

The Lamp Post

'Shining a light on our learning journey.' Issue 3 - 26

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful few weeks of learning we have enjoyed across the school! Black History Month has been a fantastic success, with children engaging enthusiastically in meaningful and inspiring learning experiences. It has been particularly lovely to see our classrooms celebrating the rich diversity of our school community, ensuring that our curriculum reflects who we are and the world around us.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different stories, achievements and perspectives, and we are delighted to be welcoming an author to our school soon to further enrich this learning. How exciting!

It is wonderful to see our school community continuing to celebrate diversity, belonging and the joy of learning together.

Mr McEleney

Attendance

Our attendance has taken a little dip recently, and we would love your help to get it back on track! Last week, St Mark's was ranked 12th out of all primary schools in Islington, with an overall attendance rate of 95.1% – a fantastic achievement, but we know we can do even better!

As we head into our final week before half-term, we are asking all families to make one big push to ensure children are in school every day, on time and ready to learn.

Every school day really does count, and excellent attendance makes such a difference to children's learning, friendships and progress.

Let's see if we can climb that league table and give the rest of Islington a run for their money!

A little friendly competition never hurt anyone! 😊

School Photos – Save the Date

A few parents have been asking about school photographs, so we are delighted to confirm that our school photographer will be visiting St Mark's on Friday 6th November 2026!

We look forward to capturing some lovely memories of the children looking wonderfully smart!

Parents' Evenings – Save the Dates!

Our Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th November, from 4pm to 6pm.

Appointment slots will be released via Ping closer to the time. We look forward to welcoming you and discussing your child's progress!

Book Fair

We are delighted to announce that our Book Fair returns from 5th–12th November! A wonderful opportunity for children to discover new stories, develop their love of reading and perhaps find a new favourite book!

Well done to our lionesses!

A huge congratulations to our fantastic girls' football team, who finished third in the league! We are incredibly proud of your teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. What a brilliant achievement – well done, girls!

Class Assembly

Please see the dates for next terms assemblies

Year Group	Date
2	10.11.26
1	17.11.26
4	24.11.26

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	94%	94%	92%	92%	91%	88%
Lates	1.72%	2.5%	3.85%	2.5%	5.77%	1.6%