



St Mark's C E Primary School

14th November 2025

Newsletter No 10

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Inter School Cross Country



On Monday, a group of St Mark's runners went to a cross-country race at Skinners School. It was a hard race, and everybody tried their very best. Everyone made the school really proud and ran their races amazingly, despite the pouring rain! Written by Jessica C

Open Classrooms

Just a reminder that during the week beginning Monday 17th November we are opening our classroom doors to you all. Across the week different classrooms will be available for you to drop into and see your child's work. Each year group has an allocated day (see below) and will be open from 3.15-3.45pm. The children will be dismissed as usual and then you may return to the class together.

Monday 17th = Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 18th = Early Years

Thursday 20th = Years 1 and 2

Friday 21st = Years 5 and 6

Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

November

17th (Mon) Netball match with Bishop Chavasse at home

17th (Mon) **Open Classroom: Y3 Y4 3:15 – 3:45**

18th (Tue) **Open Classroom: EYs 3:15 – 3:45**

19th EYFS and Y6 National Child measurement programme

20th (Thurs) Piano Assembly

20th (Thurs) **Open Classroom: Y1 Y2 3:15 – 3:45**

21st (Fri) PTA Gift donation/jolly jam jars and wear PE kit

21st (Fri) **Open Classroom: Y5 Y6 3:15 – 3:45**

24th (Mon) Parliament Trip to London – invitations only Y5/Y6

27th (Thurs) Y5T Sharing Assembly 9am

28th (Fri) PTA Own clothes day – chocolate and cakes

30th (Sun) PTA Christmas Village

December

2nd (Tue) KS2 Cooking Challenge

2nd (Tue) EY/KS1 Fitness Food Workshops

4th (Thurs) Y3D Sharing Assembly 9am
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5th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting

9th (Tue) Rocksteady Concert 10am

10th (Wed) EYFS Nativity 9:15 or 2pm

11th (Thurs) **KS1 Nativity**

11th (Thurs) **Reading for Pleasure Parent Webinar 12pm**

12th (Fri) **Y6 Ice Skating**

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



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Aspire, Believe, Succeed

St Mark's Church Christmas Services 2025 – All Welcome

Sunday 7th December

10am – Toy Service - *Donations of toys to the Mayor's Toy Appeal welcome*

Sundays 7th and 14th

5pm – Rehearsals for a scratch choir (to sing at the Carols by Candlelight service on 21st) *All adults and children (with a parent / carer) welcome to come and sing.*

Thursday 11th December

10.30am - Baby Carols - *All babies, toddlers, and their parents/carers welcome – festive song and story!*

Sunday 21st December

10am – All-age Nativity Dress-up Service - *Which Christmas character will you come as?*

6:30pm on 21st – Carols by Candlelight
Festive refreshments from 5:30pm

Christmas Eve

4pm – Christingle service
11pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am – All-Age Christmas Communion

Wishing you light and joy this Christmas!

Christmas Church Service

The whole school will be walking up to St Mark's Church for our usual Christmas Service on Monday 15th December. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to walk with them. We will leave school at 9am and return approximately 11am. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week 10th-14th November

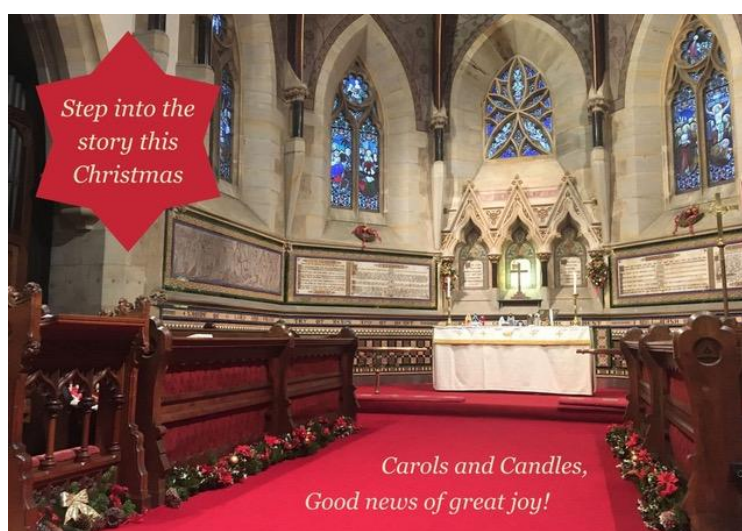
Anti-Bullying Alliance's Definition:

The **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.

