



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Football News



On Monday, the boy's A Team played a match against Speldhurst. The boys played well with great defending from Luke and Elie. We went 1:0 down but then Sam played it into the box and the other team scored and own goal. At half time it was 1:1. Then the other team scored a goal, and Toby scored an amazing header. Overall the boys played well and the game ended 2:2. There were some controversial decisions, but the boys played well. If we win the next match on Monday, we win the cup!
Written by Sam and Kevin

Hockey News

On Tuesday, Year 4 and Year 3 went to a hockey tournament. There was a game called Follow the Snake. You earned points by hitting it through different goals. One was worth 5 and the other was worth 2. In total we got 136 points. Everybody had lots of fun that afternoon!
Written by Willoughby



Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

March

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
1st (Wed) Water polo Tournament
2nd (Thurs) Last day of Term
2nd (Thurs) PTA Easter Treats stall 3pm
3rd (Fri) Bank Holiday
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
6th (Wed) Y3 Y4 Rock Day
17th (Sun) PTA Summer Fair
19th (Tue) Y5 Mosque visit
19th (Tue) Y3L Sharing Assembly 9am
21st (Thurs) Y1B Sharing Assembly 9am
22nd (Fri) INSET DAY
25th – 29th Half Term

June

1st (Mon) Term 6 starts

Term Dates etc are on our website
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Gymnastics

4 girls Kelly, Scarlett, Harriet, and Sienna went to the Angel Centre to do a gymnastics competition. Scarlett got 10/10 on the beam giving an amazing comeback. Kelly got 9.9/10 on vault and Sienna got an amazing score of 9.6. Harriet tried her best on floor and ended up with a 9.8. we have all done well but unfortunately did not get placed but at the end we had fun and realised we will do even better next year. Written by Scarlett and Kelly



Year 6 Easter Experience



On Monday, the Year 6s went to the church for an Easter experience. We had to find out who killed Jesus by looking at four different places that occurred before/after death. We were split into three groups to go around the first three places (the meal, the garden, and the trial). We then went to the last place - the grave - as one big group. After that, we watched a video to tell us who killed him. We found out it was everyone and we were all surprised. Hallie Y6 Oxford"

'It was a fun and an educational experience, especially when we had an opportunity to act out Jesus' trial in court,' said Kevin.

'The whole experience made the Easter story very real' added Jessica C.

Tenax –

I just wanted to let you know that things are progressing with the Tenax Schools Trust and I hope to have further information for you in the summer term.

Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day

Year 3 have been having an Ancient Egyptian day today with a visit from a real-life archaeologist.



The Year 5 Chess Club

The Year 5 chess club continues to go from strength to strength. Set up and run by Ethan, Tommy, Ram, and Orla, it is a highlight of many children's week and a joy to watch!



Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 6** 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 3 Deal
Punctuality:	Year 6 Rochester
This week's Attendance:	96.13%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Nannete	For her super attitude in learning times. We are so proud of you!
EYFS Windsor	Hugo	For his growing independence when writing. Hugo has kept going when things have been tricky and it has really paid off!
Y1 Arundel	Alice	For showing compassion and kindness towards others. Your manners are also impeccable! 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Cobey	For his enthusiasm and perseverance in his independent write about our trip to Wakehurst Place.
Y2 Leeds	Winter	For her creativity during independent writing.
Y2 Pevensey	Reggie	For the kindness and compassion he shows every day.
Y3 Lewes	Maria	For her beautiful retelling of Tad's adventures inside an Ancient Egyptian pyramid.
Y3 Deal	Henley	For his wonderful sewing skills. Mrs Coleman and I are impressed by your effort and perseverance.
Y4 Dover	Michael	You really impressed Mrs Speight at swimming last week with your attentive listening and super progress 😊
Y4 Farnham	Mark	Always being safe, ready and respectful, particularly this week with the poem I Rise
Y5 Hever	Jasmine	For all the listening and application that has resulted in a superb piece of writing about Plastic Pollution
Y5 Tonbridge	Ruu	For the effort you have put into writing carefully and accurately and editing your work to a high standard. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Martin	For embracing our 3 C's (courage, compassion and creativity) in everything he does!
Y6 Rochester	Ketav	For being the ideal St Mark's pupil, your enthusiasm, eloquence and compassion for learning have built a positive and warm class environment. Thank you! 😊
Nuture Group	Michael	His caring nature towards others in Nurture Group.

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Dover – Jessica (nominated by Mrs Coleman 😊)

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

