



# St Mark's C E Primary School

12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Newsletter No 37

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Forensic Day

On Thursday 11th July, a group of Y5 students: Shumaila, Joey, Rosa, Xavier, Lara, Eden and Ella R had the opportunity to participate in the Forensic Science Investigation and Discovery at The Skinners School. They learnt how to collect fingerprints as evidence, studied different types of fibres under the microscope, analysed the blood splatters of a crime scene and used chromatography, to identify which pen was used by the suspect! Shumaila said- "I've learned how to use the special powder to collect the fingerprints as evidence," and Eden added, " Chromatography is so interesting!" I couldn't be prouder of their scientific curiosity and problem-solving skills - not to mention their immaculate manners and behaviour. They caught the culprit too!

Mrs Savage



Dates to remember  
Added dates in yellow

## Term 6

### July

15<sup>th</sup> July w/c Enrichment Week  
16<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Rocksteady Concert KS2  
16<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Meet the teacher (Y4 going to Y5) 2:45 pm  
17<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Y6 Matinee show  
18<sup>th</sup> (Thur) Read to Succeed  
Waterstones visit  
18<sup>th</sup> (Thur) Y6 Evening Show 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Whole School Picnic  
19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Leavers Church Service  
19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Y6 Celebration BBQ  
22<sup>nd</sup> (Mon) Sports Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) Reserve Sports Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) Last day of school  
24<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Mega Camps

## 2024-2025 Academic Year

## Term 1

### September

2<sup>nd</sup> (Mon) Inset Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) Inset Day  
4<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Term 1 begins  
12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Kent Test  
19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) AIM Writing at St Barnabas  
(invited pupils)



**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

### **Girl's Football Team – Winners!!**

A team of Year 6 girls - Elise, Ava, Maria, Chloe, Lexi, Lois and Nancy - took part in the North Weald football tournament this week. Despite playing with no subs, and on a hot afternoon, they worked exceptionally as a team. The strength and the determination of the defence meant only one goal was conceded in six games - and that was a rather harsh penalty. But the players picked themselves up and their exceptional teamwork, superior passing skills, hard work and a total of 13 goals saw them not only win the rest of their games but the whole tournament! Fantastic effort from the girls - they really earned those winner medals.

A special thank you to Elaine, one of our Governors and a parent, who came in to train with the girls and managed them at the tournament. Her help and encouragement really made a difference. Thank you to Mrs Sheppard too!

### **PTA News**

#### **St Mark's CINEfest!**

On 22nd September the PTA are hosting our first CINEfest family cinema event - we will be screening **WONKA** outside on the school field, along with some festival-fun stalls, sweets, and a BBQ and bar! Tickets are on sale online for the first time - they are open to everyone and you can buy them here: <https://st-marks-tw-pta.sumupstore.com/>

[Early Bird tickets](#) will be available at a reduced rate until 7th September, with a special reduced rate for groups of 4. After that, the price goes up, so book now before you forget!

We will also be selling Golden Ticket style "**Wonky Bars**" on the playground in the week leading up to the film - will you get a golden ticket? There are some wonderful prizes up for grabs and a special appearance on the Friday...

[Sign up to volunteer here!](#)

<https://signup.com/go/XYdBgRj>

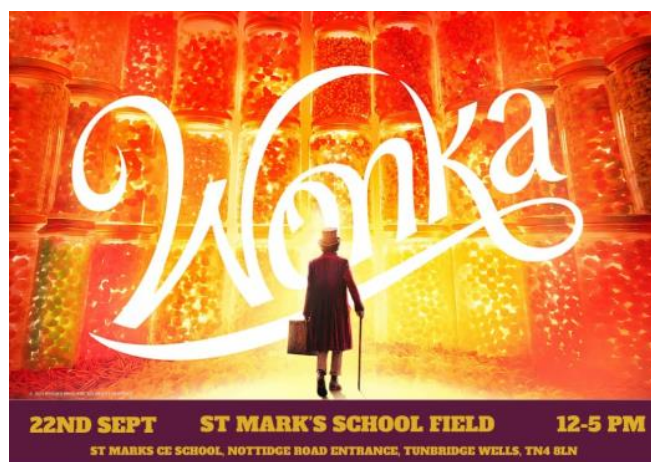
We need some helpers to sell chocolate bars and run things on the day. It's going to be a wonderful family day so please get in touch if you can help out or drop us an email here:

[pta@st-marks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-marks.kent.sch.uk).

#### **PTA: Committee Roles**

We are recruiting for **Secretary** and **Chair** roles in advance of our AGM (planned for 9th October). We are a relaxed committee but we do need to fill these formal positions in order for the PTA to continue, raise money for our children and put the FUN into FUNdraising!

Please take a look at the attached document for more information or get in touch with us at [pta@st-marks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-marks.kent.sch.uk)!



### **School day change:**

Just a reminder of the changes of timings for the school day for all pupils from September 2024:

Doors open: 8:35 am

Registration: 8:45 am

School ends: 3:15 pm

### **Wraparound Care**

As you know, we offer Wraparound Care at St Mark's from 7:45 am until 6pm. We have been taking requirements from our regulars for next year and have a few spaces left. If you require a place for 2024-2025, please contact the school office with your requirements and we will do our best to accommodate you. More information can be found here: [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Wrap Around Care at St Mark's \(st-marks.kent.sch.uk\)](http://st-marks.kent.sch.uk)

### **Sports Day**

We are still hoping for some gazebos for our sports day on 22<sup>nd</sup> July so please let the office know if you have one that we could borrow. We would need to them from 8:30 am please.

### **Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality**

On Fridays we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week:

Extra playtime goes to:

<b>Attendance:</b>	Y1 Arundel 100% 😊
<b>Punctuality:</b>	Y6 Rochester
<b>This week's Attendance:</b>	95.9%

### **This week the Head's Heroes are:**

EYFS Camber	Winter	For being a fabulous member of Camber class and looking out for her friends this week.
EYFS Windsor	Yash	For fantastic vocabulary in his 'Handa's Surprise' writing!
Y1 Arundel	Reuben	For being an excellent role model and always trying his best 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Alexander	For producing an excellent piece of writing this week.
Y2 Leeds	Theo	For trying extra hard to make good choices and produce lovely work.
Y2 Pevensey	Aya	For her fantastic contributions in carpet sessions and an improved focus in her work.
Y3 Lewes	Phoebe	For her excellent and mature attitude to everything she does!
Y3 Deal	Finlay	Excellent attitude to all his work.
Y4 Dover	Alexandra	For her descriptive and enticing biscuit advert.
Y4 Farnham	Amelia S	For persevering in DT this week and showing support to her peers.
Y5 Hever	Stefan	For his focus and increased independence in Maths lessons.
Y5 Lullingstone	Eddie	For his effort in English this week resulting in a fantastic poem about the Euros!
Y6 Oxford	Everyone	Because Oxford class, nothing beats being you. Thank you for being such a lovely group of children. I will miss you!
Y6 Rochester	Alexander	For his wonderful optimism and positive attitude toward everything he encounters; super attribute!
	Torin	For impressing all of us with his quick Maths reasoning skills and eloquently explaining his thinking during group work. Well done!

**Congratulations to each and every one of you**

Yours sincerely,  
Mr S Bird  
Headteacher