



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

10th October 2025

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Congratulations Mrs Lowe

Congratulations to Mrs Lowe who had a little boy on Sunday weighing 8lb. She has decided to name him Ethan Archie Lowe and both Mrs Lowe and baby Ethan are doing well.

Football Match

On Monday 29th September, the football team played their first match of the season against Uplands Primary and this week they played against George Bett's Primary. We played brilliantly in both games and won 4-2 against Uplands and 4-2 against George Bett's. The players on the team were: Anvjaldo, Wonderful, Daniel, Elijah, Jacob, Jaxon, Mardin, Younis, Jovan and Kristofer.

Thank you to Miss Deery and Mr Tolley for enabling them children to have these sporting opportunities.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service is on Friday 17th October and will be held in St Matthew's Church. We are asking families to send in tins or dried food from Monday and any food collected will be donated to the Brushstrokes project, who support local families within the community.

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.

Lockdown

Several parents have shared their concerns regarding the lockdown that happened on Tuesday at a local primary school. Please be assured, we have a robust policy in place to keep children safe. If you have any questions regarding our safeguarding procedures or lockdown policy, please see Mrs Deakin or any member of staff who will be able to explain.

Lunchtime Supervisor Required

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and caring lunchtime supervisor who is able to work effectively as part of a team. If you feel you have the necessary skills and enjoy working with children, then ask at the office for an application pack. The post is for 5 hours per week and is term time only. The closing date is Friday 17th October.

Pen Licence

Congratulations to Abigail in Year 5 who has been awarded her 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 13 th October		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 17 th October		
<u>Reception</u> Alvin, Raife, Umayyah and Mohammad Saleh	<u>Year 1</u> Sophie, Eyoab, Oliver and Aaira	<u>Year 2</u> Abel, Mia Y, Suleiman and Vina	<u>Year 3</u> Emily J, Maya, Aeron, Ché, Ava, Abigail and Zayd	<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 and Cherry with 100%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elm with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Reception Blossom with 96%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 4 Beech with 90%

Diary Dates

Friday 17th October: Harvest Festival
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