



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

11th September 2026

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Windmill Lane House (Former police training centre)

Last year, we successfully fought an application to convert the former police training centre (next to the Windmill Lane site) to a 76-bedroom HMO (House of Multiple Occupation). Unfortunately, the owner has submitted a new application but very little has changed apart from they have reduced the number of bedrooms by seven to 69 and there are a few extra parking spaces.

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 - bedroom HMO is not in the best interests of school or the local area, please show your support by submitting a comment using the link below.

In the meantime, Mrs Deakin is meeting with Gurinder Singh Josan CBE (Member of Parliament for Smethwick), Councillor Shaeen, Councillor Muflhi, Councillor Uddin and representatives from the community to plan a way forward.

<https://webcaps.sandwell.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=TJCBPZNRML100>

Free Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that our Breakfast Club will now be free to existing users and any families who need childcare before school. It will now operate from 7.30am and is open to children in Nursery, Reception, KS1 and KS2. Toast will be served and there will be a variety of games to play. Children in KS2 who attend Breakfast Club will be walked to the Croxall Way building at 8.30am and the last admission is 8.10am.

If you already use Breakfast Club, you don't need to do anything but new users, please see Ms Naik in the Windmill Lane office.

School Council

Well done to those children who have been elected as school council representatives

<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Sharon and Lionel	Elijah and Himanshi	Aaminah and Tiara	Hilya and Jeremy	Adarsh and Ayah Islam	Junior and Liliana	Vanshika and Nairish

Children who will be praised next week

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

<u>EYFS and KS1 Windmill Lane</u> Monday 14 th September		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 18 th September		
<u>Reception</u> Muhammad Musa, Aria, Sharon and Muqet	<u>Year 1</u> Adan, Himanshi, Daniel and Fabian	<u>Year 2</u> Ayyad, Talha, Khalid and Ambrose	<u>Year 3</u> Chloe, Ellis, Vina, Efrata, Jemimah and Ayad	<u>Year 4</u> Yashnoor, Segen, Haimadu, Nova, Savannah D and Aaron

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 at 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: 97%

Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KS1: Reception Willow with 100%

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

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 1 Apple with 91%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elder with 94%

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th September: Reception Meet the Teacher
 Thursday 17th September: Year 2 Meet the Teacher
 Tuesday 22nd September: Read, Write Inc (phonics) meeting for Year 1 parents 2.30pm
 Wednesday 23rd September: Year 1 Meet the Teacher
 Thursday 24th September: Nursery Meet the Teacher
 Thursday 24th September: Maple Meet the Teacher
 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