



St Mark's News

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope it was a restful and refreshing time for you and your families. The children have returned with smiles on their faces, and it's been lovely to see them excited to be back. We hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the sunshine and make the most of the four-day weeks.

This half term is already shaping up to be a busy one. We're especially proud of our Year 6 children who are preparing for their SATS next week—they've worked incredibly hard, and we're all rooting for them. Let's have a great term ahead!

Ms Braithwaite

OFSTED Report

We're so excited to let you know that our Ofsted report has now been sent out for your reading—and as a school, we are absolutely thrilled with the result. It reflects the hard work, care, and ambition that make St. Mark's such a special place to learn and grow.

The report is full of wonderful comments about our school. One section that particularly struck us perfectly captures who we are:

"Pupils develop and flourish in a supportive environment. The school skilfully helps pupils to overcome any barriers or challenges to learning that pupils face. Pupils become confident and resilient learners. They thrive here and achieve highly by the end of Year 6. The school has high aspirations for pupils."

We were especially proud to see recognition of our pupils' **impeccable behaviour**, strong relationships, and the high standards we hold across the school.

Thank you for your continued support—we hope you enjoy reading the report as much as we did. We truly are a community to be proud of.

Year 6 SATS

Our wonderful Year 6 children will be sitting their KS2 SATs next week, from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May. Each day brings a different challenge: grammar, punctuation and spelling on Monday, reading on Tuesday, two maths papers on Wednesday, and the final maths paper on Thursday.

We are so proud of the effort and resilience they've shown throughout the year. They're more than ready, and we know they'll rise to the occasion. If you see any of the children around school, please do wish them luck—they've earned every bit of encouragement. You've got this Year 6!

School Trips

We've had some fantastic school trips recently, including exciting visits to London Zoo and Kew Gardens. The children had a brilliant time exploring, learning, and making memories with their friends. Be sure to check the school website for some amazing photos capturing the highlights of their adventures!

If you'd like to volunteer to join your child's class on future trips, we'd love your support. Please speak to your child's teacher—these experiences are made even better with the help of our wonderful parent volunteers.

Parents to Lunch

A big thank you to all our wonderful Year 1 parents who came in for lunch last week and reception parent this week!

It was such a treat to see you enjoying a tasty meal with your children. We snapped some brilliant pictures—check out the website to spot yourselves! We can't wait to see you again in Year 2.

Book Fair

We're excited to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair to our school from Monday 19th to Thursday 23rd May! It's a fantastic opportunity for children to explore and purchase a wide range of exciting books to enjoy at home.

Come along, support our school, and spark the joy of reading!

Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	94.6%	95.7%	93.5%	93.4%	91.5%	98.7%
Lates	3.1%	1.7%	7.9%	5.3%	9.7%	2.2%

Dates for your Diary

23.05.2025	Half Term break
02.06.2025	INSET DAY
03.06.2025	Children return

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