St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

16th October 2026

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Windmill House

I'm delighted to announce that the plan to convert Windmill House into a HMO has been rejected for the second time. The petition received over 1,100 signatures and more than 800 objections were submitted. Thank you all for your amazing support! The whole community worked together to make sure our views were heard and you have all made a difference. Well done everyone!

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

School Photos

Wrates will be visiting on Thursday 22nd October, to take individual and sibling photographs. If you have children in the same building, they will have their photo taken with their siblings during the morning. If you have children in separate buildings, (Croxall Way and Windmill Lane) you should bring them to either the Windmill Lane building OR the Croxall Way building, between 7.45am and 8.30am to have their photo taken together.

Football Result

Congratulations to the boys' football team who played Moat Farm Primary School on Thursday evening. We won 7-3 and the team were fantastic. The team representing St Matthew's were Micah, Jemiah, Jacob, Daniel, Samie, Elijah, Muheez, Melson, Anjvaldo and Wonderful. Thank you to Mr Noble and Mr Tolley for supporting the team.

Year 6 Secondary Application Forms

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

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 3: Abel
Bronze Year 4: Aeron, Aliza and Khadim
Silver Year 4: Ayah Islam

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 19th October			KS2 Croxall Way	
Reception Ranteg, Jaheim, Titobioluwa and Beatrice	**Year 1** Khushnoor, Hussnain, Mohammed Ali and Azariyah-Rose	**Year 2** Tanveer, Mariamu, Gurnavreet and Huda	No praise due to photos and the training day on Friday	No praise due to photos and the training day on Friday

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: 97%
Class with the best attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 2 Pear with 100%
Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 6 Olive with 100%
Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 1 Apple with 96%
Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 3 Beech with 93%

Diary Dates

Monday 19th October: Parents' evening
Thursday 22nd October: School photos
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