

The Lamp Post

Shining a light on our learning journey.'

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school following the Easter break. We do hope you all had a wonderful holiday and were able to enjoy the recent spell of beautiful weather—it has certainly been a lovely way to welcome the new term.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. There is much to look forward to, including Year 6 SATs, the Multiplication Check, and the Phonics Screening Check. Alongside these important milestones, we also have many special events on the horizon, including our Year 6 leavers' celebrations and the much-anticipated summer fair.

As always, we are excited to continue providing engaging, high-quality learning experiences for all our pupils and to see the progress they will make over the coming weeks.

We wish everyone a fantastic term ahead and look forward to sharing more amazing learning with you all.
Warm regards,

Ms Braithwaite and Mr McEleney

Tesco Fruit & Veg Campaign

We had a fantastic day filming with Tesco as part of their new Fruit & Veg campaign, joined by JB from JLS. Our pupils were brilliant throughout—full of energy, confidence and enthusiasm—and it's safe to say we have some real stars in the making at St Mark's! We look forward to sharing the finished footage with you once it is finalised.

Reverend Selwyn

We were delighted to attend Reverend Selwyn's licensing ceremony at St Mark's Church last Sunday. It was a wonderful occasion, well attended by the local church community, and a fitting welcome to the parish.

We wish him every success in his future at St Mark's and look forward to working closely together in the years ahead.

Year 6 SATS

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils will be sitting their KS2 SATs during the week beginning 11.05. We would like to thank our staff for their hard work in preparing the children so thoroughly for these assessments.

A special well done to all pupils who attended Easter School—it was a great success and a real testament to their commitment and effort. We keep our Year 6 pupils in our prayers as they continue their preparations and approach this important week.

We are incredibly proud of them all and wish them every success.

Long Bank Holiday Weekend

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Friday 1st May for an INSET day, and again on Monday 4th May for the bank holiday. Children should not attend on these days.

School will close at the normal time on Thursday 30th April.

Food Tech with Caterlink

A big thank you to Caterlink for working with our pupils—making bread with Year 3 and biscuits with our younger children. It was wonderful to see the children getting fully involved and enjoying the process of creating delicious, healthy food.

Fun fact: did you know that 12 billion biscuits were consumed in the UK last year? Wow!

Dates for your diary

27.04.26	Year 4 2 week swimming
01.05.26	Inset Day - Closed
04.05.26	Bank Holiday - Closed
11.05.26	KS2 SATS week

Attendance

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	94%	90%	91%	96%	98%	89%
Lates	0.7%	4.5%	2.5%	6.1%	5.2%	5%