



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers
Happy New Year!

We are already 2 weeks into Spring Term, although the weather is definitely screaming winter!

Despite the cold, our garden is all ready to bloom in Spring as our Gardener, Caroline, has been busy planting a mixture of wonderful spring bulbs.

Judging by the enthusiasm of the children this term, I feel it won't only be the flowers that will be blooming!

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

Invitation to lunch – Parents of Y4 Pupils.

We are pleased to invite parents of children in Y4 to lunch on Thursday 22nd February. Look out for an invitation which will be sent via School Ping and please let us know if you would like to attend.

Smoking and Vaping

This is a polite reminder to parents and carers who smoke or vape. Can we please ask that you do not smoke or vape directly in front of the school entrance gate when you pick up or drop off your child. If you could move just a little way along the road it would be much appreciated by those who do not smoke or vape. Thank you for your consideration.

Free School Meal Sign-Up

As you are probably aware, the lunch time meal is free at all Islington Primary Schools. However, parents and carers **must** register for the free meal by completing the on-line Citizens Portal via the following link

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant>

Once you have completed the application (**please note that applications need to be completed for each of your children as siblings will not automatically be registered for a free school meal, you will need to register them on**

the portal) you will receive an e-mail confirmation which informs you of your free meal status, i.e. Eligible or Not Eligible. Parents and carers should then let the school office know their eligibility status once the email is received. Please rest assured that your child will receive a free meal, even if your status comes back as not eligible, as you are simply registering them on the Islington free meal portal.

After School Club

We have added new activities to the after school club programme and will be publishing this on the website. Sign up leaflets are available at the school office.

School Vacancies

We have some spaces in a couple of classes at St Mark's. If you know of any families who would like their children to join our school, please encourage them to complete an in-year admissions form on the Islington website or to call the school office for information.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23 rd January	Y6 Class Assembly at 10am
Tuesday 30 th January	Y5 Class Assembly at 10am
Tuesday 6 th February	Y4 Class Assembly at 10am
Friday 9 th February	End of Spring Term 1
12 th to 16 th February	Spring Half Term Break
Monday 19 th February	Spring Term 2 begins
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term – school closes at 2pm

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