



St Mark's C E Primary School

27th February 2026

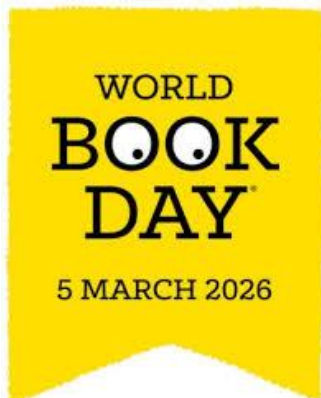
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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day: 5th March

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character if they would like to. This year is the National Year of Reading and reading for pleasure is a great way to get back into enjoying reading. Also, please don't forget to send in a picture of your child reading outside of school to show their love of reading and have a chance to win £25 Scholastic Voucher to use at the Scholastic Book Fair which will be in school from Monday 9th March! Happy Reading!



DT week

This week we have had a Design Technology Week in school focusing on the theme of "Puppets". Every year group has been working on a different type of puppet and DT skill.

We would like to invite you all to our Puppet Exhibition which will be happening in the main hall from 3.15pm on Thursday 12th March until 9am Friday 13th March.

Please do come and see the amazing work that has gone on in school. Both pupils and adults in school have been working really hard and we are keen to celebrate what they have achieved!

Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

March

2nd (Mon) PTA World Book Day
Costume Hire 3pm
2nd (Mon) Girls and Boys B Team
football match at Paddock Wood
4th (Wed) Year 1 Wakehurst Place
5th (Thurs) World Book Day
5th (Thurs) A Team football match v St
Augustine's
6th (Fri) PTA Uniform sale and sweet
treats 3:15pm
9th - 12th Book Fair
9th (Mon) Newcomers Netball
Tournament
9th - 13th Science Week
9th (Mon) Parents Evening 3.30-5.30 pm
12th (Thurs) Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm
Including DT Exhibition
17th (Tue) Y2L Sharing Assembly 9am
19th (Thurs) Y1A Sharing Assembly 9am
20th (Fri) Red Nose Day
20th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting
23rd (Mon) Year 6 Easter Experience
23rd - 27th Open Classrooms
24th (Tue) Rocksteady Concert
25th (Wed) Gymnastics Competition
28th (Sat) PTA Easter Hunt
30th (Mon) Easter Service at church

April

1st (Wed) Year 3 to Maidstone Museum
2nd (Thurs) Last day of Term
2nd (Thurs) PTA Easter Treats stall 3pm
7th - 17th Mega Camps at school
20th (Mon) Term 5 starts
23rd (Thurs) EY Vision Screening
24th (Fri) St Mark's Day
24th (Fri) School Photographer: Class
Photos

Term Dates etc are on our website



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Y3 and Y4 Athletics Competition

Last term, some people from year 3 and 4 went to an athletics competition. We all did long jump, high jump, speed bounce, javelin, and lots of running races. Everyone tried as hard as they could and that's all that matters. We came 4th out of 8 schools and we loved it. Written by Hal.

PTA News

Lots of dates for your diary coming up:

Can you believe that we are already starting to plan for our wonderful Summer (May) Fair?! If you have any ideas or can be part of the planning, please join us at The Bull Pub on Frant Rd from 7:30pm on Monday 2nd March. If you are unable to attend, please do put any ideas or contacts on your class chat/PTA groups or email; pta@st-marks.kent.sch.uk

ST MARK'S PTA EVENT

JOIN US FOR AN

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

11.30AM-1.30PM

ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RAMSLYE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT TN4 8LN

**Trail Games Crafts
Refreshments
And CHOCOLATE !!!**

£3 per child inc Chocolate Prize*

* dietary alternatives available

For more information & to buy tickets please scan the QR code above or visit:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/st-marks-pta-easter-egg-hunt--2026>

St Marks PTA

Costume Hire



Save yourself some time and money by hiring your child's World Book Day costume from the PTA.



£2 per costume

World Book Day
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH
2026

Available in the MINI hall Thursday 26th Feb and Monday 2nd March 3.15-3.45pm

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



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

Friday 27th March
MEGA SALE

Get Summer ready!

Donations box located inside the main entrance on the right.

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



Christmas at Bewl Water

Thank you to those families that redeemed the unique school code when they visited Christmas at Bewl Water. You have helped to raise £54 towards the school! Thank you for your support.

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 2** 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

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 Deal
Punctuality: Y1 Arundel
This week's Attendance: 97.3%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Pola	For showing creative thinking when designing and making her spoon puppet!
EYFS Windsor	Imogen	For her creative approach to making her spoon puppet this week!
Y1 Arundel	Andriy	For making a beautiful puppet! 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Mudasir	For his perseverance with making his puppet especially with blunt scissors cutting out the fabric!
Y2 Leeds	Hamish	For always having amazing facts to share with the class.
Y2 Pevensey	Bobby	For his concentration and effort during writing activities this week.
Y3 Lewes	Ollie C	Creative puppet making skills and supporting others.
Y3 Deal	Vlad	For his enthusiasm when designing and creating his puppet in DT and taking pride in his work.
Y4 Dover	Alfie	For always being ready to learn and consistently modelling great listening skills.
Y4 Farnham	Michelle	Excellent attitude to learning and always being safe, ready and respectful.
Y5 Hever	Cadence	Helpful and Kind, Cadence is a role model for excellent manners and respect.
Y5 Tonbridge	Manuel	For showing great perseverance and surprising yourself with your DT talents! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Stephanie	For being resilient and courageous – she always tries to be her best, even when things are hard!
Y6 Rochester	Flora	For showing super flair for successfully transferring your Tiger design idea onto paper by incorporating attention to detail, clear images and explanations. 😊

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Hever: Paris, Hamnah, Selena, Amaaya, Phoebe, Jasmine
Deal: Rueben, Layana, Amaeyah, Dotty, Victoria, Elias, Gabby, Henley
Rochester: Flora Harper Lois Aiyana Jessie J Bella-Logan

Yours sincerely,
Mr S Bird
Headteacher

