



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic few weeks we've had back at St. Mark's! The children have settled in brilliantly, diving into their learning with enthusiasm and energy. We have had two fantastic class assemblies this month, and we have learned so much from them – thank you Years 5 and 6.

As we move forward into this half term, we'd like to wish a very Happy Lunar New Year to all those in our school community who celebrate. May this year bring you happiness, health, and prosperity! 🎉

Ms Braithwaite

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are inviting expressions of interest for our Parent Governor vacancy. This is an important role and requires a parent who is able to dedicate time to attend Governor Committee meetings and Full Governing Body meetings one per term. It is a wonderful opportunity to represent parents and carers at St Mark's. Please collect an application pack from the school office. The closing date for submitting applications is 28th February 2025.

St Paul's Trip - JLT

We were so proud to represent our amazing school, St Mark's at the LDBS School Service at St Paul's Cathedral! It was an incredible experience to join students from LDBS schools across London, listen to the beautiful music, enjoy the fantastic performances, and hear the inspiring readings. Walking into such a historic and breathtaking building was truly special, and we felt honoured to be part of the service. A big thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable day – and, of course, we really appreciated the delicious hot chocolate too! – JLT

Introducing Our New Family Support Drop-In Clinic!

We know that parenting comes with its challenges, and sometimes, a little extra support can make all the difference. That's why we're introducing our Family Support Drop-In Clinic with Ms. Vitrano, running fortnightly at St. Mark's.

Whether you need advice on **mental health, accessing external support services or help with filling in forms**, Ms. Vitrano is here to listen, guide, and connect you with the right resources. No appointment needed—just drop in for a chat!

📅 When: fortnightly starting Thursday 13th February 2025

📍 Where: Ms Vitrano's Office - EYFS

👤 Who: Open to all parents and carers

Let's work together to ensure every child and family gets the support they need!

Mental Health Awareness Week at St. Mark's

Next week, we'll be shining a spotlight on Mental Health Awareness with a range of activities to help our pupils understand the importance of wellbeing. Through special assemblies, we'll explore the theme of "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself", encouraging children to reflect on their emotions, strengths, and aspirations.

On Friday, 7th February, we'll be holding a non-uniform day for Children's Mental Health Week—and we're inviting pupils to dress as their dream job! Whether they see themselves as future doctors, artists, athletes, or astronauts, we can't wait to see their ambitions come to life. Please bring £1 to help raise funds for this important cause.

To promote mindfulness, Mr. Gurry will be leading 10-minute meditation and yoga sessions during lunch, helping children pause, breathe, and reset.

Mental health matters, and we encourage all parents and carers to chat with their children about their learning this week—let's walk this journey together!

School Ping

As School Ping is being updated, please check you setting in the app to ensure you are on version 4.3. If not, please delete the app, and reinstall. To access the app, use your original log in details. Any issues – please speak to the office 😊

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	91.7%	93.1%	93%	82.1%	93.8%	95.4%
Lates	3.8%	1%	4.1%	3.9%	7.7%	1%

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4 th February	Y4 Class Assembly at 10am
Wednesday 5 th February	Y5 Parents to Lunch at 12.30pm
Tuesday 11 th February	Y2 Class Assembly at 10am
17 th to 21 st February	Spring Half Term Break
Monday 24 th February	Spring Term 2 begins

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