



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

5th December 2025

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Change for Change

St Matthew's work in partnership with Brushstrokes who support newly arrived families, refugees and asylum seekers in our local community. Through Advent, we will be launching our Change for Change appeal where we will be collecting small change to make a change in the lives of children in our community. The money collected will be given to Brushstrokes to support families. Each class has their own money box and children can add their pennies or small change into the pot. We understand that money is tight this year so there will be no pressure to give. As always, we thank you for your support to help others.

New Parent Governor

I am delighted to announce that Aaron Huxtable has joined our governing body as a parent governor and joins Samreen Iqbal as our second parent representative. Parent governors play an important role in our school and are valued members of our governing body. Mr Huxtable brings a wealth of experience both professionally and personally and we are looking forward to working with him.

HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Vouchers)

Please be aware, families that are eligible for the HAF vouchers have been emailed this week. If you are on certain benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals and a HAF voucher. Please see the office and they can help you apply, and a voucher may be issued in time for Christmas.

Premier League Primary Stars Tournament

Congratulations to Ariarna, Enaayah, Kamiyah, Ruby, Temitayo, Ebony, Taran and Deniece who represented St Matthew's at the Girls Primary Stars Football Tournament. We didn't win but they represented St Matthew's wonderfully and played exceptionally well. Thank you as always to Miss Deery and Mr Tolley for supporting the sporting fixtures.

Pen Licence

Congratulations to Rania and Sarah in Year 4 who have been awarded their pen licences.

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 3: Zayan

Silver Year 3: Sarina

Gold Year 3: Yogita

Bronze Year 4: Aaliyan

Gold Year 4: Mohamad Hamad

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 8 th December		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 12 th December		
<u>Reception</u> Robert, Umayyah, Fanta and Alvin	<u>Year 1</u> Asenath, Llorenz, Marwah and Taya-Mae	<u>Year 2</u> Ayad, Anayah, Kanwarjot and Jeremy	<u>Year 5</u> Ayaan R, Mustafa, Jacob, Amina, Anvjaldo and Arya	<u>Year 6</u> Gurreet, Amelia Evans, Vinola, Jovan, Caleb and Tiwa

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: 96%

Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KSI: Yr1 Plum and Yr2 Apple with 98%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Yr3 Elm and Yr5 Holly with 99%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Reception Blossom with 90%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 4 Beech with 89%

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th December: Christmas Dinner EYFS/KSI
Thursday 11th December: Christmas Dinner KS2
Friday 12th December: Nativity for parents Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Thursday 18th December: Christmas parties
Friday 19th December: Carol concert Year 2 and KS2
Friday 19th December: Break up at 1pm
Monday 5th January: INSET day
Tuesday 6th January: Back 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