



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Classes for September

It was lovely to meet with all the new Early Years parents this week - the children joining us in September had the opportunity to spend the morning in the Early Years classes.

Thank you to the PTA for their support with the morning too.

On the morning of 3rd July all children across the school will be spending time in their new classrooms.

We are pleased to be able to tell you the classes for September 2026.

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Present class	Class in Sept	Teacher in Sept
EY Camber	Y1 Bodiam	Mrs Saville Smith 2 days Mrs Speight 3 days
EY Windsor	Y1 Arundel	Mrs Webster 2 days Miss Kemp (Kington) 3 days
Y1 Arundel	Y2 Leeds	Miss Horan
Y1 Bodiam	Y2 Pevensey	Mrs Vickers
Y2 Leeds	Y 3 Deal	TBC
Y2 Pevensey	Y3 Lewes	Mrs Coton
Y3 Deal	Y4 Dover	Miss Truscott
Y3 Lewes	Y4 Farnham	Miss Smith
Y4 Dover	Y5 Hever	Mrs Mitcheson 4 days Mrs Bert 1 day (weds)
Y4 Farnham	Y5 Tonbridge	Ms Carville
Y5 Hever	Y6 Rochester	Mrs Bert 2 days Mrs Lake 3 days
Y5 Tonbridge	Y6 Oxford	Miss Gifford

To ease the transition for your child's current year group to their new one, we would like to invite parents to **Meet the Teacher**. These will take place as follows, at 2.30pm.?

Moving from	To	date
Early Years	Year 1	15 th July
Year 1	Year 2	10 th July
Year 2	Year 3	16 th July
Year 3	Year 4	3 rd July
Year 4	Year 5	14 th July
Year 5	Year 6	15 th July

Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

June

23rd (Tues) The Amelia Summer Reading Challenge

24th - 26th (Weds - Fri) Bikeability Group 1&2

25th (Thurs) Rugby Festival at St Peter's

29th (Mon) rearranged Cricket Tournament Y5&6

30th (Tues) Y4F Sharing Assembly 9am

July

2nd (Thurs) Y5H Sharing Assembly 9am

2nd (Thurs) Year 2 trip to Hastings

2nd (Thurs) Y3 Knex Workshop

3rd (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am

3rd (Fri) Class Swap day

3rd (Fri) Current Y3 Meet the Y4 Teachers, 2.30pm

7th (Tues) Rocksteady Concert at 10am

7th (Tues) Y5 Lego Workshop

8th (Weds) Sports day - EYFS & KS1 in AM & KS2 in PM

9th (Thurs) Year 5 forensic Science Day

10th (Fri) Current Y1 Meet the Y2 Teachers, 2.30pm

14th (Tues) Y6 Show – 2pm

14th (Tues) current Y4 Meet the Y5 Teachers, 2.30pm

15th (Weds) Y6 Show – 6pm

15th (Weds) Current Rec & Y5 Meet the Y1 & Y6 Teachers, 2.30pm

16th (Thurs) Current Y2 Meet the Y3 Teachers, 2.30pm

20th (Mon) Leavers Church Service 9.30am

21st (Tues) Term ends

22nd July to 28th August Mega Camps



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Year 5 Visit to The Globe Theatre

On Thursday 10th June, Year 5 travelled to the Globe Theatre in London as part of their learning about Tudors and William Shakespeare. We were lucky enough to watch a real rehearsal and listened carefully as our guides explained what was happening and told us about the history of the Theatre.

Did you know that this is the 3rd Globe Theatre as the first one burnt down when a cannon misfired and set light to the roof and the 2nd one was closed down after the Civil War?

After our tour, we had a Shakespearian drama workshop based on Romeo and Juliet. Everyone delivered lines and freeze framed a scene between the Capulets and the Montagues with venom and anger!

It was a privilege to be taught by real actors and to sit inside such an iconic building steeped in history.



Cricket Tournament – written by Henry & Monty, Y3

On Monday 15th June, the Year 3's went to a cricket tournament at The Nevill. Everyone played very well.

We came 3rd out of 4 schools in the last match. Henry and Oscar did amazing bowling. Monty and Sam did great batting, and they got 20 runs in 1 game!

It was very challenging and hard to win. Amaeyah and Gigi did great fielding.

Sam did amazing catching. He caught the ball over 3 times.

Harry did good wicket keeping. Zayn, Elias, and Aaran were fast.



Year 4 Author Jamie Smart Trip

On Wednesday 10th June Year 4 went to the Assembly Hall to hear from and learn some comic strip drawing skills from acclaimed author Jamie Smart. It was a fun packed 40 minutes with children learning how to draw Bunny then Monkey using different shapes and tips on how to make a character look like they're running! The children had a fantastic time and produced some outstanding artwork from the presentation. A great morning where everyone left being even bigger fans of the Bunny v Monkey books!



Year 5 and 6 Book Swap

On Wednesday 10th June, we hosted our book swap. We spent part of our afternoon chatting and hunting for a new reading for pleasure book. We hope the children enjoyed it and have enjoyed reading their new finds!



PTA Message - Uniform

Thank you for your generous donations of pre-love school uniform in the box by the office. Please make sure you **ONLY** donate SCHOOL UNIFORM and not any other clothes or items that you would take to a charity shop. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.
The PTA

Parking and Driving

I appreciate that we must sound like a broken record, but again I ask all our community to **avoid stopping in the road** to let children in or out of the car — this can be dangerous and causes congestion, and please **do not park across dropped kerbs, driveways or on the grass verges**. We have also had reports of cars taking corners too quickly around the estate, so please be vigilant and report dangerous driving to the police.

Road Closures

SGN are replacing gas pipes in the area, with the following roads effected:

Summervale Road from the junction with **Eridge Road** to outside of property number **2**.

- Start date: Monday 13 July for 2 weeks using Multi-way Signals.

Eridge Road from the junction with **Summervale Road** to the junction with **Broadwater Down**.

- Start date: Monday 13 July for 6 weeks using Multi-way Signals.

Eastlands Close and **Scotts Way**

- Monday 20 July with no carriageway incursions.

Ramslye Road from the junction with **Eridge Road** to outside of property number **2 Sussex View, Ramslye Road**.

- Start date: Monday 27 July for 2 weeks using Multi-way Signals.

Starlings Summer Workshop

Starlings Performing Arts School who run classes here at St Mark's on a Saturday, are offering a summer camp from 10th August to 14th August. The flyer is at the bottom of the newsletter, but here is a small introduction to them:

Looking for something fun this summer? Starlings Performing Arts Summer Workshop Bishopsdown Primary School 10th – 14th August | 10:00am – 4:00pm Ages 5–16 A fun, energetic week of singing, dancing, and acting, working on Paddington, Legally Blonde and chart songs. We really do have the best fun time together, and it's amazing to see what the children achieve in just a few days. Ends with a Friday showcase for family and friends. Full week or individual days available (For the showcase, attend Wednesday–Friday) Booking link below Come join us for a week full of fun!! <https://starlings-performing-arts.classforkids.io/cms/camps>

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Friday 12 th June	Friday 19 th June
Attendance: Year 5 Tonbridge	Attendance: EY Windsor
Punctuality: EY Camber	Punctuality: Y1 Arundel
This week's Attendance: 96.44%	This week's Attendance: 96.3%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	All of you!	For your superb behaviour on our trip to the farm. You represented our school so well!
EYFS Windsor	All of you!	For your superb behaviour on our trip to the farm. You represented our school so well!
Y1 Arundel	Phoebe B	For excelling in her writing and trying really hard to deepen the moment. Phoebe is using vocabulary beyond her years! Well done 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Phoebe S	For great effort using money this week, Amazing!
Y2 Leeds	Kiansh	For creating great independent sentences using conjunctions, adjectives, and adverbs. Well done! 😊
Y2 Pevensey	Sienna	For following the school rules and demonstrating the school values in everything she does.

Y3 Lewes	Rafael	Welcome to Lewes Class. You have settled in well!
Y3 Deal	Mason	For his excellent peer coaching in athletics, Mason is kind and helpful when working with others in the class.
Y4 Dover	Casey	For a brilliant week of listening and being ready to learn. Keep it up! 😊
Y4 Farnham	Daisy	Working hard in English and maths and lovely presentation-well done.
Y5 Hever	Beal	For settling into Hever class and making a great effort to learn the ways of St Mark's!
Y5 Tonbridge	Sienna	For your determination to make progress and how well you use metacognition to support you to do your best in the classroom. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Franklin	For the maturity and excellent character he has shown, particularly in group work.
Y6 Rochester	Jessica	For your courteous manner, caring nature, and strong work ethic, you exemplify the qualities of an outstanding student and role model. 😊

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Deal: Chloe, Reuben, Dotty.

Friday 12th June the Head's Heroes were:

EYFS Camber	Pola	For being a super writer! Pola is choosing to show off her fantastic writing skills all of the time!
EYFS Windsor	Aria	For her super-duper phonics and having a 'can do' attitude in her learning!
Y1 Arundel	Arundel Class	For amazing phonics and making Mrs Kington very proud. 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Arthur	For great effort all week, especially in writing. Amazing!
Y2 Leeds	Maya and Mimi	For having brilliant resilience and determination when learning the time. Keep it up! 😊
Y2 Pevensey	CJ	For confidently solving word problems in maths.
Y3 Lewes	Gigi	For displaying superb map reading skills in Geography and for always offering a hand to help others in Lewes Class.
Y3 Deal	Lily	For her exemplary attitude to learning, Lily puts her all into everything she does! Well done 😊
Y4 Dover	Carter	For showing greater independence and ownership of his learning.
Y4 Farnham	Aysha	Superb attitude to learning at all times-great work in English and maths. Always, safe, ready, and respectful-well done!
Y5 Hever	Sumayah	For her thoughtful questions at the Globe Theatre and her contributions in the drama workshop.
Y5 Tonbridge	Orla	For shining on our trip to the Globe with your secure knowledge, interest, and enthusiasm. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Florence	for her immaculate manners and superb attitude to her last term of Year 6! Well done 😊
Y6 Rochester	Jeet	For having courage to embrace your value and show others how to be confident in yourself. Thank you! 😊

Yours sincerely,
Mr S Bird
Headteacher



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ROADSHOW**

CALLING ALL TUNBRIDGE WELLS FAMILIES

WHOSE CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAS OR MAY HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES AND WANTS TO MEET WITH SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA! WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE THAT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT THROUGH AGES 0-25 YEARS.

2.30PM - 4.30PM, 25TH JUNE 2026

**SHERWOOD FAMILY HUB,
FRIARS WAY,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS,
TN2 3UA**

MORE INFORMATION
No need to book just come along anytime between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, refreshments will be available.
If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk

What families have said about the SEND Roadshows -
"I have more information to support my child's learning"
"all the information I needed in one place"
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THE MUSICAL

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