

# St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

14<sup>th</sup> November 2025



## Headteacher's News

A huge thank you to Richard Haynes, founder of Haynes Harriers FC, who has kindly donated and sponsored our brand-new boys football kit!

We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and support. Thank you for customising and paying for our kit, even though you didn't need to! - Tony, Year 5



We even have our school vision 'Let your Light Shine' written on the back! Girls' kits to follow! 😊

## Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you attending your child's Autumn Parent Consultation meetings this week. If you did not manage to book an appointment, please contact the school office and they will arrange a suitable time for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

## Early Adopters Breakfast Club

It has been great to have so many children join our free Early Adopters Breakfast Club this week. Thank you for reading and acting upon my email and sending your children to join us. This is open to all children every day from 8.15am, via the BASC gate on South Street.

## Christmas Holiday Club

Blanco Christmas Activity Club will be running at St Matthew's on Monday 22/12 & Tuesday 23/12 – 9am to 3pm. Lunch and snacks provided. 50 places available – priority places to HAF Voucher families who sign by 28<sup>th</sup> November. Remaining places will be opened to all families on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Cooking Club

This week in cooking club the children made their own flavoured couscous using their chopping and mixing skills. They all had a lovely time and enjoyed eating it at home with their families. Next week, they will be making pizzas which Christmas goodies to follow over the next few weeks.



## Growing Together: Enfield School Gardens

Our school has been selected as 1 of 4 Enfield schools to be part of a project to improve our outdoor green areas. To make this happen we have been asked to support the Spacehive crowdfunding page which is then added to by Enfield Council. Every penny helps – please support us by making a small donation via this link: <https://www.spacehive.com/growing-together-enfield-school-gardens> Please share the link & spread the word! Thank you

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

Time  
to Shine  
Awards

Congratulations to:

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: **Thayla & Amarachi**

Class 2: **Josiah & Beverley**

Class 3: **Alina & Leyla**

Class 4: **Jayden & Jessica**

Class 5: **Kylan & Iris**

Class 6: **Goshen & Simeon**

**Cynthia**

**Anaiya & Summer**

**Dorian & Mina**

**Nazif & Jacob**

**Isaiah & Grace**

**Sianna & Alimamy**

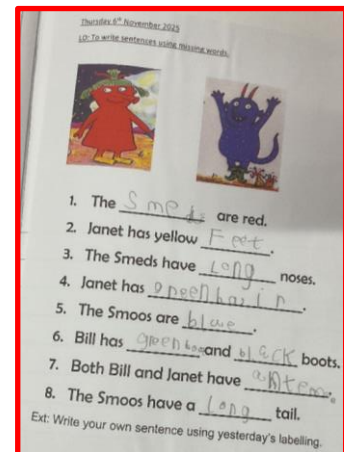
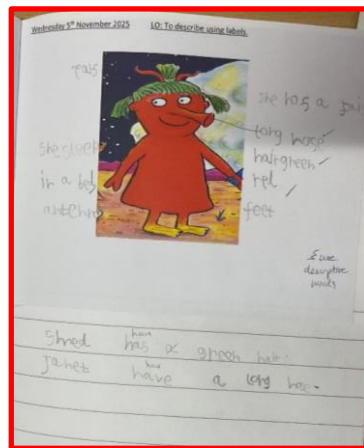
## EYFS

This half term we have been learning about 'Celebrations and Festivals'. Last week we learnt about 'Fireworks' night and explored making firework artwork using paints, chalk and stickers. We experimented using powder paints and water with pipettes in the tuff tray outside and had great fun mixing the colours. This week we found out about 'Remembrance Day' and Reception visited church for the Remembrance Day service. We took our poppy wreath which we made into church.



