



St Mark's C E Primary School

12th September 2025

Newsletter No 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

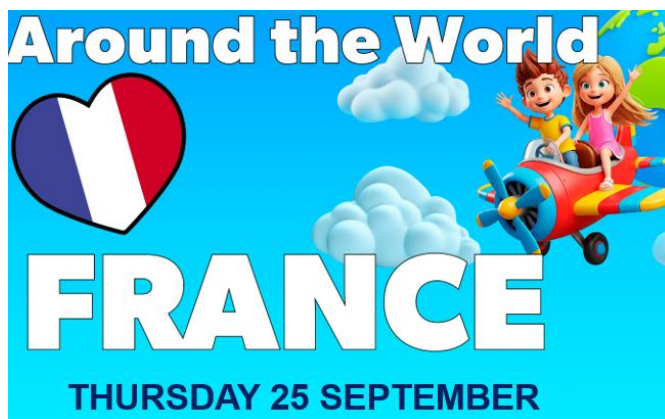
Early Years Tours – 2026 Admission

We are already looking at next year! Do you know someone who is looking for a place in Early Years for September? Please tell them about the tours we are holding on 18th/19th/29th/30th September and 1st/2nd/3rd October. Please contact the school office to book. Thank you for your support.

Independent Catering

Independent Catering are starting an Around the World programme and on Thursday 25th September the kitchen will have a special menu from France. Please see the attached flyer with details of the menu and the recipes to recreate the meals at home! The choices are already on Arbor for parents to pick so please just choose meals in the usual way. Next stop, India in October!

Please see the attached flyer regarding Independent Catering's Ingredient of the Month. This month they are celebrating the butternut squash. Please see attached recipe suggestions and colouring page! Look out for apples in October.



Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

September

15th (Mon) EYFS Parents Phonics

Meeting 2:45pm

16th (Tue) Year 1 Pho

18th & 19th EYFS 2026 Tours

25th (Thurs) Y3&4 Rugby Tournament

26th (Fri) Macmillan Coffee Morning

29th – 3rd Oct EYFS 2026 Tours

30th (Tue) Y2P Sharing Assembly 9am

October

1st (Wed) Y3-6 Girls Rugby Tournament

2nd (Thur) Y6R Sharing Assembly 9am

6th – 9th Book Fair

6th (Mon) PTA AGM

6th (Mon) Parents Evening

8th (Wed) Y5&6 Rugby Tournament

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



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Lunchboxes

Just a reminder for those parents that make a packed lunch for their child:

We would encourage parents to pack a healthy, balanced lunch for their children including protein, carbohydrates and fruit. Children **must** be able to open everything in their lunch box by themselves. It should be packed in a clearly labelled, non-breakable container or bag. A non-fizzy drink in an unbreakable container (no glass) should accompany the lunch.

Please refrain from providing your child with nut products as there is a high risk of serious allergic reactions if other susceptible children accidentally come into contact with contaminated products in the dining hall.

Whilst we strongly encourage a healthy, balanced lunchbox, we do understand that parents sometimes wish to include special items in the lunchbox (e.g. chocolate biscuit or small bag of crisps) which their children like. We think these are acceptable as part of a healthy, mixed diet but do encourage you to keep them to an absolute minimum.

No nuts or nut spreads please. Please click below for lunchbox ideas and recipes. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

PTA News

Please come and join the PTA on the Pantiles.



Eco News

As a school we are really pleased to announce that, for yet another year, we have been successful in achieving and maintaining our Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction. We fly our Eco Schools Flag high and pride ourselves in all we do to create a greener, more environmentally-friendly setting for our pupils, their families and the wider community. Well done to Miss Hardwicke and the ECO Committee for all of their hard work over the past academic year. New Eco Reps will soon begin meetings to explore how we can further work on our green goals in line with the Climate Action Plans the Government are keen for all schools to demonstrate.

You can play your own part in becoming more aware of what can be done for the planet by popping along to the Climate and Nature Fair in town this weekend. It looks to be a great event!

Maynards Animal Sanctuary

For many of you, you will remember we used to have some resident chickens on the school site, however the coop has sat empty for a few years now. Mrs Bert has a contact at Maynards Animal Sanctuary through volunteering there, who gratefully accepted the kind donation of our large, disused coop over the summer holidays. It will be a home to many unwanted cockerels where they can be safe from foxes and have more space to be tucked away at night. If you are interested in supporting the sanctuary, you can find more information at <https://www.maynardssanctuary.co.uk/> or by searching their Facebook page.



Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 3** Menu can be found on our website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Home](#) under "quick links"
- Year 6 and EYFS – If you wish to opt out of the National Measurement Programme please do so by Friday 19th September

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance: Y1 Bodiam
Punctuality: Y5 Tonbridge
This week's Attendance: 96.9%

Tunbridge Wells CAN!
CLIMATE & NATURE FAIR

Saturday 13th September
10am – 5pm Calverley Grounds

Free entry!

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for a vibrant day of community, fun & hope for the planet we love.

Everyone welcome ❤️

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This week the Head's Heroes are:

Y1 Arundel	Xavier	For always being kind, respectful and displaying the school rules beautifully 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Nathan	For pushing himself to write more in his independent writing.
Y2 Leeds	Anna	For being a super independent worker!
Y2 Pevensey	CJ	For his courage answering questions clearly and confidently.
Y3 Lewes	Olivia	For following instructions and being ready to learn. Well done.
Y3 Deal	Victoria	For having a fantastic first week at St Mark's, well done!
Y4 Dover	Willoughby	For engaging well in all lessons and always showing a readiness to learn.
Y4 Farnham	Florence	For continuously showing readiness to learn
Y5 Hever	Amaaya	Being safe, ready and respectful as well as metacognitive – all from day 1!
Y5 Tonbridge	Finley	For showing great resilience, a positive attitude and sustained focus on your learning, even with your arm. Well done!
Y6 Oxford	Hallie	For embracing everything it means to be a Year 6. Well done!
Y6 Rochester	Felix	For showing wonderful engagement and excellent recall of prior learning during science.
Nurture Group	Elliot	His scissor and crafting skills in Nurture Group – a fantastic start!

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

