



St Mark's C E Primary School

5th June 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Read to Succeed

Well, the weather may have taken a turn this week, but everyone is continuing to get their nose stuck in a book!

Reading tea parties are happening on an almost fortnightly basis and the first S'mores party is in the diary.

With the support of the PTA we have given away the following rewards for reading:

321 pencils or badges for 25 reads
300 bookmarks for 50 reads
259 Reading bugs for 75 reads
197 books for 100 reads
130 children have had afternoon tea with Mrs Crane
70 books for 200 reads
22 children are about to have a S'mores experience with Mr Bird for 250 reads.

A massive thank you to the PTA for funding this.

This year's reading challenge will end on 10th July so make sure your reading records are in for a final count.

Any one at 300 reads by 10th July will be invited on the trip to Waterstones (more info about this will be issued to those who reach this milestone)

Reminders

Parking – Please try to avoid stopping in the road to let children in or out of the car — this can be dangerous and causes congestion, and **do not park across dropped kerbs, driveways or on the grass verges.**

Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

June

10th (Weds) Jamie Smart Trip
11th (Thurs) Y5 Globe Theatre Trip
11th (Thurs) The Amelia Summer Reading Challenge
11th (Thurs) Year 6 Cricket tournament
17th (Weds) EYFS to Godstone Trip
18th & 19th (Thurs & Fri) Bikeability Group
18th (Thurs) New Reception Children Welcome Morning
19th (Fri) Y6 Trip to Rochester Cathedral
19th (Fri) Years 1 & 2 Football tournament
23rd (Tues) The Amelia Summer Reading Challenge
24th - 26th (Weds - Fri) Bikeability Group 1&2

July

2nd (Thurs) Y5H Sharing Assembly 9am
2nd (Thurs) Transition Day
2nd (Thurs) Y3 Knex Workshop
3rd (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am
7th (Tues) Rocksteady Concert at 10am
8th (Weds) Sports day - EYFS & KS1 in AM & KS2 in PM
9th (Thurs) Year 5 forensic Science Day
14th (Tues) Y6 Show – 2pm
15th (Weds) Y6 Show – 6pm
20th (Mon) Leavers Church Service 9.30am
21st (Tues) Term ends
22nd July to 28th August Mega Camps

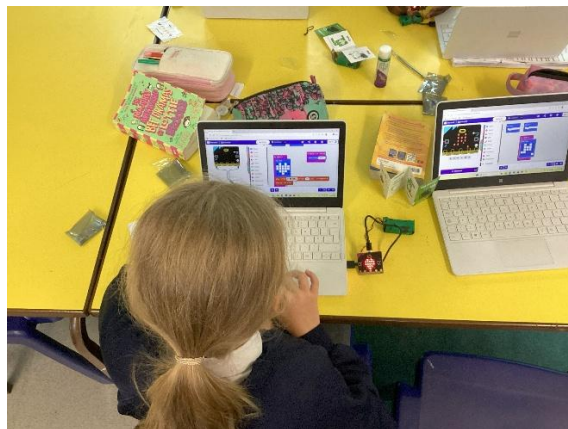


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Micro:bits!

This week in Oxford class, we unleashed the micro:bits! These are pocket-sized computers. We linked them to our laptops and coded lots of fun programmes to download onto them and test what they can do. From music, to messages, to images - Oxford were able to create it all! Our classroom was buzzing with the sound of micro:bit music. The micro:bits had glowing reviews from the whole class.

There are some nifty wrist straps in the box, so who knows what we might achieve next week! Here's a little peek at just one of the things a micro:bit can be coded and programmed to do.



Transition to Secondary School

On Tuesday, 2nd June, PC Trinder visited the Year 6 students to talk about their transition to secondary school. He discussed some of the changes they may experience and shared advice on staying safe, both in school and within the community. The session gave pupils an opportunity to ask questions and hopefully helped prepare them for the move to secondary education.



Music Showcase

Thank you to Cary (year 6) for showing such courage and kindness by playing the piano for our year 1 children. Your willingness to perform gave them a wonderful opportunity to see, hear, and experience live music up close. Your performance helped very young learners to appreciate piano music, and your talent inspired them in their writing. We are proud of the positive impact you made and grateful to you for sharing your talent.



Year 1 Minibeast Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 1 met Sam the minibeast extraordinaire! Sam was full of knowledge that he kindly shared with us. The children learnt new vocabulary and became Scientists for the morning. We explored the outdoors during dry spells and collected different minibeasts using scientific equipment. We then used some super magnifying microscopes to see what classified them as minibeasts.



Year 3 Roman Day



Family Hub Message

We're excited to share our **new timetable for the upcoming term** at your local Family Hub. Our latest schedule is packed with a variety of sessions designed to support children and families, including play sessions, groups, and advice services. Whether families are looking to meet other families, support their child's development, or access guidance, there's something for everyone.

What's new this term?

- Updated session times and locations
- A range of activities for families with children aged 0–11
- Opportunities to connect with our friendly team and other parents
- Keep up to date with our [Tunbridge Wells Facebook Page](#)

If you have any questions or need help choosing the right sessions, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we're here to help.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family this term!

Warm regards,

Tunbridge Wells Family Hub Team

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

On Friday this week, we celebrated the children for their effort and achievements throughout the week. Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Year 4 Dover

Punctuality: Year 3 Lewes

This week's Attendance: 96.3%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Colette	For always being ready to learn. You are a great role model to others!
EYFS Windsor	Hugo	For his deep thinking when learning about sharing in Maths. Hugo has listened, reflected, and helped others to understand our new learning!
Y1 Arundel	Aliah	For trying really hard and becoming more independent in her learning. 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Emmanuel	For his amazing effort in phonics and writing and for making better choices with his friendships! Well done
Y2 Leeds	Hamish	For working really hard to improve his handwriting and keeping it consistent in every subject area. Well done! 😊
Y2 Pevensey	Bobby	For his contributions during maths lessons this week, showing courage when answering challenging questions when telling the time.
Y3 Lewes	Aaron	For his detailed planning for toy packaging.
Y3 Deal	Monty	For his effort and enthusiasm for his writing, Monty always pushes himself to deepen the moment in English and comes up with fabulous ideas and vocabulary.
Y4 Dover	Nayeli	For your exemplary attitude to learning. You are always safe, ready, and respectful. 😊
Y4 Farnham	Julia	For excellent English work and always working hard. Well done!
Y5 Hever	Phoebe	For careful listening and a thoughtful reflection piece in History.
Y5 Tonbridge	Karina	For always being ready and respectful – you are such a kind and positive member of our Tonbridge community! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Isabella G	For your creativity, enthusiasm and persistence shown when writing about Michael's journey in Kensuke's Kingdom!
Y6 Rochester	Cary	For showing Year 1 that practise and perseverance lead to creativity! Thank You from Year 1.
	Reece	For good focus, active listening, and input in English to go on to show your independent valued creative thinking which was showcased by the great care you took to write neatly and clearly. 😊

Yours sincerely,
Mr S Bird
Headteacher



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Children's Fun Day!

Saturday 13th June

11am-1pm



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