

The Lamp Post

'Shining a light on our learning journey.'

As the leaves turn golden and the air grows crisp, we reach the end of a wonderful first half term. It has been a season filled with fun, learning, and community spirit, and we want to thank all our families for your continued support.

We are especially proud of the children's thoughtful contributions to our Black History Month celebrations and Harvest Festival — moments that reminded us of the power of kindness, gratitude, and shared learning.

As we wrap up warmly for the cooler days ahead, we hope you enjoy a well-deserved half-term break — time to rest, play, and savour the simple joys of autumn.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back as we begin the Advent season, ready to embrace new learning and the celebrations that lie ahead.

Ms Braithwaite

Our New Vicar

We are thrilled to announce that Rev. Selwyn has been appointed as the new vicar at St. Marks. He will take up his post in April, and we extend our very best wishes as he begins this exciting chapter. Rev. Selwyn will visit the school on Tuesday 30th April to meet the children — we can't wait for them to get to know him!

Attendance

We are concerned about our current school attendance, which has taken a hit this year. Our goal is to see every child in school as much as possible, because **attendance and learning go hand in hand**. Currently, our attendance is at 94%, and we are aiming to reach 97%. We love having your children in school every day — please help us achieve this target so that no child misses out on learning. Please do contact Mr McEleney if you need any support or help with this.

Karen's Return

As many of you know, Karen has been away for a few months due to illness. We are thrilled to share the fantastic news that she is now feeling much better! We look forward to welcoming her back to school in the coming months — it will be wonderful to have her with us again.

Curriculum Meeting

In the first few weeks after half term, we are inviting parents into school to see their children's learning in action. Our partnership with families is crucial for children's success. During these meetings, you will have the chance to explore the curriculum and view some of the amazing work the children have been doing. Keep an eye out for the dates — we hope to see you there!

PING App

Please ensure you have access to PING, our primary method of communication. If you or someone you know is struggling to access the app, please do come in and we will help you get set up. Staying connected ensures you receive all updates, letters, and news from the school.

Parent Governor Tea & Talk

Thursday 6th November at 9:00am — Come along for tea, biscuits, and a friendly chat with one of our parent governors. Parents are a vital part of our school community, and we'd love your ideas and support as we plan the Winter Fair and other upcoming events. Your voice matters — we hope to see you there!

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	92%	92%	99%	90%	92%	87%

...Dates for your Diary...

Half Term	27.10.25 – 31.10.25
Scholastic Bookfair	06.11.25 – 13.11.25
Parents Evening	11.11.25 & 13.11.25 (3:30 – 6:00)

