



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Football News



On Monday, 9 boys from the Year 6 A team played a match against St Peter's and won 7:0 with goals from Robbie, Luke K, Kevin, Franklin, Sam and myself! We all played exceptionally well, and we came out exhausted but had a great time – one of our biggest victories of the year! *Written by Toby*

Great Athlete's Visit

We are looking forward to our Great Athlete visit on Friday 6th February. All the information will be sent out to parents in an email today but here is the QR code if you would like to sponsor your child. Thank you for your support.



Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

January

27th (Tue) Y6O Sharing Assembly 9am
29th (Thurs) Y4D Sharing Assembly 9am
30th (Fri) Year 6 to Amelia Centre
30th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am

February

2nd – 6th **National Storytelling Week**
6th (Fri) Great Athletes Visit
9th (Mon) Y3 Deal Friendship Workshop
11th (Wed) Y3 Lewes Friendship Workshop
13th (Fri) Pupil Mid-Year Reports
13th (Fri) **Y3 Y4 Athletics Competition**
13th (Fri) Term 3 ends
16th – 20th MegaCamps at school
23rd (Mon) Inset Day
24th (Tue) Term 4 starts
24th (Tue) **EYs Hearing Screening NEW DATE**
27th (Fri) Y4 Dover swimming starts

March

4th (Wed) Year 1 Wakehurst Place
5th (Thurs) World Book Day
9th - 12th **Book Fair NEW DATE**
9th – 13th **Science Week**
9th (Mon) Parents Evening 3.30-5.30
12th (Thurs) Parents Evening 3:30 – 7pm
17th (Tue) **Y2L Sharing Assembly 9am**
19th (Thurs) **Y1A Sharing Assembly 9am**
20th (Fri) **Red Nose Day**
20th (Fri) **Parent Rep Meeting**
24th (Tue) **Rocksteady Concert**

Term Dates etc are on our website
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Years 3 & 4 Rock Day

On Thursday Years 3 and 4 came to school as rock stars! The children used Times Table Rockstars and took part in rock battles against their other year group class. We hope this encourages children to use Times Table Rockstars at home to improve their recall of times tables.



Parking – driveways

Please can we ask our families to choose a safe place to park when dropping off and collecting children. Some cars are being parked over residents' driveways, and this must be avoided please.

School Business Manager

I am really pleased to let you know that we have appointed Michelle Coveney as our new School Business Manager. Michelle brings a wealth of experience to the role, and we are sure that she will be an asset to the St Mark's team. Michelle will start with us at the beginning of term 4. We look forward to welcoming her to the school.

2026-2027 Term Dates

Please note these are on our school website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - School Times and Term Dates](#) and show the provisional inset days.



Year 2 to the Amelia Centre

On Thursday, Year 2 went to the Amelia Centre for a workshop about Georgian textiles. We learnt who the Georgians were, what the Georgians wore, and we found out about the Georgians travelling to the spa water in Tunbridge Wells. We made our own Georgian masks, decorated fans, tried on their outfits (they weren't very comfortable!) and explored the Georgian gallery. Did you know Georgians trapped mice and cut off their fur to stick on their faces as eyebrows, they thought this looked better than our real ones -



we don't agree! There were paintings, costumes, a cane, fans, shoes, bone curlers for the wigs and intricately decorated pockets. On our way back, we stopped to look at the spring on the Pantiles which were made famous by Richard "Beau" Nash in the Georgian era.



PTA News

Some exciting upcoming events to keep any eye out for:

- **Valentines Treats** Friday 13th February after school
- **PTA costume hire available for World Book Day** (5th March) from the week commencing 23rd February. Email: pta.uniform@st-marks.kent.sch.uk to order yours
- **Year 5&6 Disco** fundraising for the Year 6 Legacy Fund on Friday 27th February (Year 5&6 only)
- **Preloved Uniform Sale Bonanza** and sweet treats (World Book Day themed) Friday 6th March after school
- **Easter Treats** Thursday 2nd April after school
- **St Marks Eggs-travaganza Hunt**...watch this space for further information and sign up to the WhatsApp group to get involved.

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 4** Menu can be found on our website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Lunches](http://www.stmarkschurchofenglandprimaryschool.co.uk) 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.healthierfamilies.nhs.uk)

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 and Y3 Lewes (both 100%)
Punctuality:	Y5 Tonbridge
This week's Attendance:	97.3%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Dana	For always showing our St. Marks values. You are always ready to learn and bring a smile to every day!
EYFS Windsor	Arlo	Being so determined in his writing and for just being such a lovely member of the class!
Y1 Arundel	Elijah	For always trying his best in all he does and displaying the school values to the highest standard. 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Sophia	Great effort in reading and using her phonic knowledge in writing.
Y2 Leeds	Maya	For always displaying our school values and having great contributions on our trip.
Y2 Pevensey	Sienna	For her courage to persevere, when she found maths challenging, and master addition using a number line.
Y3 Lewes	Arran	Improvements in handwriting presentation.
Y3 Deal	Elias	For his super enthusiasm in our computer coding lesson and being so kind and willing to help his friends.
Y4 Dover	Aya	For her neat and precise map work during geography. Very impressed!
Y4 Farnham	Dev	Superb attitude to learning and always safe, ready, and respectful in class! Well done!
Y5 Hever	Genevieve	Reliable and ready for learning. You are mature and capable of great things!
Y5 Tonbridge	Giselle	For consistently being ready and respectful and for always trying your best in all your learning. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Luke K	For embracing more responsibility and continuing to grow as a positive role model in school.
Y6 Rochester	Sattva	For accurate and mature use of topic-specific vocabulary and vivid metaphor in our narrative writing – excellent! 😊
Nurture Group	Everyone	For trying new food for Burns Night especially the Haggis!!!

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Dover: Zahid, Aya, Orla, Yunus, Luca, Nayeli

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

