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

Please find two letters and entry forms for **The Mayor of Kingston's Christmas Card competition and also for Ed Davey MP**- a great activity for the half-term holiday? Have a lovely restful time!

Every day at school counts! You will be informed of your child's up to date attendance and punctuality just before the half term break.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that our school has been awarded the **Silver Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM)**! This prestigious award recognises our commitment to providing high-quality geography teaching and learning, inspiring our pupils to develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and geographical knowledge our children demonstrate, and this achievement reflects the dedication of our staff in making geography an engaging and meaningful part of our curriculum. We look forward to continuing to build on this success and nurturing our pupils as confident, curious and responsible global citizens.



Transfer to Secondary School in September 2027

If you have a child in Year 6, please do not wait until the last minute to complete the secondary application form.

Secondary applications close on Friday 31 October 2026.

Secondary National Offer Day is Monday 1 March 2027.

The **Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools guide** and the Kingston **schools brochure** are available on the AfC website

If you have any questions or concerns please email kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk for support.

Thank you to Caroline for hosting last week's **Harvest Service** along with a special thank you to the Children's Faith Team, who helped lead our Harvest worship at St Matthew's church. If you visit our church soon, you may notice the children's prayers and pledges on display. I am sure you will agree they look wonderful. We look forward to seeing the pictures of the children carrying out their pledges over the next few weeks.



This week we held our first **House Captain meeting** with Miss Dryden to review our 'job description' for our new role. We are excited that one of our first roles will be showing prospective parents around and we discussed the importance of greeting them warmly, leading the tour confidently and answering questions honestly, helping to build a positive school community.



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We are raising funds for **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** & are asking that parents/carers make a donation online via School Gateway. If we could ask you to have done this by 9am on Tuesday 10th November, we can ensure that your child receives their choice of poppy memorabilia.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause. Poppies will be on sale straight after the half term holiday.



We are excited to inform you that Phase 1 of the Reception outside play and learning area will begin straight after half-term. If anyone would still like to make a donation to this project (we have yet to raise the amount for phase 1)- and hope to progress on to Phases 2 and 3 in the coming months.





