

St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

12th September 2025



Headteacher's News

Dear St Matthew's Community,

Welcome back to the new academic year! I'm really impressed with how incredibly well both the new children and staff have slotted into our school family, with everyone embracing our new school vision & values (*below*):



At St Matthew's, our vision is to "Let your light shine" nurturing a community where every child is encouraged to be brave, respectful, inspirational, grateful, honest and to shine together.

As a rights-respecting school, we are dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment where each child can flourish. Guided by Christian values, we support our pupils in becoming loving, confident, resilient and successful global citizens, driven to make a difference, serving our school community and beyond. Our commitment to high aspirations, underpinned by mutual respect and support, ensures that every child is valued and empowered to reach their full potential - shining brightly in all they do.

Our Values:

Bravery
Respect
Inspirational
Gratitude
Honesty
Togetherness



Time to Shine certificates will be awarded weekly to children who have been a great role model for our values & children's rights. This week awards were given to:

Class 1: Nana-Yaa & Kendel
Class 2: Karis & Savannah
Class 3: Zan-iyah & Abraham
Class 4: Rhys & Damilola
Class 5: Minay & Amariah
Class 6: Prince & Joyce

Reminders:

- **Meet the Teacher** sessions are being held for all year groups over the next 2 weeks – please check 'Dates for your Diaries' & join with your child to meet their teacher & find out more about the class expectations & learning.
- We are **celebrating St Matthew's Day** during school at 9.05 on Friday. Parents are welcome to join us. In addition, the children (Y1-Y6) are invited to sing during the **11am St Matthew's Day service in St Matthew's Church on Sunday 21st September**. Children are asked to wear their school grey jumper/cardigan and will need to sit with their parent during the service.

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE & STRAWBERRY FREE



This includes all nut & strawberry products and chocolate spreads

**PLEASE RESPECT THIS REQUEST FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR PUPILS & STAFF.
THANK YOU**

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

EYFS

This week in the EYFS class we have been learning classroom routines and getting to know our new friends. The Reception children have settled in well and have been great role-models to their Nursery friends.



Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard at using many different ways to represent and show numbers. We have been counting objects, as well as using Numicon and dice to help recognise and use numbers in everyday life. We used double sided counters to show how various ways to show 5. How many ways can you represent 5?



Year 2

Year 2 have made a great start to the new school year and have settled incredibly well. This week, they impressed us with their fluency in number bonds to 10 with an amazing recall. We have used resources and our knowledge to help with knowing and remembering number bonds to 20. Lots of us have been using this in our explanations, practicing our full sentences and helping our partners.

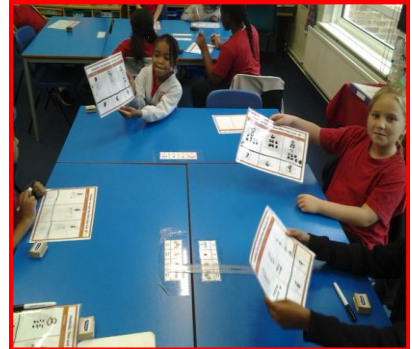
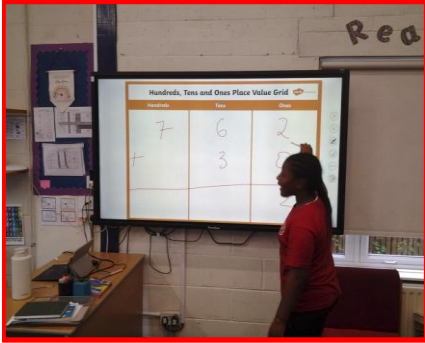
"I know that $5 + 5 = 10$. If I add 1 ten to the 5 it becomes 15 so $15 + 5 = 20$ " - Asya

"You can switch the numbers when you add and the answer will stay the same." - Anaiya



Year 3

In Year 3, we have started adding three-digit number using the column method. To help us to start using the column method, we used place value charts. Then, we had some opportunities to come up onto the interactive whiteboard to teach to the class what we have learnt.



