

The Lamp Post

Shining a light on our learning journey.'

Welcome back to what has already been a busy and exciting start to the school year.

It has been wonderful to see our children return with such enthusiasm and focus, quickly settling back into routines and engaging in lots of hard work across the school. In just a short time, students have already been involved in a range of learning experiences, including, trips, and a junior citizen workshop. On Monday our choir are off to the O2 for Young Voices where they'll showcase their voices, talents, confidence, and teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of the way children have embraced these opportunities and represent our school so positively. We look forward to another year filled with learning, growth, and many memorable moments.

Parent Governor Request

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to join our School as a **Parent Governor**.

This is an exciting opportunity to be actively involved in the **strategic direction of the school**, contributing to key decisions that shape our vision, priorities, and long-term success. Parent Governors play an important role in representing the parent community and supporting strong governance and outcomes for all students.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to be considered for this role, please submit your **expression of interest to Ms Braithwaite by 4th February 2026**. We strongly encourage parents with an interest in leadership, strategy, and community engagement to apply.

Parents to Lunch

We will be inviting all parents to have lunch with their child before the end of the school year. Y6 parents will be invited in first as for many of them this will be their last school dinner at St Mark's. The cost is £2.90. Sign up is at the office. Dates to be confirmed via PING.

Pitch Closure

We wanted to let you know about some temporary changes that will be happening over the next couple of weeks.

The school pitch has been so well used that it now needs essential repair work. This includes replacing the netting and relaying the grass. The work is due to start on **Monday 19.01.25** and should take around **two-three weeks** to complete.

While the pitch is out of use, playground space will be more limited, so we need to adjust lunchtime arrangements to make sure everyone stays safe and has a calm break.

- **Reception and Years 2 and 5** will have lunch from **12:00pm to 12:15pm**, followed by **TA-supported reading time in class**.
- **Years 1, 4 and 6** will have lunch from **12:30pm to 1:15pm**, followed by **TA-supported reading time in class**.

To help these arrangements run smoothly, we would really appreciate your support in reminding children to line up promptly when their bell rings and be ready to return to lessons on time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation while this work takes place.

Class Assemblies

As always we encourage and welcome you to come along to your child's class assembly.

Here are the dates for this term

Y5	Tuesday 27 th January
Y3	Tuesday 2 nd February
Y2	Tuesday 10 th February
Y4	Tuesday 24 th February
Y1	Tuesday 3 rd March
Y6	Tuesday 24 th March