



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our new children and families, we hope your first term at St Mark's has been a pleasant one. This term is always a very busy one, firstly, with getting to know routines and each other. After half term the countdown to Christmas begins with decorating the school.

This month we are celebrating Black History Month. This is not because we don't teach black history throughout the year, far from it. Black history is weaved in to our curriculum so that it is taught to all classes over the course of the academic year. Our new corridor displays focus on the 75th anniversary of Windrush and in Tundra class they are looking at the recent adaptation of 'The Little Mermaid'. On Monday the whole school will be taking part in 'The Great Big Live Assembly to celebrate Black History Month'

Throughout this school year, you will all be invited to come in and have lunch with your child. Next week we look forward to having Y6 parents in.

We are promised a beautiful weekend of weather; I hope you are all able to enjoy it.

Ms Braithwaite

Secondary Transfer

I hope all Y6 parents and some in Y5 have enjoyed their visits to local secondary schools. The deadline for secondary transfer applications is 31st October 2023. Please email: admin@st-marks.sch.uk for a meeting with me if you have questions about the process or choice of secondary school. I am very happy to help.

Used Uniform — It's a Bargain!

We have lots of used uniform which is available for parents and carers to purchase. Each item is £1. The uniform has been washed and sorted and is in very good condition. Please save it from the landfill!

Individual Portraits — Photographs

These will be taken in school on November 10th. Families with younger children can also have family portraits done at drop-off. The photos will be returned in time for Christmas

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our two Macmillan Coffee Mornings were a huge success. Thank you to staff, parents, children and everyone else who supported the events and was able to spend money. We raised £ 250 for this very important charity.

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 17th October at 2pm

Parents and carers are welcome to attend our Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church at 2pm. Please look out for messages on our SchoolPing App re: harvest donations.

Contacting the School

Please be reminded that all contact regarding absence, punctuality and pick-ups must be done by phoning the school. Emailing the school is not a guarantee that we have the message which can lead to confusion at the end of the day. Your help with this matter is appreciated.

Parental Assistance with Trips

We're reaching out for your support on our upcoming school trips. Your involvement is invaluable for two key reasons:

1. Teacher Support: Your assistance allows our teachers to provide the best experience for our students.
2. Understanding Your Child's Learning: It's a chance to gain insights into what your child is learning at school. Your presence truly matters! Please consider joining us on these educational adventures and let your child's teacher know, when appropriate.

Dates For Your Diary

Y3 Class Assembly	Tuesday 10 th October
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 17 th October
Half term	Mon 23 rd -Fri 27 th October
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 7 th November
Parent consultations	Week of 6 th November
End of term	Friday 22 nd December -2pm

Psalm 119 Vs 105: Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.