

The Lamp Post

'Shining a light on our learning journey.'

Thank you all for a fantastic few weeks in school. We've had such a lovely time together, and the children have enjoyed a wide range of experiences. From exciting class trips to hands-on learning back in school, it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and confidence grow.

This week we also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, and the children really embraced the message of kindness and respect. Odd Socks Day brought lots of smiles, and it was heart-warming to see everyone standing together to support our commitment to keeping our school a safe, welcoming and bully-free place.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair — every book purchased helps us to buy even more wonderful books for our school library. We are also grateful for the support and engagement shown during Parents' Evening; it was lovely to talk with so many of you about the children's progress.

We hope you all have a restful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday for another great week of learning.

Ms Braithwaite

Parents Open Morning

All parents are warmly invited into school on Friday 21st November. Come along to find out more about your child's curriculum and enjoy looking through the fantastic work they've completed this term.

The event will take place from 8:50–9:30am. We hope to see you there!

Online Workshop - 5 & 6 Parents

We would like to invite all Year 5 and 6 parents to a Staying Safe Online workshop led by Mr McEleney in the hall. This session will focus on the increasing use of online platforms and how we can help our children navigate them safely and responsibly.

We will be exploring online gaming, child-friendly apps, and ways we can support one another in helping our children stay safe and kind in their digital lives.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Black History Month Quiz

A big thank you to all the families who joined in with our BHM quiz and poster activity! We loved seeing the brilliant work and artistic talent from our children.

Three winners were chosen at random today — their prize is a special lunch with Mr McEleney and Ms Braithwaite. Congratulations!

Anti-bullying Poster Competition

Children have been invited to design an Anti-Bullying poster for St Mark's, showing creativity, vibrant colour and a strong anti-bullying message.

Our winners will enjoy a special lunch alongside the BHM competition winners. We look forward to seeing the finished posters and showcasing them around the school.

Children in Need — Successful Day Blurb

We had a fantastic Children in Need Day in school! The spots, stripes and colourful outfits brought so much joy and energy to our classrooms and corridors. A huge thank you to all families for your generous donations — your kindness helps make a real difference. It was wonderful to see our whole school community come together for such an important cause.

Parent Governor Election Blurb

We would like to inform parents that, due to one of our parent governors stepping down, a vacancy has now opened on our Governing Board. This is an excellent opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of our school.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward or would like to find out more about the role, please speak to Mr McEleney or Ms Braithwaite for further information.

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	99%	97%	100%	98%	92%	94%
Lates	2%	3%	2%	8%	2%	7%

...Dates for your Diary...

Year 1 Class assembly	18.11.25
Parent Open Morning	21.11.25
Yr 5 and 6 – Staying Safe online	26.11.25
Christingle Service	01.12.25

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