St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

6th November 2026

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Diwali and Bandi Chor Divas

Thank you for sending children to school in their own clothes as part of our Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas celebrations, they all looked wonderful, especially those who wore traditional dress.

Children in Need- Friday 13th November

The theme this year is 'Challenge Yourself' and so our school council would like everyone to come to school dressed in sports clothes or PE kit so that the staff can 'challenge' them during the course of the day. We will be asking for a contribution of 50p per child or a £1 for families which will be sent to Children in Need. Please support this very worthwhile cause

Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks Day Monday 16th November

As ever, we are keen to support anti-bullying week and the theme this year is 'Break the Silence' As part of the week, we would like everyone to come to school wearing odd socks. This is to show that we are all unique and sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves and free from bullying.

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 3: Suleiman
Bronze Year 4: Reyan, Nare, Inaya, Aria, Daniel and Segen
Silver Year 3: Jemimah
Silver Year 4: Juana and Michelle
Gold Year 3: Rajasv
Gold Year 4: Ayah Ibrahim

Theme day Lunch Tuesday 10th November

We have a special lunchtime menu next Tuesday. Children in EYFS and KS1 will automatically be included in the numbers but if children in KS2 would like the special meal, they just need to let their class teacher know. The cost of the meal is £2.60 for children that have to pay. The meal is to celebrate 120 years of school lunches and there is a choice of: roast chicken dinner or quorn vegan fillet served with roast or mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, sage and onion stuffing, broccoli and carrots. For pudding there is chocolate sponge cake or rice pudding with jam.

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. If you would like some help completing the form, please ask at the office

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 9th November			KS2 Croxall Way Friday 13th November	
Reception	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**
Raz, Lani. Ilyas and Rumaysa	Zayn, Elijah, Nova and Talha	Zuriel, Myra, Aleena and Joshua	Omar, Ranveer, Bhuvnesh, Muhammad Blessing, Clara and Ikram	Aurora, Khadim, Maya, Slahudeen, Khalfani and Ayah Ibrahim

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	**Year 1**	**Year 3**	**Year 5**
Friday 6th November	Wednesday 7th October	Friday 13th November	Monday 19th October
Reception	**Year 2**	**Year 4**	**Year 6**
Friday 16th October	Thursday 15th October	Thursday 8th October	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 Walnut and Willow and Plum Year 2 with 98%
Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elder with 100%
Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1: Year 1 Apple with 97%
Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 6 Oak with 95%

Diary Dates

Friday 13th November: Children in Need (dress in sports clothes)
Monday 16th November: Odd socks day
Wednesday 9th December: Christmas Dinner EYFS and KS1
Thursday 10th December: Christmas Dinner KS2
Thursday 17th December: Christmas parties
Friday 19th December: Break up at 1pm
Monday 4th January: INSET day
Tuesday 5th January: Children back to school

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