

St Matthew's Newsletter

Witnessing to Christ with our lives and learning

18th July 2025



Headteacher's News

Dear St Matthew's Community,

As we come to the close of another school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate everything we've achieved together. This year has been filled with joyful learning, laughter, creativity, and above all, the warm spirit that makes St Matthews such a special place. Our pupils have grown in confidence and character, supported every step of the way by dedicated staff and loving families. Whether it was a quiet moment of kindness in the classroom or the proud cheers at sports day, the children have shone in so many beautiful ways.

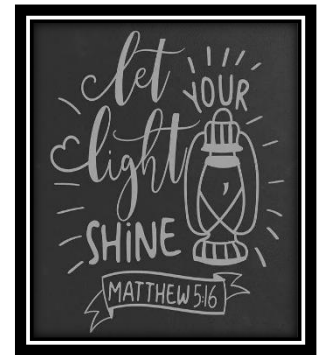
To our children, thank you for filling our school with energy, kindness, curiosity and love.

To our families, thank you for being our partners in your children's learning journey... & for your incredibly generous gifts and kind words shared with staff as we end this year.

To our staff, thank you for your commitment, care, and belief in every child.

To our pupils & staff leavers who are moving onto new places, thank you for being such an important part of our St Matthew's family. I wish you the very best for your future adventures; don't forget us – we will all miss you!

As we head into the summer holidays, I wish you all rest, joy, and time with loved ones. Whether you're travelling or enjoying the sunshine at home, may this be a season of renewal and peace.



When we return in September, we'll begin our new chapter—with a focus on our renewed school vision: **"Let your light shine"**. Whether it's in learning, play, or how we treat others, we will celebrate each child's unique spark and encourage every member of our community to shine their brightest in all they do.

Have a lovely summer, and I can't wait to welcome you all back for another year of discovery and growth. With warmest wishes, *Mrs Harris*

Celebrating Our Children:

Very well done to the following 20 children for their impressive **100% attendance** record this school year: Ayman, Calvary, Giovanna, Isabella E, Isabella S, Jack, Jason, Josiah, Kaiden, Lauren, Leroy, Lilliana, Luenna, Nana Yaa, Naod, Naomi, Richmond, Sarah, Shekinah and Temi.



A huge thank you to the following children who have taken on **leadership roles** to make a difference to our school this year, through being **House / Vice captains, School Council and Rights Respecting Ambassadors**: Leo, Anaiya, Damilola, Latoya, Jessica, Annabelle, Alicia, Grace G, Sianna, I'Shan, James, Rhea, Matthew, Grace H, Temi, Minay, Nevaeh, Natasha, Goshen, Madelaine, Michael-Jordan, Isabella E, Elsie, Esther, Angel, Amayah, Shane, Rico, Claria and Amari.

This year I have had the pleasure of awarding 26 **Gold Certificates** to children who have received three golds per term – an impressive achievement! A big well done to: Sarah, Amarachi, Richmond, Ayman, Isaiah, Winnie, Sharon, Elis, Minay, Halle, Zan'iyah, Temi, Richmond, Abraham, Isabella S, Annabelle, Grace H, Kaiden, Maramawit, Sianna, Emmanuella, Nabhan, John A and Zion.



Reception – Kew Endeavour Competition 2025

Reception had the exciting opportunity to enter the Kew Endeavour Competition. We were challenged to make a 3D map of a local nature area. We worked as a team to make a 3D map of our school's 'Nature Zone'. We visited the 'Nature Zone' and explored the area, finding out about the trees and other key features like the shed, greenhouse, pond, awning, tables, bench and the gate. We looked at an aerial view of our 'Nature Zone' and worked together to map it out on a large sheet of paper. The children identified the key landmarks and wrote a list of what we needed to make for our 3D model. We painted cardboard boxes to make the 3D models needed for our map. Unfortunately, we didn't win but we had great fun working as a team!



