

St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

10th October 2025



Headteacher News

Harvest Festival will be taking place on Wednesday 15th October at 9am in St Matthew's Church everyone is welcome to attend. Please kindly support our harvest celebration by sending your children to school with non-perishable goods such as tins of food, pasta rice, cereals etc on the day.

We are delighted to have welcomed our new kitchen manager Mrs Aziz to the St Matthew's team this term. On Thursday 2nd October



we celebrated **Jungle Fest Census Day** with a lunch of beef chili nachos and macaroni cheese. The children were absolutely delighted with both of these meals, with many children having seconds and some even thirds! They have requested these foods become a regular on the lunch menu.



We are delighted to announce our **Eco Councillors** for this year, who will be focusing on improving our school & global environment by: leading eco-friendly projects like recycling, gardening, and energy-saving; helping all children learn about climate change and sustainability and making our school a cleaner, greener, and more caring place. They will use our BRIGHT values to help them:

Brave - Take bold steps to speak up for the environment.

Respect - Care for people, animals, and the planet.

Inspirational - Be a role model for others.

Grateful - Appreciate the beauty of creation.

Honest - Be truthful and trustworthy in your role.

Together - Work as a team to make a bigger impact.

	Eco-Council	Eco- Council
Year 1	Malachi	Leroy
Year 2	Levi	Karis
Year 3	Harlie	Isaiah
Year 4	Isabella	Emmanuella
Year 5	Sharon	Giovanna
Year 6	Hasan	Luenna

We will also be asking our parents for help in improving our

Nature Zone over the coming months and look forward to your support. Let's be BRIGHT and make a difference—together!

From after half term, St Matthew's in addition to being a smartphone free school for pupils, we will also become a **mobile phone free zone**. This means when dropping or collecting your child, **mobile phones and air-pods should not be used on school premises**. As a **Rights Respecting School** we expect you to greet your child with a smile and a conversation about their school day, rather than being on your mobile. I hope all parents will support and respect this decision – as it is what's best for your children.



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:

Class 1: **Kaan & Jordan**

Class 2: **Aiden & Sarah**

Class 3: **Ava & Mavis**

Class 4: **Daniyal & Annabelle**

Class 5: **Tony & Marta**

Class 6: **I'Shan & Precious**

Class 1: **Nailah & Gideon**

Class 2: **Safwan & Praise**

Class 3: **Calista & Jordan**

Class 4: **Zion & Sia**

Class 5: **Maya & Mursaleen**

Class 6: **John A & Sydelle**

EYFS

This week in the EYFS classroom we have been learning to count and subitise to 3. Subitising is the ability to instantly recognise the number of objects in a small set without counting them. You can have a go at subitising at home using everyday objects (see photos for ideas). The children enjoyed making dot plates to match number 3 and support their learning on subitising to 3. Nursery had fun developing their fine motor skills using dough disco.



Year 1

Last Thursday we had a lovely group of parents join us for our Story Cafe. This year our book was Traction Man and we explored different situations that our own Traction man might visit. We cleaned the Reception sand toys with Scrubbing Brush. We had to free our animals that were frozen in the ice - which kept us going for a while! There was also a chance to make superhero masks. Thanks to all the parents who joined us.



Year 2

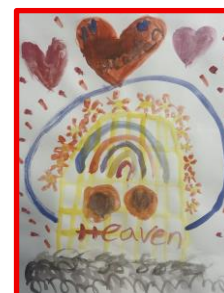
In RE, Year 2 have been exploring the Big Question: *Why did Jesus teach the Lord's prayer as the way to pray?* We depicted that 'Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven' meant the hope that Earth would look like Heaven where God's voice is heard. The children discussed that although our world is beautiful, there are things that go wrong, like littering. They spoke about the ways we should show love to each other and that we should take care of God's creation. After they created a piece of artwork which represented God's voice on Earth.



I drew heart balloons to show kindness. I drew a sun so the plants can grow. **Amira**



I drew hearts, flowers and a bright sun because I think Heaven is bright. **Safwan**

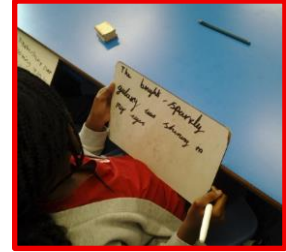


I drew flowers, a rainbow and some hearts because I wanted to show the beauty of Heaven as it is on Earth. **Asya**

Year 3

This term, we have been reading 'Stone Age Boy' linking to our History topic on the Stone Age. In Literacy, we have been creating expanded noun phrases based on this book and different settings.

