



DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd January Staff led clubs start

Upcoming Trips

Year 2 Royal Academy of Arts
Nursery Natural History Museum
Year 4 Science Museum
Nursery St Matthew's Church
Reception Natural History Museum
Year 3 Natural History Museum
LDBS Service St Paul's Cathedral

**Happy
New
Year
to all
our
families!**

PTA

The PTA has a wealth of fundraising activities planned for the Spring Term. We look forward to enjoying all these special events. As always, we send a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA!



BELONGING

Our staff led clubs start on Monday 22nd January. **We have a wide variety on offer, including Chess Club and Guild of St Nicholas.**



BELIEVING

Mrs Selinas led a wonderful collective worship where the children learned the story of Samuel and Eli. Excellent performances came from Stefan, Maia and Lilah. This was very effective in answering our Collective Worship question **How can listening help others feel they belong?**

Here are some of the pupils' very thoughtful responses:

Zak said, "Koji is the best friend because he always listens to me every day."

Fubond said, "Listening shows the other person that you are hearing and respecting their ideas."

Ilhan said, "If you are in a conversation and a friend is teaching you a very important life lesson, you might find yourself in that situation or needing to explain the same life lesson to someone else. So if everyone learns from listening the whole community can learn."

SPECIAL VISITOR

On Tuesday 9th January, we welcomed Bridget Phillipson who is the Shadow Education Minister.

She came to talk to our children about St Matthew's, school life and their learning. She was extremely impressed with how articulate and knowledgeable they were and with their thoughtful and intelligent questions.



ACHIEVING

Platform Pups and Platform Year 5 pupils successfully attended their first Westminster School sessions on Saturday. We know they will make the most of this wonderful academic enrichment programme.

