St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

13th November 2026

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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.

Damaged Books

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increasing number of damaged books, particularly home readers, being returned to school. At St Matthew's we take pride in our reading resources and the majority of children care for our books but we have noticed some are being returned that are ripped, scribbled in or lost. Throughout the day, children have access to library books, class readers, book sets and home readers, all of which help with learning but cost a great deal of money. Can we please ask that all books are treated with respect and in future, we will have to charge £5 to replace lost or damaged books.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 9th December for children in EYFS and KS1 and on Thursday 10th December for children in KS2. The cost is £2.60 per meal but children in EYFS, KS1 or those who are entitled to free school meals don't have to pay. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please order your meal from either the Windmill Lane or Croxall Way office. Please book your meal by Friday 27th November

Children in Need

Well done everyone, we raised £235 for Children in Need

Multiplication Masters

Bronze Year 2: Joshua
Bronze Year 3: Vina
Bronze Year 4: Maya, Sahib, Zani and Daryn
Gold Year 4: Aleena

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 16th November			KS2 Croxall Way Friday 20th November	
Reception	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**
Elijah, Alia, Kehara and Muhammad Tahami	Umayyah, Rania, Ardian and Gratian	Skala, Mohammed, Oliver and Tristan	David, Gurleen, Asar, Zain D, Fatehveer and Chioma	Anirudh, Ali, Tayem, Leah, Shayan and Ace

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: Year 1 Apple and Year 2 Plum with 100%
Class with the best attendance in KS2: Yr 3 Elder, Yr 4 Beech and Yr 4 Birch with 100%
Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KS1: Reception Walnut with 92%
Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elm with 98%

Diary Dates

Monday 16th November: Odd socks day
Wednesday 9th December: Christmas Dinner EYFS and KS1
Thursday 10th December: Christmas Dinner KS2
Monday 14th December: Nativity for parents Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Thursday 17th December: Christmas parties
Friday 18th December: Carol concert Year 2 and KS2
Friday 18th 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