We first had a chance to create expanded noun phrases with pictures on the interactive board. Then at our group tables, we looked at a setting description in the book and wrote different expanded noun phrases around the picture, using the word bank to help us use ambitious adjectives!



TEAM 4 BEING BRAVE

This week, Team 4 children have been working hard to practice for our class assembly. The theme of our collective worship is our St Matthews's value 'brave'. As anti-bullying week is almost upon us, we have made the connection between being brave, confronting our fears, triumphing over adversity and bullying. As you may be aware, our RE big question is 'How did belief in God affect the actions of the people in the Old Testament?' As part of this learning, we have been exploring the Moses's story. Therefore, our biblical reference is the Passover story where Moses leads the Hebrews from Egypt to the promised land (The Book of Exodus – Chapter 1-19).

Please come and join our Team 4 family, in celebrating being brave on Friday 17th October at 9:00am in the school hall.

Please also ensure your child is in school at 8:40am on this day. Many thanks.

Year 5



In Year 5, we have been looking at division using lots of different methods, from practical counters for arrays and grouping, to 'the flower method' for drawing out our division. We then worked towards and finished the week by dividing 4 digits by 1 digit - using the bus stop method.



Year 6

In our history topic in year 6, we have been learning about World War II and the impact of World War II on the people of Britain.

We will be writing a Newspaper Report about the Blitz and effects particularly on the people of London during the war. As keen reporters, we spent some time researching – looking for evidence of the devastating impact on both the infrastructure and residents of the city at that time. We also looked for eyewitness accounts, finding out about people who lived through the Blitz and how they felt. These accounts gave an insight into these brave stoic people who lived through one of the most challenging times in history.

Precious in Year 6 researched "Denis who joined the R.A.F in 1945"

"I was not quite 14 years old when the Blitz started in 1940 and lived in Southeast London. During an air raid earlier in the day a stick of bombs had hit this area, and houses had been blown down. Dust was everywhere and gas mains in the street were on fire. Fire engines were everywhere, their hoses across the streets."



Reminders.....

Harvest Festival next Wednesday 15th October – please send your child in with any non-perishable donations (tinned food, rice, pasta etc) – thank you.

Secondary Transfer Applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2025.

Year 6 School Journey : We require the deposit of £75 to be paid by 2nd November 2025.

Reception 2026 Applications need to be submitted by 15th January 2026

Flu Vaccine: Please remember to respond to your email about the Flu Vaccine. Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that the immunisation team can record your wish.



Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this term = 94.6%

Today's attendance was 95.1%.

Best attendance for both this week and last week was won by Year 3 with 97.5%.

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.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

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SPORTS **ART AND CRAFTS** **FUN ACTIVITIES**

- Non-Stop Sports Day Fun!**
Action-packed outdoor games, races & challenges every day!
- Creative Arts & Crafts Zone!**
Paint, build and design amazing projects to take home!
- Parents: just pack a lunchbox
- We'll provide tasty snacks & fresh fruit

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

- Medals Trophies
- PLUS... 2 brand-new Arsenal Kits to be won on the final day!
- ONLY £100 for the whole week!
- Siblings join FREE – one price covers the whole family!

A whole week of laughter, teamwork & memories your kids will never forget!

St Matthew's C of E Primary School with Blanco Activities

Universal Therapies Team

Have you heard of the new Universal Therapies Team for Enfield residents? We are comprised of Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Speech and Language Therapists. We are running drop-in clinics alongside the Health visiting team at locations around Enfield. If you have any questions concerns or about your child's development, you can stop by and see a therapist for advice and guidance.

Physiotherapy
Supporting your child's physical development and mobility – eg sitting, rolling, standing, crawling, walking, running, jumping, balance.

Speech and Language Therapy
Supporting your child's talking, understanding, pronunciation and interaction skills.

Occupational Therapy
Supporting your child's main occupations of dressing, self-feeding, tidying, play, early mark-making and tooth brushing.

For ages 0-5 years

The Universal Therapies Team Timetable

Healthy Child Clinic	Day	Time	Attending
Eldon Children's Centre Eldon Primary School, St Peter's Road N9 5JP	Monday	Drop-in from 1:15-3:15pm	Speech & Language Therapy
Ponders End Youth Centre Ponders End Youth Centre, 129 South Street EN2 4PH	Tuesday	Drop-in from 9:30-11:30am	Occupational Therapy Speech & Language Therapy
Christ Church Hall Christ Church United Reformed Church, Chase Side EN2 8NJ	Wednesday	Drop-in from 9:30-11:30am	Occupational Therapy Speech & Language Therapy Physiotherapy
Carters Hatch Children's Centre Carters Hatch Children's Centre, Autumn Close, EN1 4JY	Friday	Drop-in from 9:30-11:30am	Physiotherapy

*Please note we do not book appointments, we are a drop-in service only.
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Online Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Father/Male Caregivers only. Group starting 30 October at 1:00pm**

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?

