

# St Matthew's Newsletter

"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025



## Headteacher's News

What a great half term it has been! I'm delighted to say that we have had a fantastic start to this academic year. Already we have celebrated Year 4's inspirational class assembly, a lot of amazing learning through our 'Time to Shine' collective worship, and a great variety of exciting school trips. I am so proud of all our children and want to extend my thanks to all our families for their continued support.

I am also pleased to share with you the success of 3-year-olds joining our mixed Nursery and Reception class this September. The children have settled in really well. You may have noticed that we are continuing to develop our Early years provision, with further works planned to enhance the outdoor area. For those **families who have children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021- 31st August 2023, please make sure you complete your application forms for our Nursery & Reception places for September 2026 – preferably prior to Christmas**

I hope you have all received the Governors' letter about the **School Maintenance Fund**. Contributions from parents are essential for the upkeep of our school, so please kindly contribute via ParentPay. Many thanks

**Parent Consultations** will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November (with the exception of year 4, which will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November). You will have received details of how to make your appointments with the class teacher. It is important for you to meet with the teacher so that you can discuss your child's progress, targets, as well as having the opportunity to look through their books and see their amazing hard work. It is key that we continue to work together to support your child's learning, so please support us by attending this important meeting.

**Parking:** Please be mindful of our neighbours and the safety of our pupils during the morning drop off and after school pick up times. Please do not park on the yellow Zig Zag lines or in front of residential garages or drives, as this blocks their entrance and exit. We've had a number of complaints from local residents about parents parking in front of their property. Please support our school values and show respect. Many thanks.

**A big thank you** to all the parents who have supported our recent trips and attended our Story Café's. Engaging in your children's learning is paramount to their progress. A huge thank you also to FOSM for organising yet another successful event - Movie Night. We raised £260 which will go towards resources for the Early Years outdoor area.

We look forward to your continued support with the other events and activities we are organising this year. **Don't forget Blanco are running our Half Term club this Monday – Friday 9am-3pm entrance through the Allens Road gate.** Wishing you all a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to your return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – wearing correct uniform, including black school shoes, plain black trainers for PE days & no jewellery please!



*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. This week's awards were given to:

Class 1: **Whole Class for excellent behaviour on first school trip**

Class 2: **Asya & Ava-Maria**

Class 3: **Madison & Harlie**

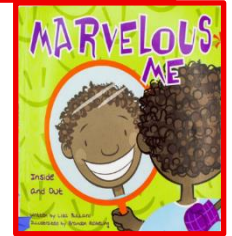
Class 4: **Whole Class for their Bravery collective worship last week**

Class 5: **Sharon & Nevaeh**

Class 6: **Tamina & Hasan**

## EYFS

As part of our topic on 'All about me' we had a special visit from Miss Grout and baby Tommy. The children were very excited to meet Tommy and asked lots of questions to find out more about babies. The children looked at photographs of themselves as babies and tried to guess who was who. We talked about how we have changed since we were babies and thought about the things we can do now, that we couldn't do before. Zayah said "I can talk now". On Thursday, our parents were invited to a story café where we heard the story 'Marvellous Me'. We painted self-portraits and talked out about 'what make us unique' and also had fun making playdough faces. Our parents enjoyed themselves too and joined in at drawing faces on paper plates.



## Year 1 trip to Bruce Castle Museum

On Monday our class went to Bruce Castle Museum. We got on a bus and then we walked to the park. We found the museum and went inside. When we got upstairs, we sat down on the carpet and learnt about new, old and very old toys. We played with many toys including yo-yos, a kaleidoscope, a slinky, and a barbie. After we drew our favourite toys. Then we had lunch.

In the afternoon, we explored the museum. We found an old bomb, a motorbike, even a map with Miss Wheeler's name on it! Unfortunately, it was raining so we couldn't play on the equipment. When we left the museum, we saw the old tree, (Sapphire really liked it!) Instead, we collected different leaves to make autumn pictures back in our class. Even though it rained we had fun.

Reported by Year 1 class



## Year 2

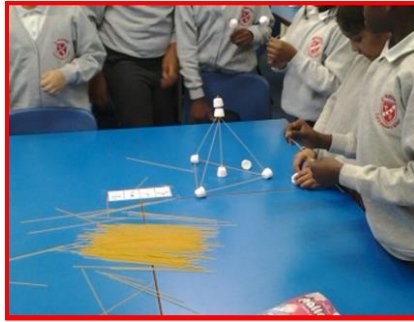
Year 2 have had lots of fun in Science, finding seeds around our school. We started to understand that new seeds are found in plants and trees that fall or are blown and are planted in a new spot.



