

The Lamp Post

Shining a light on our learning journey.'

We have had a lovely return to school and it has been wonderful to see the children settling back into their routines so positively. Over the past weeks we have enjoyed some great class assemblies and have seen fantastic learning taking place across the school. The children have shown enthusiasm, curiosity and a real pride in their work.

As a Church of England school, we are mindful that we are now in the season of Lent. In school we have been preparing for the Easter story, reflecting on its meaning and thinking about how the values it teaches—such as kindness, forgiveness and hope—can guide us in our daily lives.

We would also like to extend our warmest wishes to those in our community who are observing Ramadan at this time. We hope it is a meaningful and peaceful period for all who are participating.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards, Ms Braithwaite and Mr McEleney

Osmington Bay

Next week our Year 6 children will be venturing off to Osmington Bay in Dorset for their residential trip. We know they will have a fantastic time, taking part in new experiences, building confidence and creating lasting memories with their friends.

We are sure they will represent our school wonderfully throughout the week. The children will depart from school at 8:30am on Monday, and we look forward to following their journey and seeing photos of the activities and adventures they take part in as the week unfolds.

Shakespeare Project (Yr. 5)

Our amazing Cornflower Class (Year 5) are taking part in the Shakespeare Project alongside other Year 5 classes across Islington. They had their first drama workshop today and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, bringing Shakespeare's work to life through performance and creativity.

We are very excited to see how the project develops and cannot wait to see the fantastic work they produce as it progresses.

World Book Day

As always, World Book Day has been a fantastic learning opportunity at St Mark's. From making bookmarks, to "Guess the Teacher Reading," class swaps and our costume parade, it has been a fun-filled day celebrating the joy of reading.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for the wonderful costumes we saw today – they were truly epic! The children looked amazing and it made the day even more special.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on 17th and 19th March this year (18th and 19th March for Year 3). Please check Ping to book a time slot with your child's class teacher.

These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and learning, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 swimming will commence for two weeks on Monday 9th March. The children will take part in an intensive course as a follow-on from the swimming they completed in Year 4.

This will be a great opportunity for them to further develop their confidence and skills in the water.

Dates for your diary

10.03.26	Year 4 Assembly
17.03.26	Year 1 Assembly
24.03.26	Year 6 Assembly
17.03.26	Proms Praise (Yr 3)
19.03.26	Red Nose Day
27.03.26	End of term- school finishes at 2pm

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	97.1%	97.2%	97%	95.4%	99.3	97.5%
Lates	2.9%	4.1%	1.9%	6.4%	7.4%	11%