



# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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## Goodbye Miss Deery (until 2026)

Our sports coach, Miss Deery, begins her maternity leave next week. We wish her well and pray for the safe arrival of her new baby. In her absence, welcome to Mr Noble who is covering her while she is on maternity leave. If you see him, please say hello to make him feel welcome at St Matthew's.

## Choir

Well done to the choir who sang at the Midland Metropolitan Hospital as part of their Christmas celebrations. They were fantastic and the feedback from the general public was that they were polite, well behaved and a credit to our school. Thank you to Miss Bowker for leading the club and providing them with the opportunity to shine.

## EYFS and KSI Nativity

Well done to all our pupils in EYFS and Yr1, who shared the Christmas story through the performance of 'It's a Baby'. They told the Christmas story through singing, dancing and acting. A special thank you to all the staff in EYFS and Yr1 who worked so hard to make the nativity a lovely experience for everyone.

## Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to Carole and her team for preparing the delicious dinners and a special thank you to Mrs Kaur, Mrs Bi, Ms Murray, Mrs Nagy, Mrs Francis, Mrs Ahmadi, Ms Khaliq, Mrs Shahid, Miss Ibrahim, Mrs Bi, Mrs Mattu, Ms Naik and Mrs Forker for giving up their own time to decorate the hall and tables. Thank you also to all the staff who worked hard to ensure the children had fun and enjoyed their lunch!

## Multiplication Masters

Silver Year 3: Zayan and Burhanuddin  
Gold Year 3: Zayan  
Gold Year 4: Doud

## Pen Licence

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

## 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 have been running our Change for Change appeal where we have been 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.

## 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 KS1 and 8.35am for children in KS2. Anyone who arrives after 8.40am in EYFS/KS1 or 8.45am in KS2 will be marked as arriving late.

Overall attendance for this week: 96%

Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 2 Pear with 99%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elder with 99%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 1 Cherry with 89%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Yr4 Beech and Year 5 Holly with 96%

## Year 2 and KS2 Christmas Carols: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas Carol concerts will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the Croxall Way hall. Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are at 9am (Year 6 parents are welcome to attend as it's their last one) and Year 2 and Year 3 are at 10.30am (parents of both Year 2 and Year 3 are welcome to attend).

## Football Result

Well done to members of the football team who participated in the WBA West Midlands tournament this week. After winning the first leg, we were knocked out this round but the team played brilliantly! The children representing St Matthew's were Daniel, Elijah Jacob and Ebony in Year 5 and Jaxson, Mardin, Younis and Jovan in Year 6. Thank you to Mr Tolley, Miss Deery and Mr Noble.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas parties Children to wear their own clothes

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Carol concert Year 2 and KS2

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Break up at 1pm