



St Mark's News

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers

Spring has sprung! What a wonderful week of sunshine we have had. I do hope this continues over the next week, especially since our lovely Y6 children will be off on their school journey to Osmington Bay.

I hope the children have enjoyed the 70th Birthday celebrations that have been happening today and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support with the 1950's outfits the children were wearing, they looked fabulous!

Wishing you all a sunny and restful weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

Polling Day – Democracy in Action!

Voting has now taken place for the re-naming of house teams. The children were very sensible and determined to cast their votes. The whole process was very exciting for them all from using the voting booths to finally posting their decisions into the Ballot Box. Results will be announced once all votes have been counted, during a morning assembly when Y6 have returned from Osmington Bay.

St Mark's 70th Anniversary of being on this site

Today marks the 70th anniversary of St Mark's being re-opened since the original site on Tollington Park was bombed during WW2. The children dressed up in 1950's outfits and took part in celebrations throughout the day. Thank you to all our lovely children and the parents and carers who helped to make today special. Please check the website for photos and read about the history of St Mark's.

Ash Wednesday Service

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Ash Wednesday service.

We are now in the period of Lent in our Christian Calendar which gives us time to reflect on the endurance of Jesus for the benefit of us all.

After School Club

A reminder that after school club sign up is required at the start of each half term. If your child attends our after school club please ensure that you have completed the sign up form and handed it in to Karen at the school office.

School Ping App

Please ensure that you have the school ping app downloaded on to your mobile phone. This is the only way we communicate with parents and carers to keep you up to date with matters relating to your child at school. If you have any queries or need help with accessing this service, please see staff in the office.

Parent & Carer Surgery

Mrs Vitrano, our Early Years and Safeguarding Lead runs a fortnightly surgery for any parents or carers who would like some support. Help is offered with completing forms, accessing services or just for a chat. Refreshments are available and the next surgery will take place on Thursday 20th March from 9am to 10am. All welcome.

A reminder about Uniform

As a uniform wearing school, we ask that children wear shoes that are all black please and trousers or shorts must be grey and not black. Also, as summer is approaching please remember that open-toe or open-back shoes are not permitted as they are not safe for the children to run around in the playground. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	92.4%	96.2%	97%	97.5%	98.2%	93.9%
Lates	4.5%	1.4%	7.4%	4.3%	9.1%	1.8%

Dates for your Diary

07.03.2025	St Mark's 70 th Anniversary
10.03.2025 – 14.03.2025	Y6 Journey to Osmington Bay
11.03.25	Year 3 Assembly
19.03.2025	Y3 Parents to Lunch
27.03.2025	Y4 Parents to Lunch
04.04.2025	End of Term (school finishes at 2pm)

Please follow this link to access our webpage [School News](#)

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