



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament week is a national initiative designed to raise awareness of Parliament; the role of Local Government and how young people can get involved and make an impact on the issues they care about. This week, two groups of St Matthew's pupils were lucky enough to take part in two workshops that were hosted at the Council House.

On Monday, members of the Eco Team: Jaxon, Kairo, Dilshaan, Grace, Ama and Zaiyah met children from other primary schools and had the opportunity to express their views on nature and the environment and made suggestions as to how they would improve the local area. On Tuesday, our Digital Leaders: Fife, Caleb, Monae, Taran, Haniya and Ariarna met the Mayor and shared their views on budgets and spending priorities. Thank you to Miss Davies for arranging the visit and to Mr Tolley for accompanying the children on both days.

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

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 either school office and if you would like any help applying, please see Ms Naik in Windmill Lane office or Mrs Mattu in the Croxall Way office.

Pen Licence

Congratulations to Akram in Year 5 who has been awarded his pen licence

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 5: Arya

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 1 st December		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 5 th December		
<u>Reception</u> Genesis, Haadiya, Saara and Kushnoor	<u>Year 1</u> Veerjot, Talha, Mariamu and Zion	<u>Year 2</u> Jemimah, Julian, Khalil and Virat	<u>Year 3</u> Nare, Zak, Adarsh, Deborah, Ayah Islam and Ayah Ibrahim	<u>Year 4</u> Nur Al Huda, Ayaan, Asar, Maya, Amaaya and Daoud

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: 97%

Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KSI: Year 1 Plum with 98%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Yr5 Hawthorn and Year 6 Olive with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Reception Blossom with 91%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 4 Birch with 98%

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