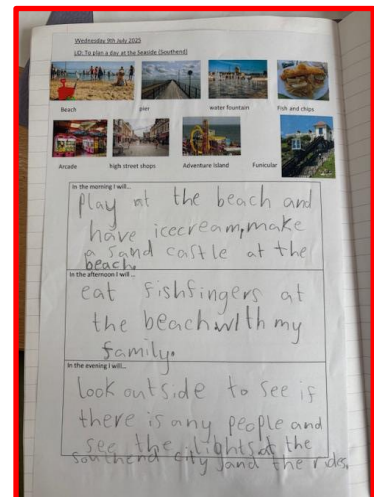
"We painted the shed blue because it really is blue" – Nailah

Year 1

This week, Year 1 finished our Seaside topic with researching a day out at Southend. We searched for places that we visit in the morning, afternoon and evening. We have shared some of our plans with our family.

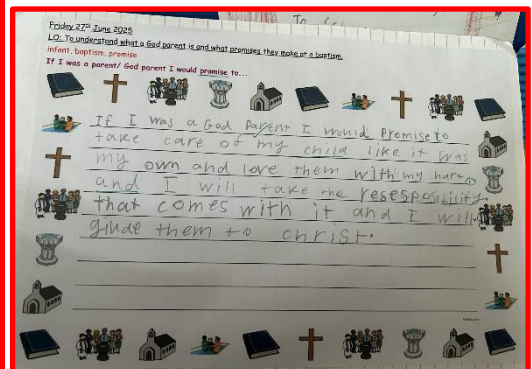
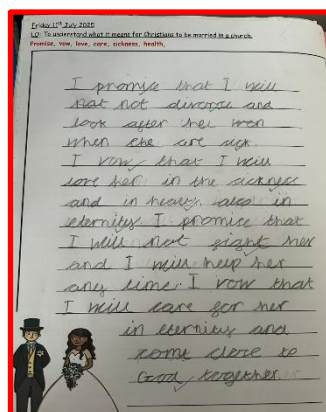
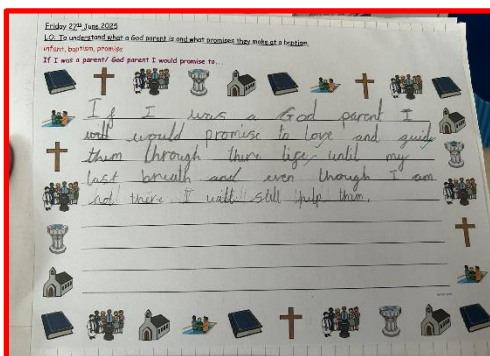
Cruz decided, "I want to go on the beach and then go on the rides!"

Sarah said "She would go to the café and Pleasure Island".



Year 2

In Year 2 RE, we have been answering our big question 'Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?' We have looked at the promises that people make at baptisms and weddings and how Christians also show their promise to God.



Year 3

This half term Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory during our reading sessions. The children have been captivated by the magical world created by Roald Dahl, diving into the adventures of Charlie Bucket and the eccentric Willy Wonka. They have been practising reading the chapter of the book with prosody (*expression!*).

Shiloh mentioned, "Reading with prosody is fun and it helps me to understand the book better!"



Year 4



Year 4 had a fun filled day of history when they visited the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on Monday 14th July. They took part in an artefact handling workshop where they had to use clues



to investigate what certain items were used for. They were very surprised by what the Ancient Romans used as toilet paper! After the 'being a history detective' session, the children had a chance to look around the museum and walk in the footsteps of Ancient Roman soldiers. They saw examples of Roman pottery, jewellery, clothing and even some board games. Did you know that the Romans invented under floor heating? The children visited an original Roman Hypocaust, where the remains of an amazing floor mosaic were displayed and where the under-floor heating system was also visible to see. Many of the children said 'This was the best trip ever!'

