

# St Matthew's Newsletter



"Let Your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Pupil voice is a core part of our learning at St Matthew's, following the UNCRC articles 12 & 13. All children's views and opinions are encouraged, valued and respected across all aspects of school life, from lessons, to playtimes to representing the school as an ambassador.



This week we are looking for pupils who would like to be **Eco Councillors** to help make a difference to our school environment & encourage others to help our planet. Please show your child the Eco Council advert (*attached to this email*) and support them to write a letter if they are interested in applying for this role. Speeches will be held on Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Oct & voting on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. I look forward to the applications!

I am delighted to announce this year's **House & Vice Captains** who on Wednesday all presented very eloquent and well-prepared speeches to the KS2 pupils in their houses. This was followed by voting! Many congratulations to the successful candidates below!

	House Captain	Vice Captains
<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>Nabhan</b>
<b>St David</b>	<b>Jason</b>	<b>Natasha &amp; Joel</b>
<b>St George</b>	<b>Precious</b>	<b>Ayman</b>
<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>Maramawit</b>	<b>Sydelle</b>

## Thank you

Jedidja's family would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who purchased a cake/donated to Dee's Foundation last week when they joined us to celebrate her one year memorial day. They raised £194 for this very worthy foundation, established in loving memory of Jedidja, to help spread awareness, offer support and bring help to those less fortunate.



## Important Notices:

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September is CENSUS DAY.** This is a really important day for us, as our annual school funding is based on the number of pupils who order a school lunch. Please all support us with this by eating our Mac & Cheese special & leaving your packed lunches at home.
- We have an offer of a **October half term holiday club** in school 27-31<sup>st</sup> Oct from 9am-3pm; bring own lunch; £100 for all siblings for week. I need to know numbers asap - please reply on link that will be text to 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. This week awards were given to:

Class 1: Amarachi & Shekinah  
Class 2: Cruz & Seline  
Class 3: Isaiah & Latoya  
Class 4: Adam & Lauren  
Class 5: Caleb & Petya  
Class 6: Ayeyi & Luenna



## Year 3

In our History topic, we have been looking at Stone Age and exploring what life would have been like for them. On our tables, we had items that reflected what life would have been like for them and made predictions of what they were, what they were made of, what it was used for and what specific period of the Stone Age it was. We had great fun exploring and guessing what they could be and were surprised when we found out what some of them were!



## Team 4 Scientists

**Step 1** – we were taught the basics about a circuit, then given the components to make one. We were not confident with how to do this.

**Step 2** – We looked at the diagram on the board and worked out how to make a simple circuit. We managed to light a light bulb. We were very excited to do this!

**Step 3** – We then explored with trying to power a small motor instead of a light bulb. It still worked!

**Step 4** – We then wanted to continue with our scientific enquiry and see if we could get the light bulb and the motor to work at the same time.

This was a little more challenging but we worked out that we needed more power (another battery) and another wire. When there is not enough of a power source, we can't make things work. We had to work as a team and share our components.



## Year 5

In Year 5, we have been learning about forces in science. To understand about air resistance, we have undertaken an experiment to see how surface area impacts air resistance by making parachutes. We dropped them from the mezzanine level and timed how long it took to hit the floor.



## Year 6 Art & Science

In our science topic on Animals and Humans, Year 6 have been learning about the human circulatory system, how blood gets around the body and what blood is made up of.

We have been learning about red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma. Red blood cells are the most common type of blood cell and give blood its colour. They are shaped like a doughnut and have a small hole in the middle. The main role of red blood cells is to transport oxygen from the lungs to every part of the body and carry carbon dioxide, a waste product, back to the lungs to be breathed out. White blood cells are the cells that fight off infection. They are larger than red blood cells. These cells are part of our immune system, which helps protect us from disease. Platelets are tiny bits of blood that help to stop bleeding. Plasma is the liquid part of the blood, holding the blood cells and platelets in a suspension. We looked at blood under a microscope and used our artistic skills to try and paint red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma.



**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.



### Eco Council

- Do you care about the environment?
- Do you wish you could help our school become a more sustainable school?
- Could you represent your class for 2025-26?

If you are interested in becoming an Eco Council Member (2 from each class) please see attached job advert and description for further details.



### Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance average for the last 3 weeks = 93.8%  
Today's attendance was 97.5%.

**Best attendance this week was won by our Nursery children with 100%.**

For your children's benefit please make sure that you are getting your children to school every day and on time. Thank you.

# Community Hubs and Libraries Vaccination Clinics

October -December  
2025

11AM - 3PM CINE

07/10/2025 Edmonton Green Library

30/10/2025 Oakwood Library

04/11/2025 Ordnance Road Library

19/11/2025 Enfield Town Library

05/12/2025 Edmonton Green Library

12/12/2025 Palmers Green Library



The Community Hubs with support from  
Age UK are hosting a  
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26 September  
Enfield Town Library  
EN2 6AX  
10am to 12pm

There will be cakes, coffee and tea  
We hope to see you there!

All proceeds will go to the Mayor of  
Enfield's chosen charity -  
Macmillan Cancer Support

In aid of

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



## Give and Take Event

One person's rubbish could  
be another's treasure!

Enfield Town Library:  
(Tuesday) 28/10/2025 11-3pm

Edmonton Green Library:  
(Wednesday) 29/10/2025 11-3pm

The Recycling Team are hosting the  
event to encourage items to be  
shared with others instead of the  
items going into the bin.

Bring along your unwanted items  
and see if there is anything that  
catches your eye!

Everything is free, there is no  
exchange of money and people do  
not have to give something to take  
something.

We can accept the  
following items:

- Clothes and shoes
- Toys and games
- Baby items
- Books & DVDs
- Kitchenware
- Bric-a-brac
- Bedding

Items we cannot accept:

- Electrical items
- Heavy furniture
- Pierced jewellery
- Underwear



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Small changes,  
big differences.



## Triple P for Baby –

A positive start for babies and parents

Aims to prepare parents-to-be and parents with a baby up to 12 months old make a positive transition to parenthood. It promotes sensitive and responsive care before and after birth, up to baby's first birthday.

Delivered in groups, parents will learn ways to cope with frequent crying, set up good sleep habits, read baby's cues, look after themselves, adapt to changes in family life, and more.

Topics covered includes:

Session 1: Positive parenting

Session 2: Responding to your baby

Session 3: Survival skills

Session 4: Partner support

Sessions 5-7: Implementing parenting routines

Session 8: Ways to maintain changes

WHEN?

Mondays, 22 September – 1 December 2025 at 10am-12noon  
(except 20 & 27 Oct)

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

## **Diary Dates 2025-2026**

### **October**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Y3 trip to Natural History Museum**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 1 Story Café at 9am**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Story Café at 9am**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 Information meeting regarding residential for parents at 3.30pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 trip to Science Museum**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm – FOSM AGM – all parents welcome**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival in Church at 9am**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – EYFS Story Café at 9am**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Class Assembly**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Individual School Photos**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Y5 Swimming**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 6 Maths Workshop at 9am**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - INSET Days (No pupils)**

**Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

### **November**

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

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultation Evening**

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

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultation Evening**

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

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Tour & Talk for Prospective Parents – Reception 2026**

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

### **December**

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

### **2026**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 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 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday (No pupils)**

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

**May Bank Holiday - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day (No pupils)**