

St Matthew's Newsletter

Witnessing to Christ with our lives and learning

27th June 2025



Headteacher's News



I have been asked by some parents about whether children and adults are able to receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** at our Church. If you are interested in learning more about this, please join Rev. Jeremy for a chat on Monday 7th July at 9am in St Matthew's Church.

I'm delighted to let you know that **St Matthew's will be running a HAF summer club for 2 weeks** from 9am-3pm Monday 28th July – Friday 8th August. A link will be text to you over the next couple of weeks, to enable you to book your children in for daily activities, subject to available places.

This week, Year 4 took part in a violin performance to Year 3 and Year 4's parents and guardians. They performed a range of songs, using both the violin bows and plucking. Since January, the children have been taking part in learning to play the violin with Mrs McLoughlin

The children performed 'Jig,' 'Manhattan Blues,' 'Circle of Madness,' 'Airport,' 'Pineapples are juicy!' and, 'Morning Sunshine!' The children said they felt a little nervous - but you could not tell! They showed excellent togetherness, resilience and bravery performing in front of their families and friends.



Kylan said, *"I really enjoyed the performance! It was so fun and I learnt a new skill. I was nervous to begin with but I really enjoyed learning a new skill and faced my fears of performing!"*

Tony said, *"I enjoyed playing the Airport song because during the song there was a range of different sounds happening, for example, A, D, G strings at the same time!"*

Hallie said, *"We learnt to play the violins using all strings and we also learnt to use our first, second and third fingers - I am really proud of myself!"*

Winnie said, *"We learnt how to use the bows and hold the bow correctly in order to play the violin with force!"*



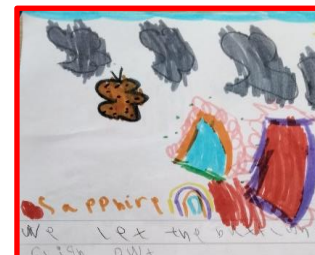
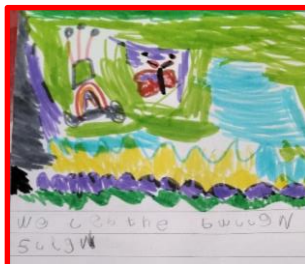
Fun Facts: Did you know that the modern violin is thought to have been invented in Italy around the 16th century by Andrea Amati? Also, did you know that most modern violins are made from wood - they are made from spruce (from the top) and maple (from the back).

Well done Year 4 on a fantastic performance - we are so very proud of you all! Also, well done to our Year 6's who have been great ambassadors for St Matthew's during their school journey week.

Enjoy the sunny weekend & please ensure that your children are equipped with water bottles, sun hats/caps and sun cream for next week's weather. Many thanks, *Mrs Harris*

Reception

Two weeks ago we welcomed caterpillars into our classroom, we watched them eat and grow bigger until they eventually turned into chrysalis. On Monday morning we were excited to find our chrysalis had hatched and we had four fluttering butterflies flying around our butterfly net. We enjoyed watching the butterflies fly around but then it was time to let them fly free so that the life-cycle could continue!



Year 1 - Science

Four weeks ago, Year 1 planted some bean seeds. We planted our seeds in pairs. Every week, we observed how they were growing and wrote about our observations in our bean diary. We put them on our class windows. It has been quite hot recently and some of them didn't like the heat, others grew well!



"My bean has grown very big and has got a leaf!" said Aiden.

"My bean has lots of roots" said Artuhan.

"My bean has grown a lot and turned white." said Ava.



"My bean has leaves, a shoot and lots of roots. My leaves are so tall and the bean has grown a lot now." said Summer.



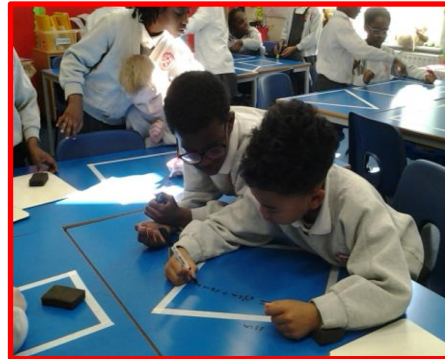
Year 2 Art: Making the Invisible Visible with Rachael Whiteread!

In Year 2 Art, we've been diving into the incredible world of Rachel Whiteread! She's an artist who turns the ordinary on its head by sculpting not what *is* there, but what *isn't*! Imagine making empty space, air, and the gaps between things completely solid. Inspired by Whiteread we've been busy creating our own awesome tiles. We explored cool impressing and joining techniques to decorate them, all while thinking about how we can give form to the unseen, just like she does!



