



# St Mark's News

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light to my path

[www.st-marks.islington.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.islington.sch.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the strike action planned for **1<sup>st</sup> February, St Mark's School is closed to all pupils** next Wednesday. We will reopen as usual on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. I will confirm the situation for the remaining three strike days as soon as I know. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

## Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC).

In June this year, our Year 4 children will be taking the Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC). The purpose of the test is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It can also help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

Children are practicing their times tables in school regularly but it is beneficial for all children to practise their times tables at home.

Expectations for Year Groups	
Y1	2,5,10 X tables
Y2	2,5,10 X tables
Y3	3,4,8 X tables
Y4	All X tables
Y5	All X tables
Y6	All X tables

Here are some useful websites to use at home with your child.

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/#/>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

Further information about the MTC can be found on the UK Government Website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

## Too ill for school?

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let the office know that your child won't be in and give them the reason for the absence.

Please follow this link for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please also see our website for more information.

## JLT visit to St Pauls

The Junior Leadership Team met with 1200 other primary aged children for the LDBS schools' annual service at St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday. It was lovely to be back at St Paul's after a three year break due to COVID. The singing was beautiful and The Bishop got us all to think about our duty as stewards of God's wonderful creation.

## Packed Lunches

We are seeing more and more packed lunches which are both unhealthy and unsuitable coming into school. Items such as crisps, processed meats and sweet items are not what constitutes a healthy lunch/meal.

Islington's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) offer is different to the nationally funded offer. Islington fund UFSM for all nursery classes and Key Stage 2 primary school pupils saving parents of each child in Y3,4,5,6 **£12.50 per week**.

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*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*