

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 www.fosmps.com



We try to ensure that all pertinent dates are shared with parents with good notice. Please do keep a regular eye on the school website calendar. Thank you

Year 6 Residential Trip

Our intrepid travellers in Year 6 are off to Wiltshire for their residential trip today. We wish them all a safe and fabulous time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

Week 2

Why Knowledge Matters

Children need strong foundations before they can be creative or independent in their learning. Just as you wouldn't expect a child to swim without first being taught how to float and move safely, we cannot expect pupils to tackle tricky challenges without first learning the basics. If those building blocks are missing, children can become frustrated, lose confidence, or even feel like they don't belong in school. To help every child thrive, we make sure skills and knowledge are taught directly, step by step, and practised so they stick.



Reading is key!

Our school reading vision is to create a reading environment and community that excites, enthuses and inspires children to become fluent, confident and reflective reading advocates. If children don't read fluently, then this will negatively impact on their understanding. Most of all the children need to practise this skill.

Please help us **and your child**, by hearing them read widely and frequently! Thank you

We would love our school community to support this environmentally friendly event at St Matthew's Church on **26th September 2026**. We shall be holding our usual eco-refill stall too.

ST. MATTHEW'S SURBITON

Eco Church

Eco-Festival

26th September 2026 2:30pm-4:30pm

Swap, Fix, Learn, Make.

NO CHARGE

COMMUNITY SWAP:
Clothes
Shoes and Accessories
Books
Jigsaws
Board Games
Bring up to 5 items from any category (or more than one) and swap them for up to five items from a similar category. Good condition and good quality please with all the pieces working. No intimate apparel please.

FIX:
Learn basic bike repairs or have someone look at your bike and assess the repair.
Learn to sew a button or simple clothing repair.

LEARN:
Knitting
Weaving
All about Flax and see our progress
Recipes cards for seasonal projects

REFILL:
St. Matthew's School will be on hand to sell liquid shampoo and soap into your own container. This is the only thing you pay for. Electronic payments preferred.

MAKE:
A button bookmark or project
Recycled Windowill Gardens and soil free Lettuce
A household Earth pledge

FREE REFRESHMENTS

*we hope to offer bike mending TBC

Our annual **school flu vaccination** session will take place on **Friday 25th September 2026**, delivered by the Kingston Immunisation Team.

Parents and carers are asked to complete the consent form in advance. Ahead of the visit, we will also show the children a short video in school explaining what will happen and helping to reassure them about the vaccination process. Parents may wish to view with their child at home:

<https://youtu.be/DRQBBhm-Omk>



Protecting your child against flu

Flu immunisation in England



Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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We encourage everyone to have a healthy morning snack such as a piece of fruit. For Reception and Key Stage 1, a piece of fruit is provided. If pupils in Key Stage 2 would like fruit too, please pay via School Gateway.

Jeans for Genes Day- Friday 25 September.

On this day, your child will be invited to wear their home clothes in exchange for a donation of £1 via **School Gateway** to be donated to this crucial charity that investigates and supports families who are affected by genetic disorders.



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Friends of St Matthew's Primary School (FoSMPS)

Registered Charity – Building community, supporting our children, making a difference together

We Welcome Parents from the Lower Years!

FoSMPS is a registered charity seeking **new committee members** to help shape our fundraising and community events.

★ Committee Roles (up to 8)

- Treasurer (priority role this year)
- Secretary
- Co-Chair
- Plus other trustee roles

All committee members are **charity trustees**, serving for **one year**, confirmed at our AGM in early October.

Apply by 25 September 2026

✉ fosmps@gmail.com

- Please include:
- Name
- Child's class
- Your motivation
- Any specific role you'd like

FoSMPS – Friends of St Matthew's Primary School
Together we make a difference

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Please ensure that your child's emergency contact numbers are kept up-to-date with the school office. We do require at least two numbers. If you need to update us with new contact details, please email the school office on admin@stmatthews.rbksch.org

WhatsApp Reminder!



SAVE THE DATE ...Can you believe.....It's less than 100 days until Christmas! The FOSMPS Christmas Fair will be taking place on December 5th this year. Do save the date!



PAC A MAC

These kinds of LIGHT pack away jackets are excellent for popping in your child's school bag. Please ensure your child has a coat with them- even if the day starts as sunny- as we go outside in all weathers!

Thank you for your support with this.

