



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Windmill Lane House (Former police training centre)

A letter has been sent home today regarding a planning application to convert the former police training centre (next to the Windmill Lane site) to a 76-bedroom HMO (House of Multiple Occupation) As a school, we do not support this application and are objecting to the plans for several reasons. If you agree with us that the change of use to a 76- bedroom HMO is not in the best interests of school or the local area, please show your support by submitting a comment.

Support for Parents and My Sandwell

Would you like to learn more about the digital world and get support in accessing services in Sandwell? If so, there is training being delivered in St Matthew's Church from 11am-1pm on Thursday on 22nd January (how to create a My Sandwell account and how to report reporting fly tipping), 29th January (how to report a housing repair online) and Thursday 5th February (how to report anti-social behaviour online) All you need is an email address and the trainers will provide the rest.

Young Voices

Well done to St Matthew's choir and the other children who took part in Young Voices on Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to not only represent St Matthew's but to be part of the largest children's choir in the world. Thank you to Miss Bowker for giving up her time to teach the choir and thank you to Miss Davies, Mrs Caldwell, Ms Gordon, Miss Graham and Ms Moody for accompanying the children and enabling them to enjoy this amazing experience.

Curriculum Letters

Today, you will be receiving a leaflet from your child's teacher informing you of the topics for the spring term. Please help your child by talking to them about their learning and by spending a few minutes each day listening to them read and helping them to learn their times tables. You will again have the chance to meet your child's teacher at the parents' meetings in March. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss any matter with your child's teacher, please see them after school.

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Yr3: Laila

Children who will be praised next week

Please note, children in Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 are praised on alternate weeks

EYFS and KSI Windmill Lane Monday 12 th January		KS2 Croxall Way Friday 16 th January		
<u>Reception</u> Saleh, Aylin, Eman and Anood	<u>Year 1</u> Mohammed Aram, Adam, Fahmida and Muhammad Talha	<u>Year 2</u> Nitesh, Rajasv, Aayan and Nathan	<u>Year 3</u> Sara, Inaya, Khandar, Segen, Arin	<u>Year 4</u> Hafsah, Temidire, Bhavya, Adam, Daryan and Elias

Inspire Workshops

<u>Nursery</u> Friday 6 th March Friday 20 th March	<u>Year 1</u> Thursday 12 th March	<u>Year 3</u> Wednesday 4 th March	<u>Year 5</u> Monday 9 th March
<u>Reception</u> Monday 16 th March	<u>Year 2</u> Friday 13 th March	<u>Year 4</u> Tuesday 3 rd March	<u>Year 6</u> Tuesday 10 th March

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 KSI: Yr2 Apple and Yr2 Pear 98%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Yr3 Elm 98%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Reception Blossom Willow 95%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 4 Beech 96%

Diary Dates

Monday 19th January: Online safety assembly Y456

Tuesday 27th January: Stranger Danger assemblies

Tuesday 27th January: County Lines assembly Yr6

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (dress up)

Wednesday 25th March: Parents' evening

Friday 27th March: Break up for Easter at 1pm

School trips this term

Rec: Think Tank Wednesday 4th March

Year 1: No trip this term

Year 2: Trunk Theatre in school 30th January

Year 3: No trip this term

Year 4: No trip this term

Year 5: No trip this term

Year 6: No trip this term