

The Lamp Post

Shining a light on our learning journey.'

As we come to the end of another fantastic half term, we want to take a moment to celebrate what has been a truly marvellous few weeks in school. The quality of learning across our classrooms has been wonderful to see, with children demonstrating curiosity, resilience and pride in their work.

We have also enjoyed some epic trips this half term, giving our pupils memorable experiences beyond the classroom and bringing their learning to life. In addition, we are delighted that our new pitch has now been fully installed – an exciting development that will enhance sport and play opportunities for all our children.

We are already looking ahead to next half term and all that it will bring as we move towards Easter – a busy and exciting time in the school calendar.

We wish you all a restful and rejuvenating break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it makes such a difference to our school community.

Warm regards, Ms Braithwaite and Mr McEleney

Lent

Lent begins next week, and this important season in the Christian calendar gives us time to reflect, grow and prepare for Easter. When we return to school, we will mark the beginning of Lent by celebrating Ash Wednesday together (it falls on the half-term). This will be a special opportunity for our school community to pause, reflect and think about how we can show kindness, compassion and service to others during this season. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time together.

Ramadan

Ramadan begins on 17th February and continues until 18th March. This is a special and significant time for many of our families, marked by prayer, reflection and fasting. We would like to wish all those observing Ramadan a peaceful and blessed month. You are in our thoughts, and we send our very best wishes during this important time.

Our New JLT

Following a rigorous interview process, we are delighted to announce that our Junior Leadership Team for next year has been appointed. We were incredibly impressed by the confidence,

thoughtfulness and commitment shown by all applicants.

As ambassadors for our school, we are excited to see what this new team will bring to the role, and we know it will be amazing. We are also loving their new blue hats and lanyards, proudly worn around school as a symbol of their leadership and commitment.

Football League Success

Congratulations to our amazing footballers who have been proudly representing the school in the league fixtures this half term. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship have been fantastic to see.

A special mention must go to our girls' team for their incredible 8–0 victory – what a brilliant achievement! We are so proud of the commitment and resilience they continue to show each week.

Come on, St Mark's!

Class Trips

Since our last newsletter, we have taken part in two RE-focused trips – one to a Methodist Church and one to a local mosque. These visits provided valuable opportunities to deepen the children's understanding of different faiths and places of worship.

We are incredibly proud of how respectful and considerate our pupils were, representing our school beautifully throughout. Both trips were a great success and have enriched the learning taking place back in the classroom.

Bright Start Islington

We'd like to highlight the fantastic support available through Bright Start Islington and the Islington Family Hubs, which offer a wide range of activities, advice and services for families with young children. We encourage families to explore what's on offer locally and take advantage of these valuable opportunities to support children's learning and development.

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/bright-start-islington-start-for-life-and-family-hubs>

Assembly Date Changes

03.03.26	Year 5	10am
10.03.26	Year 4	10am
17.03.26	Year 1	10am
24.03.26	Year 6	10am

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	94.1%	97.9%	98.1%	95.6%	98.1%	87.5%
Lates	3.1%	3.5%	4.1%	4.4%	2.6%	3%