



# St Mark's C E Primary School

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Newsletter No 22

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

## World Book Day



Lovely to see the children all dressed in their World Book Day costumes yesterday! We had Wallys, mermaids, chickens, cats, Alices and lots more! We all had a lovely day taking part in book hunts, online book/football lessons and some classes enjoyed reading to other classes.

## Boy's Football News

On Monday the boy's football team played a game against Paddock Wood Primary School. Although the score was 2:0 Kellog made some amazing saves. The Player of the Match was Rory chosen by the other team but we all played our best. Written by Jacob.



Dates to remember.  
Added dates in yellow.

## March

9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Book Fair

9<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Newcomers Netball Tournament

9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Science Week

9<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Parents Evening 3.30-5.30 pm

12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm Including DT Exhibition

16<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Y3 Cricket Workshop

17<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Y2L Sharing Assembly 9am

19<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y1A Sharing Assembly 9am

20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Red Nose Day

20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) Year 6 Easter Experience

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Open Classrooms

24<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Rocksteady Concert

25<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Gymnastics Competition

25<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Tunbridge Wells Swimming Gala

28<sup>th</sup> (Sat) PTA Easter Hunt

30<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Easter Service at church

## April

1<sup>st</sup> (Wed) Year 3 to Maidstone Museum

2<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) Last day of Term

2<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) PTA Easter Treats stall 3pm

7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Mega Camps at school

20<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Term 5 starts

23<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs) EY Vision Screening

24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) St Mark's Day

24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) School Photographer: Class Photos

25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Mini London Marathon

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



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### Lewes Class RE Lesson

This week Lewes Class explored the importance of water to Christians and wrote the words in chalk on the playground. They loved it!



### Year 1 to Wakehurst

Year 1 went to Wakehurst Place on a beautiful sunny day (at last) on Wednesday. We had a great time pond dipping and we found lots of creatures - including a phantom midge larva and a cyclops. As you can imagine, this created great excitement. The children were interested to find out which creatures were carnivores or herbivores. We also explored the site using all our senses - we even stroked a giant redwood which is spongy and quite soft. We even saw the largest Christmas tree in England! Thank you to all the parents who came with us - without you we couldn't enjoy these great experiences.



## PTA News

Wow wee what a lot we have going on with events! Read on for more...

### Year 6 Legacy Fundraising

The Legacy Disco 🎱 🕺 🎉 was a fantastic success, raising a **WHOPPING £1,154** and creating an unforgettable night for everyone involved. The dance floor was buzzing, the atmosphere was something else, and the generosity shown throughout the evening was truly inspiring. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered, and helped organise the event—your support made it all possible and will leave a lasting legacy for the current year 6!

!! **CONFIRMED Golf Day!!** 🏌️ ⚡ 🏌️

- Date: Friday 15th May
- Venue: Woosnam Course at Dale Hill in Ticehurst.
- Time: first Tee-off at 1pm, with dinner and drinks for afterwards in Tunbridge Wells (venue TBC).
- Cost: £55 per person for the round which includes a donation to the St Marks Year 6 Legacy Fund.

We have 20 spaces booked, but with the possibility to add more. If you have friends or family that would like to join, please add, the more the merrier and more cash raised for the school! There will be prizes to be won and a raffle in the evening.

Please kindly confirm as soon as possible, with a closing date for payment of \*31st March\* Contact Peter Breach 07710 077668

### EASTER EGG HUNT 🐰 🥚

Don't forget our FIRST EVER Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 29th March... Mr Bird needs YOUR help to find out who has stolen his eggs.

We apologise if you have been trying to book your tickets to the Easter Egg Hunt- please find attached the correct QR code and we look forward to seeing you there!

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



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

RANSLYDE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT TN4 8LN

Trail Games Crafts Refreshments And CHOCOLATE !!!

£3 per child inc Chocolate Prize\*

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>

\* dietary alternatives available

### **Folly Wildlife Visit**

St. Marks are looking forward to welcoming Folly Wildlife next Thursday to hear about all of the amazing work that they do with the local wildlife in our community! They are a registered charity and will be visiting us voluntarily to share what they do as part of our learning for Science week. As such, they have said they would be grateful for any donations of the following to help nurse the animals in their care back to health! If you would like to donate any of the below, we will have a box at the school office from Monday, and we can pass on to Folly when they visit us on Thursday 12th. Any donations will be so gratefully received by the volunteers, to help them continue their good work and of course the animals in their care!

- Meaty cat food - hedgehogs
- Meaty dog food - adult badgers
- Weetabix - badger cubs
- Farley rusks unsweetened - badger cubs
- Suet pellets - birds
- Sunflower seeds - birds
- Coconut suet halves - birds

Inspired by our visit, Eco club would also like to launch a competition to design a poster raising awareness about our local wildlife! This can be an information poster, what to do if you find an injured animal, or how to encourage our wildlife to stay healthy and thrive. Think badgers, foxes, birds, hedgehogs...and anything you may encounter in your local woods or garden! The competition will close on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Eco club will announce the winners shortly after and give out the prizes! All entries will need to be handed either directly to Miss Hardwicke or to the school office with a clear name and class on the back. Good luck!

### **Girl's Football News**

On Monday, the Girl's Football Team played against Paddock Wood. Hallie (our super goalie) made some brilliant saves. Our goal was by Alana going right round the goalkeeper. Everyone played really well. In the end the score was one all. Alana got Girl of the Game for her amazing effort throughout the match. Written by Genevieve



## Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 3** 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- **Please be considerate around our local area and do not drop litter.**

## 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 3 Lewes
<b>Punctuality:</b> Year 4 Dover
<b>This week's Attendance:</b> <b>XXXX</b>

## This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Avery	For consistently giving his best and working hard to show how much he has learnt so far!
EYFS Windsor	Jasper	For persevering and having a 'can do' attitude with his drawings this week!
Y1 Arundel	Reuben	Asking interesting questions and making keen observations on our school trip!
Y1 Bodiam	Edvin	For showing great diligence and care in his work.
Y2 Leeds	Aaira	For being a fantastic member of the class who is always ready to listen and learn.
Y2 Pevensey	Dea-Rose	For her confident explanation of her World Book Day character.
Y3 Lewes	Gabriel	For working hard to improve his handwriting and presentation. Well done, Gabriel.
Y3 Deal	Oscar	For his effort and focus in our ukulele lessons.
Y4 Dover	Carter	For his increased confidence and improved oracy when presenting his 'show and tell' to the class.
Y4 Farnham	Kyra	Excellent attitude to learning and always trying her best!
Y5 Hever	Hamnah	For excellent listening skills and being a role model learner 😊
Y5 Tonbridge	Jack	For the thought and care you put into designing and creating your puppet. 😊
Y6 Oxford	Bentley	For 'locking in' and bringing your A game this term! Your attitude and effort have been outstanding 😊
Y6 Rochester	Henry	For showing embedded understanding of how to solve complex reasoning problems involving all four maths operations. 😊

## This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Bodiam – Moli, Mudasir, Mila

Dover – Jasmine

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher