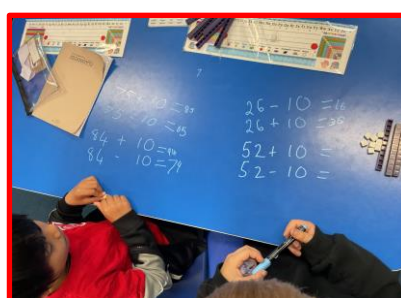
## Year 1 - Writing

This term we have been reading a Julia Donaldson book called 'The Smeds and the Smoos'. We have been looking at the characters and describing them. We have been working on using descriptive language, first labelling a picture before making our own sentences and using our phonics to help us sound out words.



## Year 2

In Year 2 Maths, we have been investigating what happens when we add or subtract 10 from any number. The children had great fun taking their learning outside — using chalk on the playground and even writing their answers on the tables! We began by exploring what the words *more* and *less* mean in maths and matching them to the correct symbols (+ and -). Using Dienes blocks, we built 2-digit numbers so we could see what happens when we add or take away a ten. The children noticed a fascinating pattern: the ones digit stays the same, while the tens digit goes up or down by one. Once they understood this visually, we moved on to recording our work using written numbers. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and confident as they explored this important place-value concept!



## Year 3 – Maths Workshop

Last week, Year 3 had their first Maths Workshop where they invited their parents to come and show them what they had been learning in the classroom. The session gave the parents an opportunity to practically explore how maths is taught in the classroom today. They discovered practical ways to support their child's learning at home, exploring the methods used for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and gaining tips for building maths confidence.



## TEAM 4 - Cricketers

Team 4 have been fortunate enough to have Cricket Coaches join us to deliver cricket sessions. Last session, our focus was catching and fielding. This week, we have been learning about bowling. We have learnt how to hold the ball in a special grip and how to bowl and not just throw. These are the main features involved in overarm bowling:

- 1) When bowling, your arm must remain straight. This 'rainbow' or 'sea-saw' movement gives the ball power.
- 2) You must grip the ball using the 'bunny' grip.
- 3) You must turn your body to the side position – the direction you are bowling.
- 4) You must have a good aim.
- 5) To achieve a good aim, use your head and arm to direct you.

Remember... If you are right-handed, put your left leg in front. If you are left-handed, put your right leg in front. Always stand side on.

*Question... How do you think you should hold the ball in cricket?*

- 1) Two hands
- 2) Bunny Grip
- 3) One hand

Next week, Team 4 look forward to learning about batting.

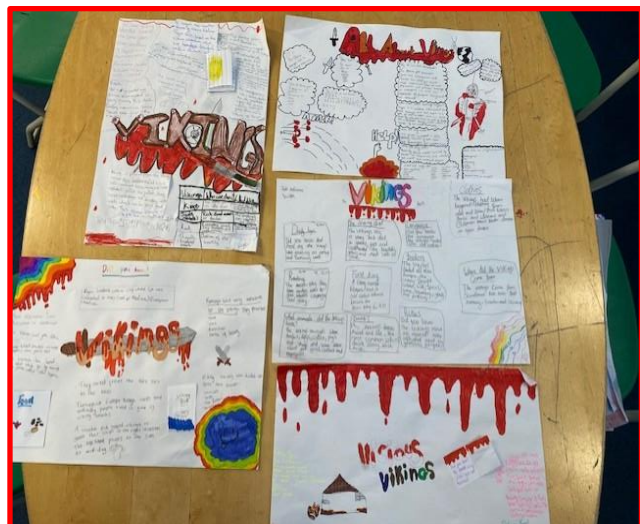
**Journalists: Shiloh, Eric and Anabelle**



## Year 5

Year 5 have started their new History topic of Vikings. Using different sources of information, we researched as much as we could about Vikings, focusing on their religion, daily life, trading and battles, to answer the question "How did Vikings impact the Britain of today?".

Here is our research, presented in the form of informative posters!



## Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum



I really enjoyed the trip to the Imperial War Museum. It was amazing to see so many things about the Second World War. There were lots of artefacts from the Blitz, and we got to experience what it was like in an Anderson Shelter. We were in groups, and we made videos/documentaries using pro-equipment highlighting the key points of the war. Although it was a long journey, I think it was worth it. It helped me understand the difficulty in the war and what it was like to be in it.

