



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Valentine's Day! As we reach the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to our wonderful children, parents, and staff for making it such a fantastic few weeks. From exciting learning experiences to special events, it has been a truly memorable time.

With spring just around the corner, we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break. Whether you're staying in London to explore the parks, museums, and local events or heading further afield for an adventure, we wish you a restful and joyful holiday. Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to welcome the children back, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term!

Ms Braithwaite

Partnership with Duncombe

We are pleased to share that our partnership with Duncombe Primary School is set to continue for the foreseeable future. As such, Mr. McEleney will remain as Interim Head of School, and Ms. Braithwaite will continue as Executive Head of both St. Mark's and Duncombe. Thank you for the support you have shown during this transition—we look forward to continuing this journey together.

Children's Mental Health Week

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Children's Mental Health Week! We had great engagement from parents, and the children really enjoyed the activities and assemblies. It was wonderful to see such positive discussions around wellbeing, and we hope the messages shared will continue to support our children in feeling happy and healthy.

Safer Internet Day

We were delighted to welcome a Safer Internet specialist, who spoke to the children about staying safe online. The response from both children and parents was fantastic, and we encourage families to continue these important conversations at home. We have also updated our website with useful online safety resources—please do take a look if you need support.

Ash Wednesday Service – 5th March 2024

We are excited to return to St. Mark's Church for our Ash Wednesday service. All parents are warmly invited to join us as we mark the start of Lent. It promises to be a special moment of reflection for our school

community, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Our Year 5 children in Koinonia will begin their intensive swimming sessions at Cally Pool from 10th March 2025. This is a great opportunity for them to develop their confidence in the water, and we look forward to seeing their progress.

Year 6 Osmington Bay Trip

The countdown is on! Our Year 6 pupils are gearing up for an unforgettable week at Osmington Bay, packed with thrilling outdoor adventures, team challenges, and plenty of fun! From scaling climbing walls to kayaking on open waters, this trip is all about building resilience, teamwork, and creating lifelong memories. We can't wait to hear about their experiences—stay tuned for updates on our website throughout the week!

Polling Day – Democracy in Action!

Exciting news—our children will be renaming their house teams through a real voting process! With a ballot box and voting booth kindly provided by the council, every child will get to cast their vote, giving them a hands-on experience of democracy in action. We can't wait to see the new names they choose!

Year 4 Parents to Lunch – 25th February 2025

We are delighted to invite Trust Class parents to join us for Parents to Lunch on 25th February 2025. If you would like to attend, please inform the school office and pay in cash with the team. We look forward to sharing this special experience with you!

...Weekly Attendance Report...

| | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Attendance | 93.1% | 87.6% | 94.8% | 95.7% | 87.8% | 98.2% |
| Lates | 3.8% | 1.4% | 5.6% | 3.9% | 7.8% | 1.8% |

Dates for your Diary

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| 25.02.25 | Year 4 Parents to lunch |
| 27.02.25 | Yr. 6 Swimming Gala |
| 03.03.25 | Choir at Islington Assembly Rooms |
| 05.03.25 | Year 2 Parents to Lunch |
| 11.03.25 | Year 3 Assembly |

Please follow this link to our action packed news page on the webpage! It really has been a great half term [School News](#)

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