



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

19th September 2025

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RWI Inc Meeting for Reception parents

There will be a RWI phonic workshop for parents on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm. The workshop will explain how we teach reading at St Matthew's and how you can support your child with their reading at home. All parents that attend the meeting will be given a free RWI Phonic Reading Pack which is currently on sale for £12 at Amazon. The pack includes phonic cards, a letter formation poster, a wall frieze and information about how children learn to read.

Applying for a Primary School Place September 2026

You can apply for a Reception place if your child's date of birth falls between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022. The application process is now open and closes on the 15th January 2026. If you would like some help completing the form, some general information about the process or a visit to school to help you make your decision, please ask at the school office.

Year 6 Secondary Application Forms

Secondary school application forms have to be submitted online by 31st of October 2025. If you need any help, please ask at the school office.

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 2: Jemimah
Silver Year 2: Muhammad S
Gold Year 2: Nishanth and Nitesh
Gold Year 4: Satkeerat

Allergy Letter

A letter went out this week to children with medically diagnosed allergies. Can you please ensure it is completed and returned to school as soon as possible. If your child has a medically diagnosed allergy and school is unaware, please contact the office.

Stories and Play with Sandy the Bear

The National Literacy Trust is hosting an event on 29th September from 10.30am-11.30am at Smethwick Library. It is aimed at little ones aged 0-3 and is free to attend. Why not join them for storytelling, singing, creative play and a chance to meet Sandy the Bear.

Children who will be praised next week

Please note, children in Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 are praised on alternate weeks

| <u>EYFS and KSI Windmill Lane</u> Monday 22 nd September | | <u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 26 th September | | |
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| <u>Reception</u> Elijah, Elizabeth, Laya and Gratian | <u>Year 1</u> Aaminah, Zuriel, Ambrose and Tristan | <u>Year 2</u> Efrata, Ranveer, Anaya and Ellis | <u>Year 5</u> Humza, Melson, Miracle, Ace, Leah and Akram | <u>Year 6</u> Chineye, Maria, Arthur, Kairo-Lival, Fatoumata, Sufyjan |

INSPIRE Workshops

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| <u>Nursery</u> 6 th October | <u>Year 1</u> 9 th October | <u>Year 3</u> 15 th October | <u>Year 5</u> 13 th October |
| <u>Reception</u> 17 th November | <u>Year 2</u> 1 st October | <u>Year 4</u> 23 rd October | <u>Year 6</u> 14 th 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 KSI and 8.35am for children in KS2. Anyone who arrives after 8.40am in EYFS/KSI or 8.45am in KS2 will be marked as arriving late.

Overall attendance for this week: 98%

Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KSI: Year 1 with 100%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elm with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Year 2 Apple with 96%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 4 Beech with 94%

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
Friday 17th 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