



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week of Nativity shows. The EYFS and KS1 put on their own fabulous productions! Thank you to the staff who have been busy rehearsing with the children. Thank you to the parents and grandparents for your support – we hope that you enjoyed the shows!



Donations for Year 1

Just a reminder that Year 1 would be grateful to receive donations of plain adult socks (single or pairs and no holes please!) for their project in the New Year. They would also like to receive donations of takeaway style containers with lids please!

Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

December

15th (Mon) Christmas Church Service
15th (Mon) Y1, Y2 & Y3 West End in Schools Panto
16th (Tue) Whole school Christmas lunch
16th (Tue) Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
17th (Wed) Y4, Y5 & Y6 to Panto at Assembly Halls
18th (Thurs) Y3 & Y4 Christmas Bauble Workshop
19th (Fri) Last day of term
22nd -23rd Mega camps

January

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

Term Dates etc are on our website
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Girl's Football

On Monday afternoon, the girl's football team played a match against Temple Gove school. Everyone played well but unfortunately, we lost 3:1. We were proud of all our players. Well done to our skilful goalie (Hallie) who saved many goals, Genevieve who scored an exceptional goal and our wonderful Girl of the Match, Phoebe! We were very proud of our team and hope to play even better next time. Written by Kelly.

Poppy Appeal 2025

Thank you for your support with this year's Poppy Appeal. We have been informed by the Royal British Legion that our school raised £193.73. The total raised across the Tunbridge Wells school as was £8,121.79 which is roughly an increase of £900 on last year. Thank you.



Year 4 Biscuit Making

On Wednesday, Year 4 baked biscuits as part of our DT project this term. We were allowed to choose an additional ingredient to suit our target audience, such as milk chocolate chips, ginger, cinnamon, or white chocolate chips. We also designed and created packaging for our biscuits to go in. We included our logo, which we had designed in a previous lesson, as well as an ingredients list. Star Baker goes to Mrs Shen and Mrs Kenyon, who were in the kitchen helping us all day!



Winter Clothing

Due to the current changeable weather, please ensure all children bring coats to school for playtimes and for the walk to church on Monday.

PTA News

Your weekly reminders as the term is drawing to a close:

- Treat and Pre-loved uniform sale NEXT Friday 19th of December (the last day of school at pickup time)
- Our wonderful Christmas tree that some of the St Mark's children decorated is proudly on display at the Christmas Tree Festival this weekend. Do pop along to see it. Flyer is attached.



The next pre-loved uniform sale will be held on:

**Friday 19th December
School pick up time**

Donations box located inside the main entrance on the right.

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



Staff Changes

Sadly, at the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Moral and Mrs Dickinson who are both moving on. We wish them both every success in their new ventures and thank them for all their hard work with us at St Mark's.

Miss Porter has started her maternity leave and as previously advised, Mr Lawrence is moving abroad, and we wish them both well too.

Royal Victoria Place Engagement Extension

Redwood have been in touch with us to say that they recognise that the public engagement for the initial proposals to transform Royal Victoria Place coincided with a challenging period for the community of Tunbridge Wells due to the recent water crisis. To ensure everyone has time to engage fully the deadline for submitting feedback on the proposals has been extended to Monday 15th December. Please visit this website to view the proposals and submit feedback: rvpfuture.com

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance: Y3 Lewes
Punctuality: Y4 Dover
This week's Attendance: 95.4%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Camber class	For their amazing Nativity performances. You were all incredible!
EYFS Windsor	Windsor class	For working so hard on their Nativity and performing like superstars!
Y1 Arundel	Olivia	For putting on a fantastic performance in our Nativity. 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Moli	For being lovely this week and very helpful to everyone.
Y2 Leeds	Leeds	For being brilliant performers, showing amazing courage and putting on a super Nativity!
Y2 Pevensey	Pevensey	For fantastic Nativity performances, you are all amazing.
Y3 Lewes	Zayn	For super listening and effort in maths.
Y3 Deal	Victoria	For always demonstrating our school rules by being ready to learn and being respectful to everyone in the class
Y4 Dover	Phoebe	For being a thoughtful, compassionate and inclusive member of Dover class 😊
Y4 Farnham	Florence	For perseverance in maths with resilience and a positive attitude
Y5 Hever	Basil	For an amazing Viking saga told around a campfire with passion and imagination!
Y5 Tonbridge	Tyler	For your growing confidence and independence when writing – you are really challenging yourself and being successful. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Zoya	For excellent planning and execution of her science experiment. Great teamwork! 😊
Y6 Rochester	Alicia	For showing deep understanding and application of how to form a counterargument to respectfully persuade Mr. Scrooge to change his ways – great thinking!

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Hever: Paris, Florence, Amaaya, Jasmine, Annie, Mantra, Brooke, Selena, Ram, Genevieve, Hamnah, Scarlett, Phoebe, Sumayah

Deal: Dotty, Reuben, Sierra

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

