



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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Newsletter No 23

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

## St Mark's Puppet Exhibition



We hope you all enjoyed our amazing puppet show! We hope that you all enjoyed our amazing puppet exhibition! All of the children have worked so hard, and the end result is fantastic! This would not have been possible without the teachers' hard work – a big thank you! This would not have been possible without the hard work of the staff too – a big thank you!



Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

### March

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

16<sup>th</sup> (Mon) **Girl's football match**

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

18<sup>th</sup> (Wed) **Y5/Y6 Hockey Tournament**

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

27<sup>th</sup> (Fri) **PTA uniform sale**

29<sup>th</sup> (Sun) **PTA Easter Hunt NEW DATE**

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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## Chicks

Once again, we arranged a delivery from Living Eggs. The eggs arrived on Monday and started hatching on Wednesday. They have now all hatched! Today they are very alert after having lots of pupil visits and have even had a bit toast! We have them for another week, so we look forward to watching their progress.



## Science Week

Thank you so much to all our STEM parents who came to visit the children of St Mark's in Science Week. Rochelle Breach, Joy Adomokhai, Kim Comline, Suzy Maisey, Ash Heel, Steph Barrett, Amit Kungwani, Hengky Chan, Tracy Rushmer, Sam King, Chris Ashton-Holt, and Stephanie Potter made such an impression on the children and opened up the world of STEM and some of the career paths they may follow one day. Your support is always so appreciated!



We would also like to thank Judy from Folly Wildlife who taught us lots of new things about protecting our local habitats and the wildlife we find in them. Did you know that we shouldn't be leaving Halloween pumpkins out all night as Hedgehogs think they smell delicious, but they are in fact really bad for them! Judy suggested to bring them indoors when we go to sleep to keep our nocturnal friends safe!



Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating visit from Mrs Maisey, a local doctor. The children learned all about germs and bacteria and how to keep healthy and well.

### Netball Tournament

On Monday, 7 people went to Skinners Kent Academy to compete in a netball tournament. Our team did really well winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 1. Jacob was an amazing shooter scoring most of our goals. Our team had great sportsmanship and teamwork supporting each other. Overall, everyone enjoyed it and had much fun. Written by Cary



### Football News

Last week our A team football team won 4:2 against St Augustine's Primary School. Well done!

### PTA News

**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](mailto:pta.uniform@st-marks.kent.sch.uk)



## Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 4** 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:

<b>Attendance:</b> Y5 Hever
<b>Punctuality:</b> Y6 Oxford
<b>This week's Attendance:</b> <b>96.77%</b>

## This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Darlah	For showing leadership skills and teaching others a new skill when making paper flowers.
EYFS Windsor	Erin	For really being a superstar this week; Erin has been extra helpful, thoughtful and hard working!
Y1 Arundel	Coco	For always being ready to learn and showing enthusiasm.
Y1 Bodiam	Abigel	For showing the school value of compassion in everything she does!
Y2 Leeds	Isla A	For always working hard and trying her best.
Y2 Pevensy	Tanika	For always showing compassion to her friends.
Y3 Lewes	Zayn	For huge improvements in handwriting and spelling.
Y3 Deal	Victoria	For her positive attitude and always showing enthusiasm for learning.
Y4 Dover	Rowen	For the perseverance and critical thinking shown when building her circuit in Science.
Y4 Farnham	John	For excellent work in English; working well in all subjects and great team work when working with others! Well done, John. 😊
Y5 Hever	Oliver	For all the effort he has put into his work and his helpfulness around school this week.
Y5 Tonbridge	Kyla	For the respect, focus and hard thinking you bring to absolutely every lesson, every day and every week! You are a fantastic role model! 😊 😊
Y6 Oxford	Natty	For her fantastic effort and attitude in Maths this week.
Y6 Rochester	Cary	For making us genuinely proud each and every day thanks to your passion for learning, exquisite manners and empathy towards others.

## This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Rochester: Aiyana Harper Flora Jessie Vanessa Brandon Odin Sattva

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher

