



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

23rd May 2025

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EYFS/KS1 Mural: Whimsical Nature Scenes

Sabrina Nolan Jaques, a parent and one of our parent governors, has completed a stunning mural to enhance our EYFS and KS1 outdoor area. The piece, entitled Whimsical Nature Scenes, was inspired by nature both in this country and globally and painted in a characterful, illustrative style. The mural was completed in collaboration with staff, children and parents who suggested ideas, prepared the area and helped to paint it.

Please take time to have a look at the piece and parents of children in KS2 are welcome to come and have a look either at the start or end of the school day.

Year 5 Parents and Grammar School

Birmingham Grammar schools will be holding their entrance test for September 2026 entry on Saturday 13th September. If you are considering a grammar school education for your child, you will need to register them for the test by 4pm on 27th June 2025. Children only need to sit one entrance test to be considered for one or more of the grammar schools in Birmingham. Parents can find more information on the school admission policies and can register your child for the test by visiting: www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Birmingham City Choir

Thank you to members of the City of Birmingham Choir who spent time in school on Wednesday afternoon teaching Year 5. Conducted by Adrian Lucas, the choir taught a variety of singing rounds and ended the afternoon with a performance.

Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 will begin their Multiplication Tables Check after half term. All the children have worked incredibly hard and are ready for their test but they need to keep practising over the holiday. Well done Year 4 and keep up the hard work.

Half term and INSET

We break up today for half term and return to school on Tuesday 3rd June

Children who will be praised after the half term holiday

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

| <u>EYFS and KSI Windmill Lane</u> Tuesday 3 rd June | | <u>KS2 Croxall Way</u> Friday 6 th June | | |
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| <u>Reception</u> Tanveer, Mia, Hoorain and Ambrose | <u>Year 1</u> Aayan, Jugraj, Anes and Jeremy | <u>Year 2</u> Abigail, Maleek, Aurora and Inaya | <u>Year 3</u> Aliza, Aaron, Junior, Mohamad,K David and Chloe | <u>Year 4</u> Beesan, Emmanuel, Mishaal, Treytan, Victoria and Melson |

Inspire Workshops

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| <u>Nursery</u> Nursery 1 30 th June Nursery 2 23 rd June | <u>Year 1</u> Thursday 15 th May | <u>Year 3</u> Tuesday 10 th June | <u>Year 5</u> Monday 7 th July |
| <u>Reception</u> Monday 16 th June | <u>Year 2</u> Friday 27 th June | <u>Year 4</u> Tuesday 24 th June | <u>Year 6</u> Thursday 10 th July |

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: Year 2 Apple with 100%

Class with the best attendance in KS2: Year 3 Elm with 99%

Class with the poorest attendance in EYFS and KSI: Year 2 Pear 95%

Class with the poorest attendance in KS2: Year 4 Birch 95%

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd May: Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June: INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd June: Return to school
Monday 9th June: Yr4 Multiplication check week
Monday 9th June: Yr1 Phonics screening week
Additional dates are available on the school website calendar

School trips this term

Reception: Dudley Zoo Wednesday 11th June
Year 1: Warwick Castle Thursday 5th June
Year 2: Weston-Super-Mare Wednesday 25th June
Year 3: London Tuesday 17th June
Year 4: Carding Mill Valley Thursday 12th June
Year 5: Cadbury World Thursday 15th May
Year 6: Drayton Manor Park Monday 19th May