



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Happy You Parent Workshop

We are delighted that on 4<sup>th</sup> December Susie will be running a parent workshop on the theme of **Managing worries and building resilience**. This workshop will take place online at 12pm. Following Susie's presentation there will be an opportunity for questions.

If you would like to join this workshop, then please register interest via this link.

[Happy You Parent Workshop : 4th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

### Girl's Football - Road to Wembley Tournament

Yesterday morning, 9 girls went to play football matches at Longmead Stadium to win and take part in the Wembley football tournament. Our first goal was in the second match, and it was by Genevieve. After a few matches we found out that we made it to the semi-finals and our amazing goalie, Hallie, didn't let us down on the penalties. After all our hard work we won and made it to the finals. We were incredibly excited and so was Mrs Sheppard. When the time came, we played against the other team but sadly lost in the last second. So, sadly, we didn't win the plate, but we did have lots of fun thanks to Mrs Sheppard and we even saw Mr Smith! Written by Clair



Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

### November

24<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Parliament Trip to London – invitations only Y5/Y6  
26<sup>th</sup> (Wed) NO Cross Country Club  
27<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y5T Sharing Assembly 9am  
28<sup>th</sup> (Fri) PTA Own clothes day – chocolate and cakes  
30<sup>th</sup> (Sun) PTA Christmas Village

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> (Tue) KS2 Cooking Challenge  
2<sup>nd</sup> (Tue) EY/KS1 Fitness Food Workshops  
4<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y3D Sharing Assembly 9am  
DATE CHANGE  
4<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Happy You Parent Workshop  
5<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Rocksteady Concert 10am  
10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) EYFS Nativity 9:15 or 2pm  
11<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) KS1 Nativity 9:15 or 2pm  
12<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Y6 Ice Skating  
15<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Christmas Church Service  
15<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Y1, Y2 & Y3 West End in Schools Panto  
16<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Whole school Christmas lunch  
16<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Save the Children Christmas Jumper day  
17<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Y4, Y5 & Y6 to Panto at Assembly Halls  
18<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y3 & Y4 Christmas Bauble Workshop  
19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of term

Term Dates etc are on our website  
[www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk)



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### Girls' Basketball Tournament

On Thursday, some girls had a basketball tournament. At first, we had to wait a while, and it didn't look too big from the outside but when we went in, we realised that it was huge! We played 6 matches altogether. In the 4<sup>th</sup> match it was 4:2 but on the 2<sup>nd</sup> match it was 9:0 and surprisingly on the first match it was 5 all! It was so much fun and a well done to Gabriella – even though she got hit on the nose by a basketball she bounced right up again, ready for the next round! In the end, sadly, we didn't win – Claremont did – and we came 8<sup>th</sup> which might be last, but it was worth it! Written by Iris.



### Netball Club

On Monday, a group of netball players played a match against Bishop Chavasse. We lost 8:1 but everyone played really well. Clair scored a point and there were fantastic cheerleaders. At the end, everyone was really tired. There were then 3-minute matches, and everyone knew their position really well. Written by Yusufur

### Christmas Church Service

The whole school will be walking up to St Mark's

Church for our usual Christmas Service on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to walk with them. We will leave school by 9.15am and return at approximately 11:15 am. Thank you.

### PTA News

FINAL COUNTDOWN has begun! One week until the Christmas Village 🎄👴.

Here is your to-do list:

- **Return those raffle tickets (used and unused)**
- **Sign up to rotas to help**
- **Book your visit to see Father Christmas himself**  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-village-grotto--2025>
- **Donate chocolate (KS2) and cakes (KS1) on Friday 28th November**

**Missed a donation day? Don't worry you can always leave them at the office before the fair!**

# Own Clothes Day

## Friday 28th November

### COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR OWN CLOTHES!

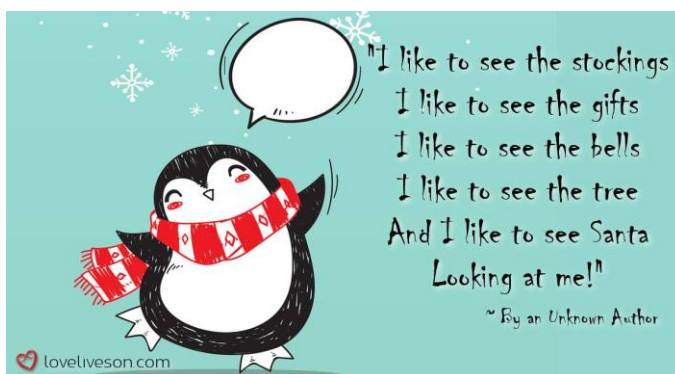
In exchange for wearing your own clothes, please bring a donation for the Christmas Village:

- **KS1: Chocolate of all shapes and sizes and flavours for the chocolate tombola! (no nuts though).**
- **KS2: Cakes cakes cakes! Home-baked or shop bought are both amazing. If home-baked, please wrap them up well and label your container so we can get it back to you.**



### Christmas Poem Competition

Your children have been invited to enter a Christmas poem writing competition. Enjoy using your poetic skills and decorate your poem. They should be handed in or emailed to Mrs Mitcheson by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the winners will be announced on the last day of term. Have fun!



### Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 4** 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:** Year 6 Rochester

**Punctuality:** Year 3 Deal

**This week's Attendance:** 96.94%

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

EYFS Camber	Joseph	For always being polite, respectful, and ready to learn.
EYFS Windsor	Lockey	For always being excited to show off what he knows and being the first to put up his hand!
Y1 Arundel	Coco	For always displaying our school values and shining with enthusiasm. :)
Y1 Bodiam	Emmanuel	For showing greater respect and readiness to learn. Well done and keep it up!
Y2 Leeds	Emily	For showing great enthusiasm in all areas of school life.
Y2 Pevensey	Dima	For always contributing in class and recalling fantastic facts about Bessie Coleman.
Y3 Lewes	Jasmine	For settling in well and making a positive contribution to Lewes Class.
Y3 Deal	Harry	For taking his learning outside the classroom and creating an excellent 3D sculpture.
Y4 Dover	Zahid	For demonstrating excellent listening skills in all lessons. Well done!
Y4 Farnham	Leila	For supporting her teacher and classmates with kindness.
Y5 Hever	Florence	For listening and applying everything you have been taught in writing. A model student.
Y5 Tonbridge	Autumn	For your beautiful writing in English – lovely word choices and great use of direct speech. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Trayton	For amazing courage in Maths (making great contributions and explaining to the group!) 😊
Y6 Rochester	Louis	For showing creativity and interesting thinking during English, your focus and commitment are exemplary.

## This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Dover: Carter-Lee, Harriet, Yunus, Willoughby, Leo

Rochester: Amena Clair Alisha Asher Sam Cary Henry

Deal: Victoria, Dotty, Ruben.

Lewes: Scarlett and Gi Gi

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher

