



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

4th September 2026

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Welcome back

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school, looking smart and ready to learn. A warm welcome to all of our new Nursery and Reception children and to the other children who have joined us in different year groups throughout school. Everyone has settled in beautifully and made a wonderful start to their time at St Matthew's. A special welcome to our new members of staff: Mrs Evans and Miss Snow in Reception, Miss Trunk in Year 3 and Mrs Lloyd in Year 4.

A special welcome back to Mrs Lowe and Miss Deery who have returned following their maternity leave.

Meet your child's new teacher

Parents' evening is in October, but we are keen that you have the opportunity to meet the team that will be working with your child before then.

With this in mind, staff will be available after school in their classroom where they will share information about the curriculum, timetables and visits that are due to take place. Don't worry if you're unable to attend, the information will be sent home however, it would be lovely to see as many parents and carers as possible.

Year	Date
Nursery	Thursday 24 th September
Reception	Tuesday 15 th September
Year 1	Wednesday 23 rd September
Year 2	Thursday 17 th September
Year 3	Monday 7 th September
Year 4	Thursday 10 th September
Year 5	Tuesday 8 th September
Year 6	Wednesday 9 th September
Maple	Thursday 24 th September

PE Lessons

Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit on the day that they have their PE lesson. Every year group (apart from Reception) has two lessons a week; one to develop skills and the other to focus on fitness so they need to come in their PE kit twice a week. For KS1 and KS2 children, they will also have a before or after school sports club on the same day as one of their PE lessons and the letters have been sent out this week.

As a reminder, our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and plain black or navy leggings, joggers or shorts and they should wear their school jumper or cardigan over their PE t-shirt. Children can either come to school wearing trainers or change into their pumps before the lesson.

Inspire Workshops

Every term, parents are invited to an INSPIRE workshop. This is an opportunity for parents (or another family member) to learn more about what their children are learning in school.

We appreciate that parents and carers may be unable to attend due to work or family commitments, but rest assured, your child will not miss out if you are not there. For those who are able to attend, the dates for the autumn are below.

<u>Nursery</u> Friday 6 th November	<u>Year 1</u> Wednesday 7 th October	<u>Year 3</u> Friday 13 th November	<u>Year 5</u> Monday 19 th October
<u>Reception</u> Friday 16 th October	<u>Year 2</u> Thursday 15 th October	<u>Year 4</u> Thursday 8 th October	<u>Year 6</u> Wednesday 25 th November

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: 94%

Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KS1: Reception Walnut with 99%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 5 Holly with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 1 Apricot with 80%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elder with 86%

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd September: Read, Write Inc (phonics) meeting for Year 1 parents 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th September: Read, Write Inc (phonics) meeting for Reception parents 2.30pm

Thursday 5th October: Harvest Festival

Monday 19th October: Parents' evening

Thursday 22nd October: School photos

School trips this term

Rec: No visit this term

Year 1: Black Country Museum Wednesday 16th September

Year 2: Dudley Canal Trust Tuesday 29th September

Year 3: Stone Age Outback Tuesday 6th October

Year 4: Lunt Roman Fort Wednesday 9th September

Year 5: Space Centre Thursday 19th November

Year 6: Frank Chapman Residential 2nd to 4th September