

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Our Vision is to enable our whole school community to live life in all its fullness

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The Friends of St Matthew's Primary School

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Dear Families- please see attached flyers- one tells you of a forthcoming workshop that is available to you from ADHD Embrace, the 2nd explains a summer holiday art competition for your child to enter and the 3rd is our Celebration sheet 2025-26!

Please do encourage your child to find their creative side this holiday and enter the '**Kingston Through your eyes**' photography and art competition outlined in the flyer.

Thank you!

A massive thank you to all the parents and FOSMPS members for organizing the **Y6 Leavers' Party** last Friday evening. It was a fabulous evening of fun and memories. These events are such important landmarks in the children's lives. They will remember these events for such a long time. We know that it takes such a long time to put together such events and we are very grateful to you all. It is almost time to say goodbye to our 'Year 6 Class of 2025-26.' We are so proud of all that this year group have achieved. We are sad to see them go but we know that a new learning journey lies just around the corner as they start their secondary school!

I would also like to say a HUGE thank you to our **staff team, governors and FOSMPS** for their dedication, hard work, energy and creativity which adds so much to the children's education and to making St Matthew's Primary such an exciting school in which to learn. Thank you to **the team at St. Matthew's Church**, along with Caroline, who have supported the school with church services.

With my very best wishes for a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer with your family & friends.
Miss Dryden

St Matthew's Wish List

<https://amzn.eu/4Ctlwvt> 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!

A Huge Thank You to FOSMPS!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about our music provision at school. Thanks to the incredible generosity and fundraising efforts of **FOSMPS**, we have purchased **15 brand-new keyboards** for our music department. These keyboards are an exciting addition to our resources. They are lightweight and easily portable, battery operated, and can be connected to Chromebooks to support our music technology curriculum. This flexibility will allow pupils to develop a wide range of practical and digital music-making skills.

Since their arrival last week, the keyboards have already been put to excellent use by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils as they prepared for their band performances. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and confidence that these new instruments have inspired. From September, the keyboards will be used across all year groups during music lessons whenever appropriate, giving every pupil the opportunity to benefit from these fantastic new resources.

On behalf of all the children and staff, thank you to **FOSMPS** for your continued support and commitment to enriching the musical experiences of our pupils. Your fundraising has made a lasting difference, and we are incredibly grateful for everything that you do.



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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.

Just a reminder that our Year 6 Leavers' service takes place this Friday at 9.30 at St Matthew's Church. All are welcome!



Miss Peters launched our 'St Matthew's Wildlife Photography' Competition recently to increase the children's engagement in our natural areas. Over 200 pupils entered! Caroline, the vicar, and Miss Dryden had the unenviable job of judging the shortlisted entries. There were categories under fauna and flora. Here are the excited winners holding their certificates and their mugs (with their winning photo on the mug). Well done all!



Congratulations to Emily in Year 5 who won 2 gold medals and a silver last weekend at the London Championships for Rhythmic Gymnastics. She came 1st overall. Fabulous work, Emily!

FoSMPS FUNDING SUMMARY 2025/26

★ £38,997 Raised! ★
Thank you for supporting our school!

Annual Support Provided

- Classroom Budgets – £2,100
- Piano Tuning – £150

Projects & Enrichment Activities Funded

- Eco Team Projects
- Relax Kids Wellbeing Sessions
- Year 6 Resources
- Black History Month Speaker
- Cooking & Music Equipment
- Multicultural Day Celebrations
- Classroom Wall Fans

Major Investment: Outdoor Classrooms

£32,218
Creating an exciting space for outdoor learning!

Friends of St Matthew's Primary School (FoSMPS)
Thank you for making a difference!

MHST

What has the MHST done at our school this year?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is an early intervention service from Achieving for Children, supporting children's and young people's wellbeing in a range of ways across schools in Kingston and Richmond.

This year at St Matthew's we have been supported by education wellbeing practitioner (Cherry Forrest), systemic practitioner (Serena Barber) and behaviour analyst (Georgia Tsikoura). They have provided a range of support with:

- One-to-one interventions for:**
Behaviours that Challenge and Anxiety
- Contextual Behavioural Support Sessions with Parents and the Young Person**
- Work with school staff:**
Consultations and signposting
- Parent workshops:**
Helping Children With ... Series of Wellbeing
Friendship Difficulties
Challenging Behaviours
Digital Wellbeing
Self Esteem
Transition to Secondary School
- Whole year group workshops:**
New Reception Parents - School Readiness
- Parent feedback:**
We have felt care and support through this entire process.
Thank you for listening and adapting to the needs of our family.

The MHST will continue to work in the school next academic year, offering varied forms of support for common wellbeing difficulties.

If you would like to find out more about what the MHST offers at St Matthew's, and how to access their support, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mental Health Lead.

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