6 online sessions | 6 group discussions | Certificate on completion

SFSC Stronger Relationships

PIVOTAL NETBALL ACADEMY

LEARN TO PLAY NETBALL IN A FUN & NURTURING ENVIRONMENT. CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES AGED 4 TO 16 WELCOME.

PAY AS YOU GO

9-9.55 RECEPTION TO YEAR 5
10-10.55 YEAR 6 TO 11
 £12 PER CLASS OR £10 EARLY BIRD*
 (*WHEN YOU BOOK AT LEAST 48 HRS IN ADVANCE)

BOOK A FREE TRIAL

ENFIELD & BARNET

SATURDAYS
 SOUTHGATE SCHOOL
 ENFIELD EN4 OBL

SUNDAYS
 THE COMPTON SCHOOL
 BARNET N12 0QG

DATES	18 OCT	DATES	19 OCT
6 SEPT	25 OCT	14 SEPT	2 NOV
13 SEPT	8 NOV	21 SEPT	9 NOV
20 SEPT	15 NOV	28 SEPT	16 NOV
27 SEPT	22 NOV	5 OCT	23 NOV
4 OCT	29 NOV	12 OCT	30 NOV
11 OCT	6 DEC		

ADULT NETBALL 9AM @ SOUTHGATE
 13 SEPT 20 SEPT 27 SEPT 4 OCT £8
 11 OCT 18 OCT 8 NOV 15 NOV

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OUR HOLIDAY CAMPS HAVE FOUR SESSIONS PER DAY:

- 1 FUN AND ENGAGING WARM UP ACTIVITIES
- 2 ATTACKING SKILL PRACTICES IN A RANGE OF SCENARIOS
- 3 DEFENSIVE SKILL PRACTICES IN A RANGE OF SCENARIOS
- 4 GAME BASED ACTIVITIES, WHERE SKILLS ARE APPLIED TO A MATCH

HOLIDAY CAMPS

PIVOTAL NETBALL ACADEMY

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

SOUTHGATE SCHOOL, ENFIELD EN4 OBL
 RECEPTION TO YEAR 10
 10AM - 3PM
 £32 PER DAY
 (HALF DAYS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

ENFIELD

28 OCT
 29 OCT
 30 OCT

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THE SALVATION ARMY ENFIELD

CHRISTMAS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY

ENFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
 CECIL ROAD EN2 6TG

£5 **6 PM**
22 NOV 2025

FEATURING
ST. MATTHEWS SCHOOL CHOIR
KIDS INC. ENFIELD PRE SCHOOL
SALVATION ARMY BAND AND CHOIR

Start your Christmas with an evening of music and carol singing

PAVILION ON THE GREEN PRESENTS THE 1005th BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

A TAPESTRY OF COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Contribute to a collaborative woven tapestry using colourful, recycled fabrics.
 Be Creative!

Let's team up to make something amazing for our community. We'll create a piece of art that shows all our ideas that we hope for in the future. It's a chance for us to work together, hang out, and build something inspiring that represents all of us

The Green, N9 9DX
 Next to Edmonton Green Underground Station

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Full Event Details

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St Matthew's C of E Primary School

October

Tuesday 14th October – Year 5 trip to Science Museum

Tuesday 14th October 2.30pm – FOSM AGM – all parents welcome

Wednesday 15th October – Harvest Festival in Church at 9am

Thursday 16th October – Year 6 trip to Westminster Abbey

Thursday 16th October – EYFS Story Café at 9am

Friday 17th October – Year 4 Class Assembly

Monday 20th October – Year 1 trip to Bruce Castle Museum

Tuesday 21st October – Individual School Photos

Wednesday 22nd October – Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 22nd October – Year 6 Maths Workshop at 9am

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th October - INSET Days (No pupils)

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

November

Wednesday 5th November – Year 3 Maths Workshop at 9am

Monday 10th November – Parent Consultation Evening

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day in Church

Wednesday 12th November – Parent Consultation Evening

Friday 14th November - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents – Reception 2026

*** SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 22nd November – St Matthew's singing "Christmas with the Salvation Army" at Enfield Baptist Church at 6pm (see poster above) ***

Monday 24th November - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents – Reception 2026

Wednesday 26th November – Year 4 Maths Workshop at 9am

Friday 28th November - INSET Day (No pupils)

December

Wednesday 5th December – Year 5 Maths Workshop at 9am

Wednesday 10th December - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents – Reception 2026

Friday 12th December- Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am

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

2026

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026

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