



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

26th September 2025

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Theme day Lunch Thursday 2nd October

We have a special lunchtime menu next Thursday. Children in EYFS and KS1 will automatically be included in the numbers but if children in KS2 would like the special meal, they just need to let their class teacher know. The cost of the meal is £2.40 for children that have to pay. The meal has a street food theme and there is a choice of: Margherita Pizza, Cajun Chicken or Southern Fried Quorn Burger. The side dishes are: chips, savoury rice or sweetcorn and the choice of puddings are banana mouse or fruit jelly. Find a lucky sticker under your plate and win a £10 voucher

National Fitness day

Well done to the School Council from years 4-6 who represented St Matthew's at the Midland Metropolitan Hospital for Nation Fitness Day. They participated in a variety of sports including: badminton, table tennis, netball and pickleball. They had a wonderful time and even met the Mayor! Well done to Jovan, Mardin, Michelle, Keris, Arianna, Kamiyah, Wonderful, Ayaan, Iscac, Nur Al Huda and Selihome.

RWI Inc Meeting for Year 1 parents

There will be a Read, Write, Inc (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. Children in year 1 have a phonic screening check during the week beginning 8th June 2026 so we are keen to support families who want to help their child at home to prepare for the check.

Parking Around School

The safety of our children is always the highest priority so please try to avoid blocking paths, resulting in children having to walk in the road on their journey home. The traffic wardens have said they won't hesitate to give a ticket to anyone who isn't parked safely and correctly so please be mindful of how and where you park.

Free School Meal Applications

We are keen that parents who might be eligible, apply for free school meals as it brings extra funding for school. Application forms can be collected from the school office and if you would like any help applying, please come to either office.

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 29 th September		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 3 rd October		
<u>Reception</u> Robert, Jayden, Pamela and Adan	<u>Year 1</u> Mia, David, Brendan and Tiara	<u>Year 2</u> Ziyad, Ayomide, Mohammad Blessing and Anes	<u>Year 3</u> Emily J, Ekow, Juana, Maleek, Sarina and Reyan	<u>Year 4</u> Doxa, Harmannat, Fatehweer, Chloe, Azura and Ismail

INSPIRE Workshops

<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 Plum with 100%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elm and Elder with 99%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Reception Blossom with 98%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 6 Olive with 95%

Diary Dates

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