Year 5

In Year 5, to finish our DT topic, we made our bolognese which we all took home to eat! We used chopping skills, we added vegetables, meat, passata and spices to make it.

"It was fun and taught me how to cook" Luenna Y5.

"I enjoyed mixing the food" Jason Y5.

"I loved it because it tasted very good" Sianna Y5



Year 6

THE YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DISCO

The Year 6 Leavers' Disco started at 4pm and ended at 6pm. Everyone was full of enthusiasm and excitement and we all really enjoyed ourselves. We sang, danced and took lots of pictures. We had a foam blaster and everyone's face, especially Madelaine's face was covered with foam. For the last song, everyone was emotional and we all got in a circle and cried about leaving.

THE FOOD OF THE DISCO

After all the songs and dancing, it was time to eat food. There was fried chicken, beef burgers with cheese, pepperoni pizza, vegetable pizza and the desserts were puff cakes with strawberry jam, chocolate bread and style dessert. We finished off with a delicious cake which we had in school the following day because we were so full after all the tasty food.

THE END OF THE DISCO

At the end of our disco we were presented with goodie bags, with a leavers' T shirt with everyone's name in Year 6, a pencil case with an individual name, a school leavers' book equipped with a permanent marker with different colors and a small box of gummy sweets. We took a class picture and went home. Some of the children's comments.

'The DJ was the best!'
'The food was spectacular.'
'The goody bags were good!'
'The photo booth was amazing.'
'The foam was fabulous!'



Good Luck Year 6!

Remember to shine brightly in all you do!

**We wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they move onto Secondary School.
We will miss you and look forward to having you back to visit!**

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?!



FREE summer cycle training sessions for children

Session will take place between 28th July- 8th August 2025 at The Raglan Primary School



Scan the QR code for more info and to book



journeys & places



Summer is here!

Keep your children safe in the Sun.

- Apply sunscreen (minimum, SPF30 or SPF50 with at least 4+ UVA protection rating) at least 30 minutes before your child goes outside. Re-apply every 2 hours, and after swimming, even if it states that the sunscreen is water resistant. Pay particular attention so that hands, feet, cheeks, nose, ears, shoulders and back of the neck are covered. Do check that the sunscreen is not past its expiry date.
- Wear loose, long sleeve clothing.
- Wear a wide brimmed hat.
- Wear sunglasses with adequate UV protection (look for the CE or UKCA mark).
- Find shady areas to play, especially between 11am-3pm.
- Keep hydrated and drink plenty of water.
- Keep babies under 6 months of age out of direct sunlight.

For further information, please see link: [Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

If you would like any more advice, please contact the Enfield School Nursing Team on 020 3988 7300 (option 2) or northmid.cedars@nhs.net



BLANCO ACTIVITIES SUMMER CAMP 2025

Food and water will be provided every day.

For Boys & Girls: 8-12 Years Old

Dates:
 week 1: 28th - 31st august
 week 2: 4th - 8th august

Hours: 9am - 3pm

Activities

- MULTI SPORTS
- FOOTBALL
- CAPTURE THE FLAG
- DODGEBALL
- ACROSS THE RIVER
- CAMOUFLAGE

Register on www.holidayactivities.com

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This Month's Attendance Stars

Best attendance for week ending 4th July was won by Year 6 with 97.2%, last week's winners were Year 3 with 98% and this week our winners were **Year 4 with an amazing 100%** - well done to Year 6, 3 and 4!

Just a reminder that it is expected for all pupils' attendance to be 96% or more... please make sure you are getting your children in to school and on time.

St Matthew's C of E Primary School

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term

Monday 1st September - INSET Day (No pupils)

Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 19th December 2025

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

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

Friday 28th November - INSET Day (No pupils)

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

Spring Term

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 4th May – May Bank Holiday (No pupils)

Summer Term

Monday 13th April to Monday 20th July 2026

May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May 2026

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

Monday 20th July - INSET Day (No pupils)

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