



# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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## OFSTED

As you know, our school was inspected this week on Tuesday. Thank you to those parents who completed the online questionnaire and to those parents who took the time to text their views to the inspector. Unfortunately I can't comment on the outcome of the inspection as it is confidential until the report is released which will be after half term

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival celebration was very successful and lots of food was donated to the Smethwick Food Bank. Thank you to Mrs Amphlett for leading the service and to Mrs Downing and Mrs Foster for teaching such super RE lessons linked to Harvest.

## Design the reading area in your child's classroom

We would like you to work with your child to design a new reading area for your child's classroom. The reading area that you design must encourage children to read and promote a love of books. The winning design will be created by the staff and you will be invited to the opening ceremony. You will also receive a £20 book voucher.

## Reading Hero

I am delighted to announce we have a new Reading Hero. Ayyan Abid in Year 4 has read all of the Ladybird books. He has worked exceptionally hard and is a wonderful role model to other children in terms of his knowledge of the books he has read and his passion for reading.

<u>Children who have been praised this week:</u>		
	<u>Year 2</u> All of Year 2	<u>Year 5</u> Shaheer and Zofia
<u>Reception</u> Hamad and Aminah	<u>Year 3</u> Manjit and Aliza	<u>Year 6</u> Ryan and Aliena
<u>Year 1</u> Rinnah and Hardeep	<u>Year 4</u> Charles and Elian	

St Matthew's attendance target is 96%

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 8.35am.

Anyone who arrives after 8.45am will be marked as arriving late.

Overall attendance for this week: 98%

Class with the best attendance: Year 6 with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance: Year 2 with 96%

Most punctual class: Years 2 and 5 with no children late

Least punctual class: Year 1 with five children late

<u>INSPIRE Dates</u>		
<u>Nursery</u> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<u>Year 2</u> Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 5</u> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
<u>Reception</u> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 3</u> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 6</u> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
<u>Year 1</u> Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 4</u> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	

### Diary Dates

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' evening  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Break up for half term  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Return to school

### School Trips

Reception: Snowdome 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 1: Dudley Zoo 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 2: Sea Life Centre 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 3: Birmingham Museum 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 4: Blists Hill 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 5: The Space Centre 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 6: Residential