



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

18th September 2026

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Windmill Lane House (Former police training centre)

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meeting on Wednesday, it was amazing to see so many members of our community. We now have until Tuesday morning to submit an objection. If you object online, the link for the application along with detailed plans can be found at the address below and the reference number is: DC/26/71997. www.sandwell.gov.uk/planning/view-planning-applications

Alternatively, please sign the objection letter which was sent out on Thursday and return it to school on Monday as this also counts as an objection.

RWI Inc Meeting for Reception parents

There will be a RWI phonic workshop for parents on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm. The workshop will explain how we teach reading at St Matthew's and how you can support your child with their reading at home. All parents that attend the meeting will be given a free RWI Phonic Reading Pack worth £12. The pack includes phonic cards, a letter formation poster, a wall frieze and information about how children learn to read.

Year 6 Secondary Application Forms

Secondary school application forms have to be submitted online by 31st of October 2026. If you need any help, please ask at the school office.

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.

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 3: Rajasv

Children who will be praised next week

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

<u>EYFS and KSI Windmill Lane</u> Monday 21 st September		<u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 25 th September		
<u>Reception</u> Delina, Kieran, Anyia and Akalsimar	<u>Year 1</u> Haadiya, Hijab, Mila and Nia	<u>Year 2</u> Aaminah, Eyoab, Tiara and Eshal	<u>Year 5</u> Chioma, Daryan, Daoud, Prem, Neveah and Yousaf	<u>Year 6</u> Ayaan AK, Melson, Victoria, Vanshika, Jacob and Luqman

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 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 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 and KSI: Reception Willow and Year 1 Apricot with 99%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elm, Year 4 Beech, Year 4 Birch, and Year 5 Holly with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Year 1 Apple with 95%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elder with 96%

Diary Dates

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