St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

22nd October 2026

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Half Term

We break up today for half term and return to school on Monday 2nd November

Celebrate Diwali Friday 6th November

To celebrate Diwali, our School Council would like everyone to come to school on Friday 6th November dressed in bright clothes or anything colourful to mark the occasion. You don't have to go to any expense, and this can be their own clothes or traditional dress

Applying for a Primary School Place September 2027

You can apply for a Reception place if your child's date of birth falls between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023. The application process is now open and closes on the 15th January 2027. If you would like some help completing the form, some general information about the process or a visit to school to help you make your decision, please ask at the school office. If you would like to visit Reception and the KS1 building, please ask at the office and they will be able to make an appointment

Parent Governor Required

Our governing body is made up of people from all walks of life who all have a range of backgrounds, skills and experiences. Governors are volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between school and the community we serve. We are currently looking for a new parent governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has a child who currently attend St Matthew's and a desire to improve the performance of our school. If you are interested, please see Mrs Deakin

What can we offer?

- The opportunity to work with a team of people to improve our school
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school
- The pleasure of helping pupils reach their potential

Year 6 Secondary Application Forms

Secondary school application forms must be submitted online by 31st of October 2026.

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 4: Daryn

Children who will be praised next week

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

EYFS and KS1 Windmill Lane Monday 2nd November		KS2 Croxall Way Friday 6th November		
Reception	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**
Ishaan, Rubi, Surayyah and Great	Armaan, Khalil, Fanta and Saara	Alissa, Zion, Ianis and Tanish	Liliana, Ahmad, Azura, Bilal, Micah and Amaaya	Jannat, Fleur, Amina, Anvjaldo, Miracle and Ariarna

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.

Nursery Friday 6th November	**Year 1** Wednesday 7th October	**Year 3** Friday 13th November	**Year 5** Monday 19th October
Reception Friday 16th October	**Year 2** Thursday 15th October	**Year 4** Thursday 8th October	**Year 6** Wednesday 25th 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: 98%
Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KS1: Reception Willow with 99%
Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elder, Year 4 Birch and Year 5 Hawthorn with 100%
Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 1 Apricot with 95%
Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 3 Beech with 93%

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October: Children break up for half term
Friday 23rd October: School closed to pupils
Monday 2nd November: Back to school
Friday 6th November: Celebrate Diwali
Friday 13th November: Children in Need (dress in sports clothes)
Monday 16th November: Odd socks day

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