Year 3

Year 3 have been working collaboratively to identify the differing properties of 2D shapes such as squares, rectangles and triangles, using measuring tapes to accurately measure each side. This engaging lesson not only reinforced their mathematical vocabulary but also helped build confidence in using standard units of measurement.



Year 4



In Year 4, we took part in an exciting spoken word workshop that inspired creativity, confidence, and collaboration. The children fully embraced the experience, sharing their incredible ideas and expressed themselves through a performance in front of the rest of the school. They truly rose to the occasion, captivating their audience and making us all incredibly proud. Well done, year 4!

Year 5

Our DT topic this term is to explore cooking and nutrition. We have been researching recipes for making a bolognese and then had a lesson where we practised cutting and chopping different ingredients, as well as tasting different bolognese sauces, so that we could form opinions on the taste of the different ingredients.



Year 6 – Our Holiday In School



On Monday, Y6 cooked pizzas and spent some enjoyable time in Class R helping the little ones paint a map of the nature Zone.

On Tuesday, we took the 279 bus to Waltham Cross to do kayaking and swimming at the Lea Valley White Water Centre. It was great fun!

On Wednesday, we took the 191 bus to Enfield Town Park and played on the equipment, in the splash park and had a game of football.

On Thursday, we made graffiti caps with Blingwear and baked cupcakes, while some of us painted the background for Aladdin play.

On Friday, we had a movie afternoon.

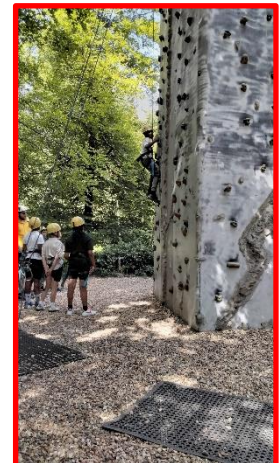


All of the class enjoyed the fun trips and activities put together by the kind and trusted Staff.

Noah & David

Year 6's week away on School Journey

Here are some photos of year 6 having lots of fun whilst they are away on a week's residential at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest. We look forward to their safe arrival back to hear all of their amazing stories and about all the fun they have had!



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?!



YOUTH FAMILY HUB UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD NHS

LIVE WEBINAR - Supporting Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Enfield

3rd July 11:00 – 12:00 | PYMMES_PRF

Do you work with people? They could be children, parents, carers, grandparents, teens, adults, older adults, staff, volunteers: people!

If you do, you are welcome to join us to find out more about the **Solihull Approach (NHS) inosrplace** online offer for professionals in Enfield.

Join us to also hear about free eLearning CPD options to support you, regardless which service you work for.

Key Speaker: Dr Rebecca Johnson, Consultant Clinical Psychologist | Solihull Approach Development Manager

Questions and feedback welcome!

Book Here: [https://www.enfield.gov.uk/insrplace-the-solihull-approach-10011-enfield-16-to-18-16-18-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100](https://www.enfield.gov.uk/insrplace-the-solihull-approach-10011-enfield-16-to-18-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100)



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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](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/sunscreen-and-sun-safety)

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



BLANCO ACTIVITIES SUMMER CAMP 2025

Food and water will be provided every day.

Sign up here 

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 St Matthew's CE Primary School SOUTH STREET, EN3 4LA

WWW.BLANCOACTIVITIES.COM | 07377403377 | INFO@BLANCOACTIVITIESLTD.COM



This Fortnight's Attendance Stars

Best attendance for week ending 20th June was won by Year 5 with 98.7% and this week's winners were Year 3 with 99.3% - well done to both Year 3 & 5!

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.

Diary Dates for 2024-25

July 2025

Tuesday 1st July – Year 3 taking LAMDA exam

Wednesday 2nd July – Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Drinks for Summer Fair

Thursday 3rd July 9-10am – Reception & Nursery 2025/26 starters Stay & Play session

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th July – Secondary Transfer Days for Year 6

Friday 11th July – Y1 Class Assembly – *Y1 Parents Invited*

Friday 11th July – Reports out to Parents

Friday 11th July 3.20 – 5.30pm – Summer Fair

Monday 14th July pm – Transition afternoon – all children visit new class & teacher

Monday 14th July 3.20-4pm Open Evening – Discuss reports /meet next year's teacher

Monday 14th July 4-6pm Year 6 Leaver's Disco

Tuesday 15th July – 2.30pm FOSM Annual General Meeting – *all parents invited*

- 3.45pm – Year 6 Production of "Aladdin"

Wednesday 16th July - Governing Board meeting 5-7pm – *FGB members only*

**Thursday 17th July at 9am – End of Year Thanksgiving Service in St Matthew's Church
– *All Parents & Families Invited***

Friday 18th July 2pm finish – last day of 2024/2025 term

ST MATTHEW'S HAF SUMMER CLUB – Monday 28th July to Friday 8th August

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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