



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

17th October 2025

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Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival celebration was very successful and lots of food was donated to Brushstrokes. Thank you to Mrs Amphlett for leading all three services, to Mrs Foster, Mrs Talley and Mrs Kaur for their wonderful teaching and to Brushstrokes for collecting the donations.

Celebrate Diwali Monday 20th October

To celebrate Diwali, our School Council would like everyone to come to school on Monday 20th October dressed in bright clothes or anything colourful to mark the occasion. You don't have to go to any expense and this can be their own clothes or traditional dress.

Parents' Evening

It's parents' evening on Tuesday and times have been sent out. If the time given is inconvenient, please speak to your child's class teacher who will try to accommodate your preference and if you haven't sent the slip back, please do so as there are still slots available.

School Photos

Wrates will be visiting on Thursday 23rd October, to take individual and sibling photographs. If you have children in the same building, they will have their photo taken with their siblings during the morning. If you have children in separate buildings, (Croxall Way and Windmill Lane) you should bring them to either the Windmill Lane building OR the Croxall Way building, between 8am and 8.30am to have their photo taken together.

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 4: Micah
Silver Year 3: Aiden

Pen Licence

Congratulations to Selihome, Daryan, Tniyah and Pape in Year 4 who has been awarded their pen licence.

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 20 th October		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Thursday 23 rd October		
<u>Reception</u> Temitope, Michael, Nova and Kaylen	<u>Year 1</u> Yuvraj, Ayyad, Jenslin and Hoorain	<u>Year 2</u> Adel, Fajr, Nishanth and Salem	<u>Year 5</u> Imaani, Amaya, M'mah, Ali and Temitayo	<u>Year 6</u> Satti, Emmanuel, Elijah, Umaima, Sidwaya and Amna

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

Monday 20th October: Dress up for Diwali
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