



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a term it has been! We anticipated an inspection, and when OFSTED called, we embraced the opportunity to showcase the unwavering dedication of our staff and pupils. We were absolutely thrilled with the feedback and now wait with bated breath for the final report. Regardless of the outcome, what remains undeniable is the passion, commitment, and excellence that radiates throughout our school.

This term has been a testament to our relentless pursuit of progress. Every lesson taught, every challenge faced, and every success celebrated has brought us closer to our shared vision of excellence. We continue to push forward, ensuring that every child in our care flourishes academically, socially, and spiritually.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the heart of our identity as a Church of England school. The Easter story is one of hope, renewal, and sacrifice—values that underpin everything we do. Just as Easter signifies new beginnings, we step into the next chapter with faith, resilience, and an unshakable belief in the power of education to transform lives.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful Easter break.

Ms Braithwaite

End of term awards assembly

It was lovely to see so many parents this morning at our awards assembly. Well done to all who received awards and thank you to all of our children, we celebrate you all.

After School Club

The new after school club sign up forms will be available at the school office on Tuesday 22nd April. Please sign up as early as possible for the first half term of summer.

Red Nose Day

We are pleased to announce the total raised for Comic Relief is £179. Thank you for your donations.

Easter Bonnet Parade

As our summer term begins the day after Easter Monday, we would like the children to make Easter bonnets over the holidays. They will be able to show off their creations at an Easter bonnet parade and there will be prizes for the most original designs.

Summer Uniform

As a uniform wearing school, shorts must be grey school shorts, dresses are light blue gingham checked (not navy blue), the polo shirt must be yellow with our logo and shoes must be all black. Please remember that open toe or open back shoes are not permitted as they are not safe for the children to wear when running around at playtime.

A note from our Attendance Officer

Dear parents please be aware that a **penalty notice** will be considered by the Local Authority for **5 days** of unauthorised absence within a ten week period (This applied from **August 2024**). **Term Time Leave is not authorised** unless there are exceptional circumstances. The penalty fine is now **£80** but increases to **£160** if not paid within 21 days.

Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	85.3%	87%	86.4%	94.3%	86.9%	94%
Lates	6%	1.9%	6.2%	2.7%	11.1%	2.8%

Dates for your Diary

04.04.2025	End of Term (school finishes at 2pm)
22.04.2025	Children return for the start of Summer Term

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.