Team 4 shining in Maths

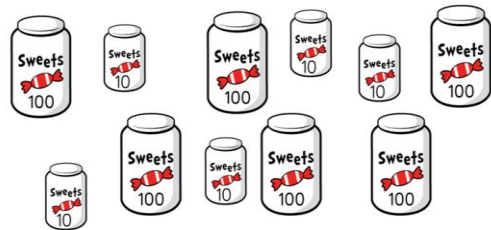
This week Team 4 have been exploring place value focusing on 3 and 4 digit numbers.

The children used a range of strategies, including: build it, draw it and write it to investigate questions.

Here are some examples responding to one of our questions.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{H} \quad \text{T} \quad \text{O} \\ 6 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ + \quad 5 \quad 0 \\ \hline 6 \quad 5 \quad 0 \\ \hline 600 + 50 = 650 \text{ Sweets} \end{array}$$

How many sweets are there?



Place Value Chart			
Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
	6	5	0

Year 5



In Science, we began our forces topic by experimenting about Friction and which materials have the most friction. We used spinning tops and conducted an experiment to see how long the spinning top would rotate before stopping on different surfaces.



St Matthew's C of E Primary School are supporting the DfE Free Breakfast Clubs



What's not to love about 30 minutes of free childcare AND a free breakfast to start your child's day?!



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FAMILY FUN FREE DAY

SCAN ME

HOUNDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL N9 7RE

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2PM - 5PM

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strengthening families strengthening communities

Programme for Parents/Carers

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC) is a 13-week inclusive evidence-based parenting programme for all parents and carers of children aged 0-18.

The programme will help parents/carers think about how their experiences, culture, upbringing, and family background have influenced their parenting style.

It will also help parents/carers answer some important parenting questions, such as:

- How do I build a better relationship with my child?
- How can I motivate my child to try their best at school?
- How do I encourage my teenager to make better decisions?
- How do I put boundaries in place with my child?
- How do I connect with the wider communities and services in my area?

Who is it for? All parents/carers of any ethnic and faith background

How long? 13 weeks - each week you attend a 3-hour session in person

When? Wednesdays, 17 Sept - 17 Dec 2025
 Fridays, 19 Sept - 19 Dec 2025

What time? 9:30am - 12:30pm @Keys Meadow
 9:45am - 12:45pm @Ponders End

Where? Keys Meadow Primary School, 84 Tysoe Avenue, EN3 6FB (Wed)
 Ponders End Youth & Family Hub (RPC), 141 South Street, EN3 4PX (Fri)

Certificate Award Ceremony at end

How to Book? Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Programme or scan QR code



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Ponders End Youth Hub

Every Wednesday

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Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance average for the last 2 weeks = 92%
Today's attendance was 95%. **Our school target is 97%.**
Thank you to all of those families who returned to school on time and have been in school each day. 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

Diary Dates 2025-2026

September

Monday 15th September – Yr 6 "Meet the Teacher" and Secondary Transfer meeting at 3.30pm

Tuesday 16th September – Yr 4 "Meet the Teacher" meeting at 3.30pm

Wednesday 17th September – Yr 1 "Meet the Teacher" meeting at 3.30pm

Friday 19th September – "St Matthew's Day" church service at 9.05am

Friday 19th September – Yr 5 "Meet the Teacher" meeting at 3.30pm

Sunday 21st September – 11am Service for "St Matthew's Day" at St Matthew's Church

Monday 22nd September – Yr 2 "Meet the Teacher" meeting at 3.30pm

Tuesday 23rd – Yr 3 "Meet the Teacher" meeting at 3.30pm

October

Thursday 2nd October – Y3 trip to Natural History Museum

Tuesday 14th October – Year 5 trip to Science Museum

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

Wednesday 22nd October – Y5 Swimming

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

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

November

Friday 28th November - INSET Day (No pupils)

December

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