

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Please see attached reminder of current communication channels that school uses.

We would like to remind some families that strong beginnings and ends to terms are crucial to both a child's learning and to their well-being. The school day begins at 8.30am.



Congratulations FoSMPS who have been sent this recognition from Cress, the secondhand uniform selling platform they have been using, letting us know that St Matthew's has been placed in the top 10 schools for their sustainability leaderboard!

This is a great initiative and means that new and prospective families can shop for school uniform secondhand.

The website link is:

<https://www.wearecress.com/school-shop?storeId=13768>



Farewell Mrs Vassall

Au Revoir!

At the end of April, St Matthew's says goodbye to Mrs Vassall, who is retiring after 7 years of working here. I am sure you will be joining me in thanking Mrs Vassall for her service to the school and wish her a happy retirement.

St Matthew's Wish List

<https://amzn.eu/4CtIwvt> If you find something you would like to purchase, just add it to your basket and follow the same process as if you were ordering something for yourself. You are really helping the school when you choose something off this list. Thank you so much!

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Some families have requested that they would like to see others greeting their children with a healthy snack after school rather than cakes and sweets.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgjc7v4> Follow this link to find more information on how you can support yourself and your child through their school anxiety and avoidance

"FoSMPs, on behalf of the school, have secured a place in the **Waitrose Community Matters Green Tokens Scheme at the Surbiton branch of Waitrose**. If parents/carers/grandparents and friends are shopping at Surbiton Waitrose please support the school by placing Green Tokens in FoSMPs/St Matthews box (it is labelled).

The Green Tokens Scheme is at the front and rear of the store. If we secure enough tokens FoSMPs will benefit from between £500 to £1500 to support school projects, in particular **Let's Get Cooking**. Thank you for supporting the school."

St Paul's Cathedral is currently recruiting the next generation of choristers. We have had an overwhelming interest in our girls' places for September 2026, but we have a limited number of places remaining for boys currently in school years 4 and 5 who love to sing and are eager to be part of our world-renowned choir!

Director of Music, Andrew Carwood MBE, writes:

"Being a Chorister at St Paul's is an extraordinary and inspiring experience, offering children a unique start in life. Alongside a first-class musical education, our Choristers board at the Cathedral School, where they benefit from an exceptional academic curriculum. In addition to singing Choral Evensong throughout the week, Choristers participate in special services, concerts, broadcasts, and tours."

St Paul's Cathedral is determined that no child should ever have to pay to sing in their Cathedral. 100% of school fees are paid for, and boarding costs are means-tested up to 100%, paid for by the Chorister Trust.

We are holding an online introduction meeting on May 12th, beginning at 6:00 PM for boys in years 4 & 5, and their families. These meetings will offer insights into the unique benefits of Choristership at St Paul's and how it can help shape a child's future.

For more details about being a Chorister at St Paul's, please visit <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/join-cathedral-choir>. To register for this online information session, please follow the link: [Become a Chorister at St Paul's Cathedral – Fill out form](#)



Y1 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Kingston Liberal Synagogue to learn about Jewish worship, faith and customs. The children lit candles, tried on kippahs, and explored the Torah. They were amazed when the Ark opened to reveal the huge Torah scrolls inside! Huge thanks to Kingston Liberal Synagogue and our parent and carer helpers who accompanied us.