



St Mark's C E Primary School

20th March 2026

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday, a group of year 5s and 6s went to play in a hockey tournament. We played really well winning two games and drawing two games. Although we didn't get into the semi-final, because we lost the penalty shootout, we still didn't give up with some great block tackles from Theo, Jacob and Kellogg in defence followed up by some lovely runs down the wings by Robbie. Also Jess and Aiyana got really stuck in even though it was their first time playing. Written by Hallie

Thank you to Mrs Gray for her help on the day with coaching!



Parent Governor Ballot

Just a reminder that all votes need to be dropped into the Ballot box in the office area by Wednesday 25th March. Thank you.



Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

March

23rd (Mon) Year 6 Easter Experience

23rd – 27th Open Classrooms

23rd (Mon) A Team football match at Speldhurst

24th (Tue) Rocksteady Concert

24th (Tue) Y3/Y4 Hockey Festival

25th (Wed) Gymnastics Competition

25th (Wed) Tunbridge Wells Swimming Gala

26th (Thur) Y3/Y4 Parent Multiplication Workshop online

27th (Fri) PTA uniform sale

29th (Sun) PTA Easter Hunt

30th (Mon) Easter Service at church

30th (Mon) A Team football match at Temple Grove

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

23rd (Thurs) Y2 Continents & Oceans Workshop

24th (Fri) St Mark's Day

24th (Fri) School Photographer: Class Photos

25th (Sat) Mini London Marathon

May

1st (Fri) PTA Toys & Bottles donations - Non-Uniform

4th (Mon) Bank Holiday

Term Dates etc are on our website
www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk



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Kent Cricket Coaching

On Monday, Year 3 and 4 had a Kent cricket coach teaching us cricket skills. We played some warm-up games, before being taught how to bat. By the end of the lesson, we were ready to play a match. Everyone



had a chance to bowl, field, and bat. We had a brilliant session and are already looking



forward to cricket next term in our PE lessons.

Football News

On Monday, the girl's football team played against Speldhurst. Amazingly, we won 3:1, all thanks to our super goalie, Hallie. The goals were scored by Genevieve and Alana. Also, we were so lucky to have Phoebe and Kelly in defence who didn't fail to tackle once! Our Team's Girl of the Game was Genevieve. We all played brilliantly and had an amazing time. Written by Genevieve



Mrs Chapman

Sadly, Mrs Chapman will be leaving St Mark's at the end of next week, after nearly 14 years, as she is changing career, now that her children are all grown up. During this time she has worked tirelessly to help the school in a wide variety of ways. I am extremely grateful, as I am sure that you are too, for all of her hard work and her dedication to the school. I would like to wish her and her family well. We really hope that she stays in touch!



Baby Easter Chorus

Here are the details of the Baby Easter Chorus taking place at St Mark's Church on Thursday.

PTA News

Easter Egg Hunt.... Anyone and everyone is welcome so share the word!! Choose between two different trails to help Mr Bird discover who has stolen his eggs. Tickets are selling fast and whilst people can turn up on the day and take part, it REALLY helps the 🐰 Easter Bunny 🐰 to make sure he has enough eggs if you pre-book.

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

Golf Day REMINDER

Places still available so please do share with friends and family - there are prizes to be won and a raffle in the evening.

🏌️ Friday 15th May 🌳 Woosnam Course at Dale Hill in Ticehurst 🕒 Tee-off at 1pm, with dinner and drinks for afterwards in Tunbridge Wells 💷 £55 per person for the round which includes a donation to the St Marks Year 6 Legacy Fund.

Contact Peter
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Dates for your diary / May Fair donation days

Your support is always appreciated as we make requests for the fair.
- Please see right

Upcoming Events
School and PTA

MARCH 20 ALL DAY Red Nose Day Children can wear red clothes along with school uniform.	MARCH 27 3.15PM BIG Summer pre loved uniform Sale. KSI playground.	MARCH 29 11.30-1.30PM PTA Easter Egg Hunt Buy tickets here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/st-marks-pta-easter-egg-hunt--2026
APRIL 02 ALL DAY Last day of term 4 Treat Stall Happy Easter	APRIL 20 ALL DAY Back to School	APRIL 25 TBC London Mini Marathon 2026 Donate here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/donation-form/mjl:london-marathon-2026
MAY 01 ALL DAY Donations of toys and bottles. Non-uniform Day.	MAY 15 ALL DAY Donations of cakes. Non-uniform	MAY 17 ☀️ 11AM-2PM Pta Events May Fair 2026

All dates and important information can be found on the websites below.

<https://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk/>
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/st-marks-cep-school-pta-tunbridge-wells>



National Year of Reading 2026

2026 National Year of Reading Poster Competition

Celebrate the magic of books and the joy they bring by taking part in the 2026 National Year of Reading Poster Competition!

This is your chance to share how books inspire you, spark your curiosity and brighten your day.

St Mark's believe reading is the gateway to imagination, creativity, and wellbeing. Let your poster capture the happiness that reading brings! Please hand posters into the school office by **26th March** Info from the Amelia Centre below:

To celebrate the National Year of Reading, The Amelia Scott is inviting schools to take part in a competition to create a poster celebrating the benefits and joys of reading.

The winning poster will be displayed on our website and on site at The Amelia Scott to coincide with the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge 2026!

Runners-up will feature on a special screen in the Welcome Hall at The Amelia Scott.

What to include

It's up to the children! The poster can be about celebrating reading, encouraging reading, or sharing the joy of reading! It can feature pictures, words, quotes, snippets of children's reviews of favourite books – whatever captures the young imagination!

We would love this to be a collaborative effort between children, so invite schools to submit a maximum of one poster per year group.

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 5 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:	Year 5 Tonbridge
Punctuality:	Year 2 Pevensey
This week's Attendance:	95.5%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Nellie	For her fantastic effort in phonics. All your hard work is paying off, keep it up Nellie!
EYFS Windsor	Gabrielle	For working so hard always! From her reading and her writing to just being helpful and considerate in the classroom!
Y1 Arundel	Arundel Class	For a brilliant class assembly, you showed courage and creativity - a super representation of our school values 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Alisa	For superb effort in all she does and always showing thoughtfulness to all the adults and bringing a smile to their faces.
Y2 Leeds	Misha	For writing a brilliant story in English and for always pushing himself.
Y2 Pevensey	Annabel	For her creativity writing her story, 'A Panther in New York.'

Y3 Lewes	Orobosa	For working hard to learn his multiplication tables.
Y3 Deal	Dotty	For her wonderful attitude to every part of school life. Dotty puts effort into everything she does, even when she finds something challenging.
Y4 Dover	Avery	For improved effort when editing his writing. Well done! 😊
Y4 Farnham	Noah	Great hard work for all subjects this week! Well done!
Y5 Hever	Annie	For her metacognition. Annie is looking after her learning with focus and commitment.
Y5 Tonbridge	Ethan	For the effort and enthusiasm you put into helping to set up and run the Year 5 chess club. You bring so much fun to so many people's lunchtimes! Thank you! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Luca	For having an inquisitive mind and always asking the hard questions to deepen his understanding.
Y6 Rochester	Jonas	Showing good understanding of finding the area of triangles, your lay out reflects systematic thinking—each step is easy to follow and logically organised. A great example of quality mathematical work! 😊
Nuture Group	Phoebe.S	For her determination to follow the School Values.

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Oxford: Alexandra, Zoya, Archie, Trayton

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

