

The Lamp Post

'Shining a light on our learning journey.'

Dear Families,

As the colder weather approaches, please make sure the children are wrapped up warm for school — coats, hats and gloves at the ready! The Harvest Festival reminded us how fortunate we are to be part of such a generous and caring community, always thinking of others and giving so kindly.

It's hard to believe we're nearly at half term already — just one more week to go! The children have been fantastic this term: learning enthusiastically, showing kindness, and making us proud every day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making St. Mark's such a special place to learn and grow.

Ms Braithwaite

Harvest Festival Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous Harvest Festival donations — as always, your kindness and community spirit shone through. A special well done to our marvellous Year 6 readers, and to Rev. Tamsin for helping to make the event so meaningful. It was wonderful to see so many families attend and celebrate together — a big success all round!

Black History Month

Black History Month has got off to a magnificent start as we reflect on the enormous contributions made by Black individuals to the UK and the wider world. In school, we've been learning about inspirational figures from the Black community who have worked in transport, and our English books are overflowing with incredible writing inspired by their stories. Well done to all the children for their creativity and enthusiasm!

200th Anniversary of the Train

We've also been marking the 200th anniversary of the Railways! The children's work has been absolutely fantastic — from detailed research to wonderful pieces of writing, we have been truly blown away by their effort and imagination. A big "well done" to everyone involved!

Football Stars

A big shout-out to our amazing girls' and boys' football teams! You've been working so hard to represent St. Mark's in the local league, and we couldn't be prouder of your teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination. You really do make St. Mark's golden — keep it up!

Goodbye and Thank You, Ms. Ogden

Last week, we said a fond farewell to Ms. Collette Ogden, who has been part of the St. Mark's family for over 20 years. We are so grateful for her dedicated service and the care she has shown to generations of children. We wish her every happiness as she moves on to her next chapter.

Fluoride Varnish Programme

We are still encouraging families to take part in the Fluoride Varnish Programme. It's a fantastic way to support children's dental health. If you'd like more information or need a form, please speak to Ms. Vitrano.

Parents' Evening

Please note a small change this year — Parents' Evenings will take place over two nights: Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th November. Appointment details will be sent out after half term. We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your child's progress.

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	95%	92%	95%	97%	95%	90%
Lates	2%	4%	3%	6%	6%	6%

...Dates for your Diary...

Yr 6 Trip – British Museum	23.10.25
Half Term	27.10.25 – 31.10.25
Scholastic Bookfair	06.11.25 – 13.10.25
Parents Evening	11.11.25 & 13.11.25 (3:30 – 6:00)

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