

The Lamp Post

'Shining a light on our learning journey.'

I hope that all of our families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week, ready for the final half term of what has been another busy and successful year.

Whilst there is still much learning to take place in classrooms, this is always a particularly exciting time in the school calendar. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to a number of special events, including our much-anticipated school production, our Year 6 Leavers' Service, and the opportunity for children to learn about and visit their new classes in preparation for September.

This final half term provides a valuable opportunity to celebrate all that our children have achieved this year whilst also looking ahead with confidence and excitement to the next stage of their journey.

Mr McEleney

Year 5 Shakespeare Production

A huge congratulation to our Year 5 pupils who recently took part in the LDBS Shakespeare Festival at The Place in Euston.

The children joined pupils from other LDBS schools to perform scenes inspired by the works of Shakespeare and represented our school brilliantly. We were incredibly proud of the confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism they displayed on stage.

Performing in a professional theatre in front of an audience is no small feat, yet our Year 5 pupils rose to the occasion magnificently. Their hard work, dedication and teamwork shone through in every aspect of the performance, and they truly captivated the audience.

Visit from the Director of Education

On Wednesday 4th June, we were delighted to welcome Simon Wellman, Islington's Director of Education, to St Mark's. During his visit, Simon spent time around the school and had the opportunity to meet many of our wonderful pupils. He was extremely impressed by the warm, welcoming atmosphere and the positive attitudes demonstrated by the children. We were incredibly proud of how well our pupils represented the school throughout the visit. We hope to welcome Simon back to St Mark's again soon.

EYFS Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of our EYFS parents and carers who attended the Coffee Morning this week. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school and have the opportunity to spend time together. We hope you found the session informative and enjoyable, and we are grateful for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you to future events throughout the year.

LDBS Deanery Leavers Service

Thank you to our Year 6 pupils who were fantastic ambassadors for St Mark's as they attended the Deanery Leavers' Service this week. The children represented the school with maturity, respect and enthusiasm throughout the event. It was wonderful to see pupils from across the Deanery coming together to reflect on their primary school journeys and look ahead to the future. Our children particularly enjoyed meeting pupils from other schools and making new friendships as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Summer Fair Preparations

Preparations are already underway for our Summer Fair, with the provisional date set for 3rd July. We would really welcome any support from parents, carers and members of the community, whether through helping on the day, donating prizes or supporting stalls and activities. If you are able to help in any way, please let Yuki know — your support makes a huge difference.

Class Photographs

A reminder that class photographs will take place on Wednesday 17th June 2026. Please make a note of the date in your diary and ensure that children come to school in full school uniform. We look forward to capturing these special memories of the school year.

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	98.6	96.6	96.8	95.4	94.4	100
Lates	2.5	6.2	1.8	2.5	1.1	2.5

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