"We found lots of 'helicopter seeds' that fell off the sycamore tree." - **Karis**

"We found some crab apples and berries and they have seeds in it" - **Seline**

## Year 3



In our RSHE lesson, we learnt about what makes a good team. We had an activity where we had to make the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallow. During this, we had to work well together, by listening carefully and giving other people roles so we can all work nicely together.

## TEAM 4

Feedback from the children in Team 4 following their class collective worship on the value "**Bravery**":

**Jessica:** "I was proud of how I stood up in front of the whole school"

**Grace:** "I am proud that we all worked together and that made the performance good"

**Jayden:** "I was proud of standing up in front of a big audience and speaking my lines clearly"

**Shiloh:** "I was proud of being one of the narrators"

**Amreen** "I was proud of spreading the message about Bravery"



## Year 5- Science Museum Trip

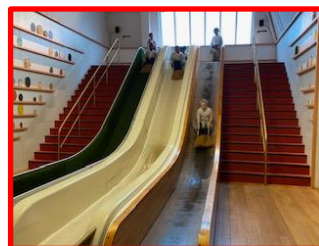
We went to the Science museum so we could experience lots of hands-on experiments about our current topic on Forces.

**Kylan** – "The Wonderlab was really fun and helped us learn about different forces like friction, by sliding down different materials on the slides".

**Sharon** – "The slide with the smoothest surface was the faster because it has less friction".

**Amariah** – "The Science Museum was great because we got to experience levers and pulleys. We pulled ourselves up on seats using a pulley system which we had learnt about".

A massive thank you to the parents who helped on the day too! Without you we would not be able to do trips like this.  
From Mr Poxon



## Year 6 trip to Westminster Abbey

We went to Westminster Abbey on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, for a harvest service. This year marked the service's return to the Abbey for the first time since 2013! It was such a good experience. The Abbey was HUGE, and I felt so good to be in such a historical building. We saw Queen Camilla who was wearing an emerald, green hat and coat. That was the highlight of the trip and what I enjoyed the most! The service was 1 hour and when I looked around Westminster, it looked very special. There were 2,000 guests including volunteers from food banks across England. Prayers were led by the Reverend Helena Bickley-Percival, Minor Canon and Sacrist, and said by local farmers and volunteers from charities and foodbanks. We sang the national anthem last, and the choir sang it really well. That day was the most wonderful way to celebrate our Lord's bounty through this year's National Harvest Service in the magnificent setting of Westminster Abbey.

*By John A*



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October we went to Westminster Abbey as we were invited by the Felix Project. The place was very magnificent; there were tinted glass windows and multiple sculptures that were on the walls and ceilings. We were allowed to sketch them in our sketchbooks. I remember Mrs. Kemi (Goshen's mum) created amazing artwork on the back of the booklet. My favourite memory was seeing King Charles' wife Queen Camilla. When the Queen came, the choir started singing and in the booklet were the lyrics of the song they sang, so we could all sing along. The service was an hour long. It was about being thankful for having food to eat and associated with harvest. When people were leaving, we met a famous Caribbean chef called Levi Roots. He opened a shop in Croydon. I believe there were around 2,000 guests there, and other schools like Churchfield Primary and the school from Westminster.

*By Natasha*

## Reminders.....

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

**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.



## Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this term is 95.4%

Today's attendance was 93.7%

**Best attendance for last week was won by Year 5 with 99% and this week by Year 2 with 99.3%**

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.



## You are invited to our FREE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Rehearsals are every Tuesday for 6 weeks, from 4 Nov to 9 Dec 2025, 7:30-8:30pm, followed by free refreshments and chat.

We'll finish with a special performance at our Carol Service on Sunday 14 Dec.

**St Matthew's Church**  
South Street, Ponders End, EN3 4LA  
choir@pondersend.church

Our friendly adult choir is open to all, no experience needed!  
Kids are welcome too (under your supervision) for singing or crafts.  
Please try to come to every session as we'll be preparing for the carol service.

Please sign up!  
Or just turn up.



SCAN CODE

A CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS



## NUR CAFÉ

Open every Friday  
11:00-15:30

Free soup lunch served @ 12:30

All welcome

[www.pondersend.church](http://www.pondersend.church)

St Matthew's Church, Ponders End, EN3 4LA





## 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)

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

### **October**

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

### **November**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents @9.45am – Reception 2026**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Maths Workshop at 9am**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultation Evening – 3pm to 5.30pm – School closes at 2.40pm**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day in Church**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultation Evening – 3.40pm to 6.30pm**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents @9.45am – Reception 2026**

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

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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – FOSM Christmas Wreath Making at 5.30pm**

**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**

**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**

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

**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**