Monday 9th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year One Visits to St. Matthew's Church

As part of the children's learning for their current topic in Religious Education, we have arranged for Year One pupils to visit St. Matthew's Church on Chichester Road in Croydon.

Classes 4, 5 and 6 will visit St. Matthew's Church on Wednesday 25th November.

Each class will walk to and from the church and will be accompanied at all times by school staff. The visit will take place in school hours and children will have lunch in school as normal. There is no cost for this trip.

The purpose of this visit is to look around the church, identify features of the church and to help the children to understand the importance of the church within Christianity. **Please be aware, this visit will not be a session of worship and has been arranged to support your child's learning for Religious Education.** Year One will produce follow up work in class from the information gathered from the visits.

The *Croydon Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education* has a requirement for schools to visit places of worship. Visits to places of worship are an important part of our inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum and provide all pupils with first-hand experience. Parental support and understanding are essential, these visits are a statutory part of the *Croydon Agreed Syllabus Religious Education.*

Please complete the form that has been emailed to you, via Teachers2Parents, to give your consent for your child to attend the visit to the church by Friday 20th November.

All children should wear their **full school uniform**, **comfortable shoes** and a **weather appropriate jacket or coat** (weather permitting.)

If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith
Religious Education Leader