

**Tuesday 9th December – Year 5 visit to The British Museum**

**Wednesday 10th December - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents @9.45am – Reception 2026**

**Wednesday 10th December – EY, 1, 2 & 3 Chicken Shed Christmas Show**

**Thursday 11th December – Years 4, 5 & 6 Millfield Christmas Panto**

**Friday 12th December- Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am**

**Friday 12th – FOSM Christmas Fair at 3.30pm**

**Sunday 14th December – "Carols By Candlelight" St Matthew's Church at 6pm**

**Tuesday 16th December – Reception Nativity to Parents at 9.15am**

**Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**

**Wednesday 17th December – KS1 Nativity to Parents at 9.15am**

**Friday 19th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Matthew's Church at 9am**

**Friday 19th December – School finishes at 2pm**

**Christmas Break – Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026**

**January - 2026**

**Monday 5th January – School opens for all children**

**Wednesday 7th January – KS2 SATs meeting for Y6 Parents**

**Thursday 8th January - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents @9.45am – Reception 2026**

**Friday 16th January – FOSM Quiz Night**

**Tuesday 20th January – Year 2 Parents Maths Workshop @9am**

**Monday 26th to Friday 30th January – Mystery Reader Visits**

**Tuesday 27th January – Year 1 Parents Maths Workshop**

**Thursday 29th January – Year R Parents Maths Workshop**

**Friday 30th January – Book Sale @ 3.20pm**

**February**

**Friday 6th February – Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9am**

**Friday 13th February – Happy School Bag Collection**

**Friday 13th February – FOSM Valentines Disco**

**Friday 27th February – Year 3 visit to The British Museum**

**Half Term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026**

**Easter Break – Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026**

**Monday 13th April to Monday 20th July 2026**

**Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday (No pupils)**

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

**Monday 20th July - INSET Day (No pupils)**

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