*Ayeyi Yr 6*

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 we went to the Imperial War Museum. It was a long trip. We took the train from Ponders End. It was a lot of fun and there were lots of artefacts about WWII, from places like Japan. I felt that this was a once in a lifetime trip. We did an activity in groups of 2 or 3 where we used equipment to make our own documentaries. I really enjoyed my time there, even though the journey was tiring.

*Tamina Yr 6*

### Reminders.....

**School Photographs** please remember to order your child's photograph by this **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Reception 2026 Applications** (children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022) need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 via Enfield e-admissions

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

**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. This will be taking place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Christmas Cards** – if you missed out on ordering your child's artwork in either a Christmas card, mug, tea towel etc, the second window to order will open on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November and will close on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025.**



### Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this term is  
Today's attendance was 96.3%

**Best attendance for last two weeks was won by Year 4 with 100% and 99.6% respectively.**

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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Please call us on 0208 804 1666 or email [office@st-matthews.enfield.sch.uk](mailto: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.

[www.stmatthews-enfield.co.uk](http://www.stmatthews-enfield.co.uk)




## UNIVERSAL THERAPIES

We provide advice and guidance to families in Enfield with children aged 0-5.

- Occupational Therapy**  
Supporting your child's main occupations of dressing, self-feeding, toileting, play, early mark-making and teeth brushing.
- Physiotherapy**  
Supporting your child's physical development and mobility - sitting, rolling, standing, crawling, walking, running, jumping, balance.
- Speech and Language Therapy**  
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Find us at drop-in clinics around Enfield or call our telephone advice line. Visit our website for more information.

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[rf-tr.csruniversalthérapies@nhs.net](mailto:rf-tr.csruniversalthérapies@nhs.net)





## Universal Therapies

Drop-in clinic name	Location
<b>Eldon Family Hub</b> Monday 1.15 to 2.45pm	Eldon Family Hub Eldon Primary School, St Peters Road, Edmonton N9 8JP
<b>Ponder's End Youth and Family Hub</b> Tuesday 9.30 to 11am	Ponders End Youth and Family Hub, 129 South Street, Ponders End, EN3 4PX
<b>Craig Park Youth and Family Hub</b> Wednesday 9.30 to 11:30am	2 Lawrence Road, Edmonton, N18 2HN
<b>Christ Church Hall</b> Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am	Christ Church United Reformed Church, Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6NJ
<b>Bowes Road Clinic</b> Thursday 9.30 to 11:30am	Arnos Grove Medical Centre, 269 Bowes Road, Southgate, N11 1BD
<b>Carterhatch Family Hub</b> Friday 9.30 to 11am	Carterhatch Family Hub, Autumn Close, Enfield, EN1 4JY

Email us: [rf-tr.csruniversalthérapies@nhs.net](mailto:rf-tr.csruniversalthérapies@nhs.net)

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

### **November**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Maths Workshop at 9am**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Flu Nasal Spray (for all who consented)**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – St Matthew's singing "Christmas with the Salvation Army" at Enfield Baptist Church at 6pm (see poster above)**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents @9.45am – Reception 2026**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Maths Workshop at 9am**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – FOSM Christmas Wreath Making at 5.30pm**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 trip to Enfield Community Church for Live Nativity Show**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November – FOSM Non-Uniform Day**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day (No pupils)**

### **December**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 5 Maths Workshop at 9am**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – FOSM Non-Uniform Day**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – FOSM Christmas Discos at 3.30pm**

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

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – FOSM Christmas Fair at 3.30pm**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – St Matthew's Church Carol Service at 3pm**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity to Parents at 9.15am**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity to Parents at 9.15am**

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes at 2pm**

**Christmas Break – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

### **2026**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School opens for all children**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 SATs meeting for Y6 Parents**

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – FOSM Quiz Night**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 Parents Maths Workshop @3pm**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Mystery Reader Visits**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 Parents Maths Workshop**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year R Parents Maths Workshop**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Book Sale @ 3.20pm**

**Half Term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Easter Break – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday (No pupils)**

**Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**