



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

30th January 2026

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Windmill House

Thank you everyone for all your fantastic support over the last month. Two petitions along with objection letters from parents, local residents, past pupils and the whole of Year 6 were hand delivered to the planning department by Mrs Deakin, Councillor Shaeen and Councillor Muflihi.

We now have to wait for the planning department to process all the objections and then wait for their response. In the meantime, please go to the change.org website and search for Windmill House. The link to the petition is still there and you can record your objection. You don't need to give any money, just go to the bottom of the page and click skip. At the end, you just need to validate your email for your objection to count.

Arriving at school

Please remember, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can arrive at school from 8.30am but must be in school for 8.40am as this is when the register closes. If they arrive after this time, have to report to the school office as they are classed as being late. Children in KS2 can arrive in school from 8.35am but must be in school for 8.45am as this is when the KS2 registers close.

Arriving early has many benefits as it gives the children an extra 10 minutes to settle down and begin learning. We also dedicate the start of everyday to reading as we know a child's ability to read well has a significant impact on their educational outcomes. Please be aware, if they are marked as being late on the register, this will affect their overall attendance.

Lost Books

Over the years we have spent thousands of pounds on new books for our reading scheme, book corners and libraries. Unfortunately, several of the books have been mislaid or lost and so we are asking families to have a good look at home for any St Matthew's books and return them to school. They may be stamped with the school address, have a plastic dust jacket or have a coloured sticker on their spine. Please look carefully and if you find any school books at home, please hand them in as they would be gratefully received.

Pen. Licence

Congratulations to Aria in Year 3 and Aaliyan and Nevaeh in Year 4 who have been awarded their pen licence.

Multiplication Masters

Silver Year 2: Ayad
Silver Yr3: Adarsh

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 2 nd February		KS2 Croxall Way Friday 6 th February		
<u>Reception</u> Nia, Leena, Jayden and Rania	<u>Year 1</u> David, Yuvraj, Taya-Mae and Tanish	<u>Year 2</u> Shady, Esmee, Ellis and Vina	<u>Year 5</u> Oubaid, Victoria, Muhammad, Christina, Vanshika and Arianna	<u>Year 6</u> Nissa, Kristofer, Suwaiba, Aisha, Mardin and Amy

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: 98%

Class with the best attendance in EYFS KSI: Reception Blossom, Yr1 Plum, Y2 Apple with 100%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Yr3 Elm and Elder with 99%

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

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 5 Hawthorn 92%

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day
 Tuesday 10th February: Yr4 MTC meeting for parents
 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