It can happen face to face or online.

PowerPoints and clips from the Anti-Bullying Alliance on this topic covering the definition of bullying, the roles within bullying and what we can do to stop bullying happening. If you would like further information or to see some of the video clips, we watched in school please visit www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Here you will find a wealth of information on the subject as well as help for parents.



PTA News

Hi Folks,

Three weeks left until the Christmas Village takeover of St Marks on Sunday 30th November 12-3pm!

Requests and reminders this week:

- sign up to a rota (on your class what's app group), join the Christmas Fair group or the "St Marks Other Halves" group who do a sterling job of keeping our drinks topped up at the bar and our bellies full at the BBQ! You can find the links in the attachment. YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

- donations to Mrs Claus' Boutique...
Bookings for the Grotto are now OPEN!



Mrs Claus' Boutique

For the
**St Mark's Christmas Village
Mrs Claus' Boutique**

please, donate any
Christmas Jumpers
to our donation box
by the office during the
months of October and
November.
All your help is greatly
appreciated 🙏

pta.uniform@st-marks.kent.sch.uk

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-village-grotto--2025>

If you wish to purchase tickets in person, please email [PTA@ST-](mailto:PTA@ST-MARKS.KENT.SCH.UK)

[MARKS.KENT.SCH.UK](mailto:PTA@ST-MARKS.KENT.SCH.UK) so we can arrange this with you. No bookings will be held without payment.

Any issues or questions please either message on WhatsApp or the email above.



Football

On Thursday we went to Tonbridge Angels for a school tournament. Game one we won 2:0 with a goal from Robbie and Sam with an amazing goal. Second game we lost 1:0 sadly, but later after we played our next game, we won 3:0 because of Sam's goal and two from Robbie! In the last game of the group stages we draw. So we went to the Quarter Finals and sadly lost 3:0 but a big thank you to Robbie, Sam, Franklyn, Luke, Toby, Bentley and Elie. Written by Tommy M.

Well done to our football team, we are very proud of you on reaching the Quarter Finals. Thank you to Mrs Sheppard for organising and accompanying the boys.

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 3** Menu can be found on our website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Lunches](#) and also on the quick links tab on our website.
- **No nuts or nut spreads please.** Please click below for lunchbox ideas and recipes. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Suggested pupil reading lists: [Words for Life | National Literacy Trust | Words for Life Book lists for children and young people | Words for Life Bookfinder | BookTrust](#)
[Official Blue Peter Book Club | Share your reviews - CBBC](#)

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Y2 Leeds

Punctuality: Y5 Tonbridge

This week's Attendance: 97.3%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Nannete	For her fantastic effort in Phonics this week!
EYFS Windsor	Jason	For super listening and fantastic reading!
Y1 Arundel	Freshta	For being a Phonics superstar! 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Phoebe	For making a genuine effort to focus on reading and making great progress!
Y2 Leeds	Imogen	For being a superstar helper every day and for being a positive influence in our classroom!
Y2 Pevensey	Leo	For his focus in maths and the effort he has put into presenting his work clearly.
Y3 Lewes	Sam	For his kindness and support towards his peers, especially new members of the class. You demonstrate empathy and warmth in everything you do.
Y3 Deal	Dotty	For her impeccable manners and readiness to learn
Y4 Dover	Ellie	For her brilliant attitude to learning and always going the extra mile! Your dedication to learning your times tables is super. 😊
Y4 Farnham	George C	For exceptional written work in English and for being kind and helpful.
Y5 Hever	Tommy	For modelling respect and equality by advocating for the girls to get more football time 😊
Y5 Tonbridge	Josh	For showing real determination to focus and to challenge yourself to produce your best work. Well done! 😊

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Bodiam- Clarice, Alisa

Oxford – Yusuf, Archie, Hallie, Isabella

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

