



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

23rd October 2025

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Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas

Thank you for sending children to school in their own clothes as part of our Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas celebrations, they all looked wonderful, especially those who wore traditional dress.

Year 6 Secondary Application Forms

Please remember, secondary school application forms have to be submitted online by 31st of October 2025.

Would you like a free family day out?

We have a free family passes for Dudley Zoo and the Botanical Gardens. To use either pass you simply need to request them from the Windmill Lane office with a preferred date and they will add your name to the list. Families can borrow it either during the week or at weekends. Other places to visit that are free include the museums in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Dudley

Breakfast Bagels and Tuck

Children are able to enjoy a free toasted bagel when they arrive at school but if children in Years 2 to Year 6 prefer to buy tuck at break they are able to do so. The cost of the items are as follows: crumpets 30p, toast 30p, fruit 35p and juice 30p. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to have free fruit everyday

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 3: Ayah Islam, Sarina, Michelle

Bronze Year 4: Selihome

Silver Year 4: Mohamad Hamad and Sarah

Moran

Our Bulls in the City art work has now returned to school. Painted by Ms Maxine Moore, it is in pride of place in the Croxall Way Building as you approach the main entrance. Her other piece of art work, Matthew Bear, is on display outside Nursery.

Miss Varley

Miss Varley has broken up for half term a little early as she is getting married at the weekend. When she returns to school, she will be known as Mrs Caldwell We wish her every happiness as she begins this new chapter of her life.

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 3 rd November		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 7 th November		
<u>Reception</u> Leena, Zayn, Khalil and Mohammad Ali	<u>Year 1</u> Mayra, Arnav, Zenom and Hezal	<u>Year 2</u> Bhuv.nesh, Jayden, Maher and Aiden	<u>Year 3</u> Yogita, Daryn, Laila, Yashnoor, Savannah D and Haimadu,	<u>Year 4</u> Amelia, Satkeerat, Prem, Pape, Darsim and Sarah

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 99%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Yr3 Elm, Yr4 Beech, Yr5 Hawthorn with 100%

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

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 6 Olive with 97%

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd October: Break up for half term
Friday 24th October: INSET Day
Monday 3rd November: Children return to school
Monday 10th November: Odd Socks Day
Friday 14th November: Children in Need.

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