

The Lamp Post

'Shining a light on our learning journey.' Issue 2 - 26

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun few weeks we've had at St Mark's, filled with wonderful learning! Classes have been creating bridges inspired by our school vision, reflecting on the support that will guide them on their journey. Our fantastic new displays also celebrate belonging and remind us that everyone has a place in the St Mark's community.

Children have enjoyed trips to the British Museum, and classes are busy preparing for their assemblies. We can't wait to share their learning with you, so please look out for the dates below.

Mr McEleney

Attendance and punctuality

Our attendance so far this year is 95%, and I'm so proud of the effort families are making to get children into school each day. I'd love us to reach 96% by half term. Let's work together to do this!

Please ensure your child arrives by 9:00am. If they are absent, let the school office know by 9:10am and provide an update on each further day of absence. Please arrange appointments outside school hours where possible and request any term-time leave in writing, ideally at least four weeks in advance.

After-school provision

There's lots for children to enjoy after school, from rock club and gardening to football on the pitch! If you'd like to sign your child up, please speak to the school office. They have a brochure with details of the clubs and how to book.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place at St Mark's Church on 13 October. From Monday, there will be a trolley in the school foyer for donations to our local food bank. If your family has any spare non-perishable food to give, we would be grateful, but there is no expectation to donate. We look forward to celebrating Harvest together.

British Museum

We were so impressed with our Year 3 class, who kicked off our trips this year. Thank you to the parents that supported with the trip. It would seem like the Egyptians are a big hit in Tower Bridge Class. Watch this space for more trips to come.

Class assemblies

Our class assemblies will begin in the coming weeks, and we're looking forward to welcoming families into school to see what the children have been learning. The assemblies scheduled for this half term are listed below. If your child's class is not listed, they will happen in Autumn 2.

Year Group	Date
6	29.09.26
5	06.10.26
3	20.10.26

Mobile Phones in School

Please do not use mobile phones on the school playground. This helps us protect children's privacy and keep our school community safe. If your child needs to bring a phone to school, they must hand it to their teacher when they arrive. It will be kept safely and returned at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform reminder

Please ensure children wear charcoal grey bottoms, a yellow school-branded polo shirt, a blue school-branded jumper or sweater, and black shoes. Please put your child's name on every item of clothing so that lost items can be returned to them.

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	88.6%	94%	98%	97%	98%	96%
Lates	1.7%	3.9%	4.2%	0.4%	4.2%	3.2%

Wow – well done year 5 – could we 100% next week?
I can't wait to see 😊