



St Mark's C E Primary School

5th September 2025

Newsletter No 1

<https://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer and managed to enjoy the fabulous weather! It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school this week and meeting all our new joiners both in Early Years and across the year groups. All the children are looking very smart and ready to learn!

Please do join us on our Social Media platforms (links below) if you have not already done so.

Read to Succeed – back again for 2025-26!

We are delighted to announce that our reading for pleasure incentive is back for another year.

The rewards have been revised but the rules remain the same. See the FAQ's attached for clearer details.

Number of Reads	Reward
25	Reading star, badge, or pencil
50	Bookmark
75	Reading bug
100	Book, from The Book Cabinet
150	Mrs Crane's Tea party
200	Book & certificate, from The Book Cabinet
250	Mr Bird's S'mores party
300	Waterstones trip to buy book of choice

The book cabinet is already starting to fill with fabulous books but if there is a particular author that you would like to see in the cabinet, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Wraparound Care

Please note that Wraparound Care has been opened up to ALL parents on Arbor and bookings for Breakfast Club After School Club and/or Breakfast Club can be made.

Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

September

- 11th (Thurs) Kent Test
- 12th (Fri) Y1 Prince and Princess workshop
- 12th (Fri) Y4F Swimming starts
- 15th (Mon) EYFS Parents Phonics Meeting 2:45pm
- 16th (Tue) Year 1 Pho
- 18th & 19th EYFS 2026 Tours
- 26th (Fri) Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 29th – 3rd Oct EYFS 2026 Tours
- 30th (Tue) Y2P Sharing Assembly 9am

October

- 2nd (Thur) Y6R Sharing Assembly 9am
- 6th – 9th Book Fair
- 6th (Mon) PTA AGM
- 6th (Mon) Parents Evening
- 9th (Thurs) Parents Evening
- 10th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting
- 10th (Fri) World Mental Health Day
- 13th (Mon) Harvest Festival at Church#
- 14th (Tue) Whole School Flu Immunisation
- 15th (Wed) EYFS Hargate Trip
- 16th (Thurs) Y2 Victorian Day
- 17th (Fri) Show Racism the Red Card
- 17th (Fri) End of Term 1
- 20th – 24th Mega camps at school
- 27th (Mon) Term 2 starts
- 28th (Tue) Year 5 to Amelia Centre
- 29th – 31st Year 6 Residential at Bowles

Term Dates etc are on our website.
www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk



Follow us! Please click links above

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Accelerated Reader

At St Mark's we use the Accelerated Reader programme. This will follow on from the Little Wandle Programme. Accelerated Reader is a digital programme that works alongside the teaching and assessment of reading in school by helping to identify both reading targets for children and which books would be best matched to a child's reading ability. Each term children will take a Star Reader assessment, which helps identify which books support your child's reading ability. Also, children will be able to take quizzes, about the books they have read, and this will help support their comprehension skills. This will be for years 2-5.

Thank you for all your support in helping your child with their reading and the best way you can support your child to read is to hear them read every day; read stories together and share that love and pleasure for reading because reading for pleasure has a positive impact on children's reading habits, progress across all subjects and also mental health and well-being.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION
2025 / 2026

— MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER —
— 2PM @ ST MARK'S SCHOOL —

ALL WELCOME

ST MARK'S PTA

Email: Pta@St-Marks.kent.sch.uk

Copper the Dog

Copper will be coming back into School next week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. He is excited to see all the children after a pawsome summer holidays. As you can see Copper has been trying on his school uniform too!! He can't wait to hear about all of your adventures over the holidays!



PTA AGM: 6th October

Please join the PTA for their AGM on Monday 6th October in school.

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 2** Menu can be found on our website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Home](#) under "quick links"

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

On Fridays we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week: Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance:	EY Camber, EY Windsor, Y1 Bodiam and Y5 Hever
Punctuality:	Y6 Oxford
This week's Attendance:	96.35%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

Head's Hero will return to the newsletter from next week.

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Unsung Heroes will return to the newsletter from next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

