



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, we'd like to remind all families that **term officially ends on Tuesday, 22nd July at 2pm**. We've noticed an increase in requests for early leave, and would like to emphasise the importance of full attendance right up to the last day.

#### **Why is this important?**

- The final weeks include valuable learning, reflection, and celebration.
- Children benefit from the chance to say a proper goodbye to their teachers and classmates.
- Good attendance sets strong habits and helps pupils feel confident and connected.

Unless there are **exceptional circumstances**, holidays and absences should not be taken before term officially ends. Unauthorised leave will be recorded in line with school policy.

Thank you for supporting your child's education by ensuring they are here every day until the end of term.

**Ms Braithwaite**

#### **Come and share your views**

On Thursday 10th July we will be holding a Tea and Talk session with our new Parent Governor Susan. It will be a chance to share your ideas and hopes for the next school year. We want to know what events you'd like to see and how you might help Friends of St Mark's make those happen. We will also be speaking with our Junior Leadership Team on 17th July to get their views too.

#### **Sports day**

We're excited to invite you to our **Annual Sports Day**, a much-loved event in the school calendar that brings everyone together to celebrate fitness, fun, and teamwork!

**Date:** Monday, 21st July 2025

**Location:** Wray Crescent, N4

**Time:** KS1 am KS2 pm

There will be races and activities for all year groups, plus family-friendly games and a great community atmosphere.

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible to cheer on the children and get involved.

Please keep the date free – more information will be shared closer to the time!

#### **Next week's weather**

We hope you're all enjoying the start of summer! As we look ahead to next week, we want to let you know that hot weather is forecast. Please take note of the following important reminders to help keep all our children safe and comfortable during the heat:

#### **Sunscreen Reminder:**

Please apply long-lasting sunscreen to your child before they come to school each morning. If your child needs a top-up during the day, you're welcome to send them in with a clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen. Staff will supervise reapplication when needed.

#### **Hats and Water Bottles:**

We strongly encourage all children to bring a sun hat and a refillable water bottle every day. Staying shaded and hydrated is key in this kind of weather.

#### **School Trips – Can You Help?**

Thank you to parents who've helped on recent trips! If you're able to support an upcoming one, please let your child's teacher know — your help makes a big difference.

#### **...Weekly Attendance Report...**

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Attendance</b>	94%	94%	95%	94%	97%	93%
<b>Lates</b>	4%	1%	5%	4%	7%	3%

#### **...Dates for your Diary...**

17.07.25	Yr. 6 Leavers Service
21.07.25	Sports Day
22.07.25	End of Term Awards / Last Day

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