



# St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. I want to start this newsletter by acknowledging the amazing job you have been doing at home in encouraging and helping your children with their on-line learning and home/school packs. I know it is not easy to balance your days with your own work and home learning and you are doing a great job. Whilst the school is open only for a small group, we are still available to help all children as much as possible. Teachers can be contacted through google classroom or by telephoning the school, Ayesha is also available to support with issues such as benefits and housing and works on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The government will be announcing their plans for schools on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, which will give us some clarity on when more children will be able to return to school.

There will be no official homework set during the half term and we are encouraging children and families to significantly reduce/stop their time spent online. Below are some suggested daily activities to support healthy minds and well-being all filtered through our vision.

Happy half term and best wishes for a very special valentine's day,  
Ms. Braithwaite

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
life and learning	live within the values of God's word	journey	fulfilling future	grow in confidence
Read lots and talk about what you have read with family and friends	Be kind to someone, make a phone call or write a letter to someone you are missing.	Get some fresh air. Take a long walk or take a new route for one of your regular journeys.	Practise a life skill, bake a cake, make lunch or help your parents in the house.	Learn something new - skipping, riding a bike, origami, painting, arts and crafts

## Science Week

British Science week is back between 5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March and we have many exciting activities planned at St Mark's to explore the theme of '**Innovating the Future**'. Years 1 - 6 check out your Google Classroom pages to find out about your half term project for Science Week, how will you innovate the future? Early Years, there will be an exciting project for you to get involved in, find out more from the website after half term.

## Lent

With Lent about to begin in half term we remember to be thankful for God's blessings, but also reflecting on people in our families and community that need our prayers and support. Instead of giving UP something, try giving OUT by taking part in the 40 acts challenge. Details will be on the website with resources to print out or follow.

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
Psalm 119 Vs 105  
St Mark's School Vision*