# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

5th September 2025

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## Welcome back

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school, looking smart and ready to learn. A warm welcome to all of our new Nursery and Reception children and to the other children who have joined us in different year groups throughout school. Everyone has settled in beautifully and made a wonderful start to their time at St Matthew's. A special welcome to our new members of staff: Miss Raja in Year 2, Mr Thomas in Year 6 and Mr Brown in Year 6.

Welcome back to Mrs Green in Year 5 who has returned following her maternity leave.

## Meet your child's new teacher

Parents' evening is in October but we are keen that you have the opportunity to meet the team that are working with your child before then. With this in mind, staff will be available after school in the hall where they will share information about the curriculum, timetables and visits that are due to take place. Don't worry if you're unable to attend, the information will be sent home.

**Meet the Teacher Dates**

| Year | Date |
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| Nursery | Thursday 25th September |
| Reception | Wednesday 24th September |
| Maple Class | Thursday 6th October |
| Year 1 | Thursday 18th September |
| Year 2 | Tuesday 9th September |
| Year 3 | Wednesday 10th September |
| Year 4 | Tuesday 16th September |
| Year 5 | Thursday 11th September |
| Year 6 | Wednesday 17th September |

## PE Lessons

Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit on the day that they have their PE lesson. Every year group (apart from Reception) has two lessons a week; one to develop skills and the other to focus on fitness so they need to come in their PE kit twice a week. For KS2, children will also have their before or after school sports club on the same day as one of their PE lessons and the classes will swap on a half termly basis so that everyone has the opportunity to attend either a before or after school club.

As a reminder, our PE kit consists of: a plain white t-shirt and plain black or navy leggings, joggers or shorts and they should wear their school jumper or cardigan over their PE t-shirt. Children can either come to school wearing trainers or change into their pumps before the lesson.

## INSET Days for the rest of 2025-2026 (school closed to pupils)

Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026

## Inspire Workshops

Every term, parents are invited to an INSPIRE workshop. This is an opportunity for parents (or another family member) to learn more about what their children are learning in school. We appreciate that parents and carers may be unable to attend due to work or family commitments but rest assured, your child will not miss out if you are not there. For those who are able to attend, the dates for the autumn are below.

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| **Nursery**<br>6th October | **Year 1**<br>18th September | **Year 3**<br>15th October | **Year 5**<br>13th October |
| **Reception**<br>17th November | **Year 2**<br>1st October | **Year 4**<br>23rd October | **Year 6**<br>14th October |

## St Matthew's Attendance

Regular attendance is vitally important to your child's learning and well-being. Please support us by ensuring your children are here on time and attend regularly. Remember, school is open from 8.30am for children in EYFS and KS1 and 8.35am for children in KS2. Anyone who arrives after 8.40am in EYFS/KS1 or 8.45am in KS2 will be marked as arriving late.

**Overall attendance for this week:** 93%
**Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KS1:** Reception Blossom with 100%
**Class with the best attendance in KS2:** Year 6 Oak with 100%
**Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1:** Year 1 Cherry with 77%
**Class with the poorest attendance in KS2:** Year 5 Holly with 86%

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 23rd September:** Read, Write Inc (phonics) meeting for Reception parents 2.30pm
**Tuesday 30th September:** Read, Write Inc (phonics) meeting for Year 1 parents 2.30pm
**Thursday 9th October:** Harvest Festival
**Tuesday 21st October:** Parents' evening
**Thursday 23rd October:** School photos
**Thursday 23rd October:** Break up for half term
**Friday 24th October:** INSET Day
**Monday 3rd November:** Children return to school

## School trips this term

**Rec:** No visit this term
**Year 1:** Black Country Museum Tuesday 23rd September
**Year 2:** Dudley Canal Trust Tuesday 30th September
**Year 3:** Stone Age Outback Friday 10th October
**Year 4:** Bosworth Friday 3rd October
**Year 5:** Space Centre Thursday 4th December
**Year 6:** Frank Chapman Residential 3rd to 5th September