



# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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## OFSTED

As you know, our school was inspected this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to those parents and carers who completed the online questionnaire and to those who took the time to share their views with the inspection team. Unfortunately, I can't comment on the outcomes until the report is released but we are delighted with everything the inspection team noted about our school. The report should be released towards the end of March.

## Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and for our Christian families, it can be a time to think about the impact of their actions. Christian Aid have produced a 'Count Your Blessings' calendar which provides some suggestions about daily things you could do during Lent to be thankful. If you are observing Lent, why not have a look at the actions and while there is a suggestion that you could raise money for Christian Aid, there is no expectation to do so. The poster is available on the pupil page of the website.

## Ramadan

Ramadan begins next week and we hope this period of fasting and reflection brings peace and joy to our Muslim families.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> March and we would like children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Children received their World Book Day token today and they can be exchanged for one of the special books shown on the token until 15<sup>th</sup> March. Alternatively, the token can be used as part payment towards the cost of a book.

## Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 2: Jemimah  
Bronze Year 3: Emily and Juana  
Bronze Year 4: Hafsah  
Silver Year 3: Laila and Zakariya  
Silver Year 4: Micah and Sharon  
Gold Year 3: Tawheed, Burhanuddin and Adarsh

## Pen Licence

Congratulations to Ayah Islam and Aeron in Year 3 and Azura, Keanan, Jemiah, Amaaya, Gurkirat and Adam in Year 4 who have all 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

EYFS and KSI Windmill Lane Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		KS2 Croxall Way Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February		
<u>Reception</u> Zayan, Haadiya, Raife and Anood	<u>Year 1</u> Brendan, Ali, Gugandeep and Zaviyar	<u>Year 2</u> Mohammed Kalifah, Zhuri and Jemimah	<u>Year 5</u> Janat, Amal, Taran, Emmanuel, Salman and Harshdeep	<u>Year 6</u> Deborah, Jovan, Zamwa, Elijah, Jula and Deniece

Inspire Workshops

<u>Nursery</u> Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Year 1</u> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Year 3</u> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Year 5</u> Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Reception</u> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Year 2</u> Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Year 4</u> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<u>Year 6</u> Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 Pear and Reception Willow 100%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 6 Olive with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Reception Blossom with 90%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 6 Oak with 91%

Diary Dates

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Break up for half term  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Return to school  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day (dress up)  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' evening  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Break up for Easter at 1pm

School trips this term

Rec: Think Tank Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 1: No trip this term  
Year 2: Trunk Theatre in school 30<sup>th</sup> 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