



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you to all the families who came along to our Ash Wednesday Service on Tuesday. Lent began in half term so in school we remembered how to be thankful for God's blessings, but also reflected on people in our families and community that need our prayers and support.

The next six weeks are a very busy time in school as we count down to Easter and prepare for spring. As always, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm wishes for the chilly weekend,
Ms Braithwaite

Ramadam Mubarak

Whilst we recognise that fasting is not compulsory before the age of puberty in Islam, we understand that some children are encouraged to fast or wish to fast in preparation for adulthood.

Help us to offer our support by ensuring we know if your child is fasting. This is very important, especially due to the weather and curriculum requirements such as PE and swimming. Children in KS1 are not encouraged to fast.

Happy Ramadan!

Uniform Charges

Due to increased charges from our uniform supplier, we have to increase our prices after Easter. Schools are not allowed to make a profit on uniform so please be assured that we are only selling our uniform for the prices we are charged. New prices will be available from the office shortly.

Parent Meetings – Thursday 21st March

All parents and carers will be receiving a PING message inviting them to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress so far. Please ensure you Choose a suitable slot indicating the preferred time as soon as the message comes through.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

This year we will not be sending the £1 book token home, instead, we ask that you and your child take some time to choose one of the books from the link below. Your child can then tell their teacher the book they would like to swap their £1 voucher for. At a date closer to World Book Day the Junior Leadership team will take a trip to Waterstones in Angel where they will exchange the vouchers for the books all the children have chosen. The Junior leaders will then deliver the books to each class and your child can then take their book home to keep forever.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

On the day, we will have many exciting activities to take part in including; a teacher swap, Stop, Drop and Read, fun book-related activities and quizzes and of course, a parade showing off our fantastic book character costumes! On Friday, we will also be taking part in a World Book Day workshop hosted by West End in Schools focusing on Matilda!

Parent and Friends Prayer Group

Thank you to our parent prayer group who come to pray for us every Wednesday. The group runs from 8am to 8.30am every week.

Please join them to pray for St Mark's School, staff, children and families! Breakfast club will be running for St Mark's children & any preschool children are welcome to stay and pray.

For more details, please speak to Ms Braithwaite

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 27 th Feb	Y3 Class Assembly at 10am
Monday 4 th March	Y5 Swimming begins
Tuesday 5 th March	Y2 Class Assembly at 10am
Monday 11 th March	Y6 to Osmington Bay
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term – school closes at 2pm

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