



# St Mark's C E Primary School

## 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Newsletter No 13

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an incredibly challenging week for many in Tunbridge Wells due to the water issues. We hope that the situation improves for everyone soon.

A big thank you to our amazing PTA for supporting families by opening the Second-Hand Uniform Shop – your help makes a real difference!

#### Socks Appeal

Please can we have any plain adult socks please for a project in the New Year. The socks don't have to be a pair, but no holes please!!



#### Term 2 Clubs

Just a reminder that free lunch time and after school clubs provided by St Mark's staff will end next week on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Please contact outside providers directly for their end dates, if applicable.

#### Nativity Shows

Don't forget to book your two tickets for the KS1 nativity by 8<sup>th</sup> December on the following link:  
[KS1 Christmas show 2025 – Fill in form](#)

For those of you watching the EYFS nativity, don't forget to bring your tickets with you!



Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

#### December

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  
22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Mega camps

#### January

5<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Inset Day  
6<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Term 3 starts  
22<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) Y2 Georgian Workshop  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Y6 to Amelia Centre  
27<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Y6 Oxford Sharing Assembly 9am  
29<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y4D Sharing Assembly 9am  
30<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Year 6 to Amelia Centre  
30<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am

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



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## St Mark's Church Christmas Services

These are the church services happening at St Mark's



## PTA News

What a Christmas Village! Thank you to our FANTASTIC team of organisers (small but mighty!) and our army of volunteers who turned up on the day to label tombola, run games, make crafts, sell gifts, build the BBQ and then cook the food, serve at the bar, sell cakes decorate the school and put the finishing touches to our fabulous Santas Grotto! Thank you to our wonderful school staff who supported in the run up and helped on the day. And thank you to EVERYONE who turned up and spent their hard-earned money!! With the sun shining we toasted marshmallows, gorged on chocolates, sweet treats and burgers and then danced in the snow by Santa's sleigh (courtesy of the RoundTable).

Our treasurers are working hard to pay all expenses and count up the lovely money so we will update you again with the total raised.



We have MORE Christmassy fun coming up. We are decorating a tree at King Charles the Martyr Church with some beautiful decorations made by some of the St Mark's children, so do come along to supplier and see next week - flyer attached.

## Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 6** 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:

<b>Attendance:</b> Year 2 Leeds
<b>Punctuality:</b> Year 5 Hever
<b>This week's Attendance:</b> 93.3%

## This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Nellie	For remembering all the words and actions for our Nativity like a superstar!
EYFS Windsor	Reya	For always being so kind, considerate and helpful!
Y1 Arundel	Lidia	For displaying our school values beautifully. Lidia is creative and compassionate and gives a 100% in all she does. Well done! 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Gus	For supporting and leading others in the Makaton in our Christmas Nativity.
Y2 Leeds	Yaqub	For challenging himself with his beautiful sentence writing.
Y2 Pevensey	Annabel	For always challenging herself to add detail to her writing in English.
Y3 Lewes	Alice	Alice is a class superstar always giving 100% to everything she does. Quick to lend a hand and ready with a kind word towards her peers Alice is an excellent role model to others.
Y3 Deal	Henry	For his positive and resilient attitude to learning, even when he finds something challenging.
Y4 Dover	Hal	For his courage to try alternate methods in maths and his determination when problem solving.
Y4 Farnham	Finley	For always being an exemplary role model to all students.
Y5 Hever	Ram	Consistent listening, application of learning and kindness to others.
Y5 Tonbridge	Alex	For showing great courage when challenging yourself to share your ideas with the class and for being able to ask for help. Super proud 😊
Y6 Oxford	Elie	For his mature contribution in lessons and showing respect to others!
Y6 Rochester	Omii	Your readiness to focus on our learning and show commitment to make progress in Maths is super to see! 😊

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher

