



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

After a challenging week of extreme hot weather, I would like to express thanks for the dedication of the staff and your support. The children and staff have coped incredibly well, and the ice pops donated from the PTA have been a refreshing treat.

With the weather returning back to "normal" we ask that the children are in full school uniform from Monday.

## Agents of Change



A few weeks ago, all the children and staff voted for one of three charities that they felt we, as a school, should support based upon our Christian values - courage, compassion, and creativity.

The charity selected, with a whooping 151 votes, is The Children's Book Project. This charity provides books to children across the UK who do not have their own books. To support this, we are holding a book drive before the end of term to collect books.

When: Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th July

What: Please bring in any books that you have grown out of (baby books up to books suitable for early teens)

Where: Drop your books into Year 2 Pevensey classroom

These books will then be taken to one of the Book Projects drop off sites in Tunbridge Wells.

## Reminders

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

Dates to remember.  
Added dates in yellow.

### June

29<sup>th</sup> (Mon) rearranged Cricket Tournament Y5&6

30<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Y4F Sharing Assembly 9am

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) Y5H Sharing Assembly 9am

2<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) Year 2 trip to Hastings

2<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) Y3 Knex Workshop

3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am

3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Class Swap day

3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Current Y3 Meet the Y4 Teachers, 2.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Rocksteady Concert at 10am

7<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Y5 Lego Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> (Weds) Sports day - EYFS & KS1 in AM & KS2 in PM

9<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Year 5 forensic Science Day

10<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Current Y1 Meet the Y2 Teachers, 2.30pm

14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Y6 Show – 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) current Y4 Meet the Y5 Teachers, 2.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> (Weds) Y6 Show – 6pm

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

16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Current Y2 Meet the Y3 Teachers, 2.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Leavers Church Service 9.30am

21<sup>st</sup> (Tues) Term ends

22<sup>nd</sup> July to 28<sup>th</sup> August Mega Camps

### September

1<sup>st</sup> (Tues) Inset Day

2<sup>nd</sup> (Weds) Term1 to start for Y1-Y6

10<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Kent Test



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## **Football Tournament – written by Evie & Ethan, Y2 & Monty & Mudasir, Y1**

Last Friday Year 1 and Year 2 went to a football tournament. It was very, very hot and Gus was a fantastic goalie. Year 1 drew the first game with Year 2. Jett scored a goal. We won the second game 2-0 and Mudasir and Edvin scored. We tried really hard and had great fun! Written by Gus and Mudasir.

Last Friday Year 1 and Year 2 went to a football tournament. Year 2 did some amazing tackles, especially Kian. We drew with Year 1 and won 2 games. Josh, Evie, and Holly took turns in goal and were great. Reggie, Ivy, and Lucas were great in mid-field. Written by Evie and Ethan.



## **Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality**

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

<b>Attendance:</b> Year 2 Leeds
<b>Punctuality:</b> Year 5 Hever
<b>This week's Attendance:</b> 92.2%

## This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Isla-Mae	For keeping her cool, even in hot conditions! You have shown your friends calm and kindness this week. Well done!
EYFS Windsor	Erin	For her kindness, helpfulness, and positive choices in class!
Y1 Arundel	Frederico	For settling in well to Arundel Class and involving himself brilliantly in our routines.
Y1 Bodiam	Bodiam class	For showing perseverance and determination to complete the independent write in such boiling conditions!
Y2 Leeds	Winter	For a FANTASTIC independent write with brilliant descriptive language! Well done, Winter! 😊
Y2 Pevensey	Mehran	For his concentration and attention to detail in reading and writing.
Y3 Lewes	Lewes	For always showing kindness and care to others.
Y3 Deal	Deal class	For showing kindness to each other and their positive attitude all week.
Y4 Dover	Hal	For a brilliant drawing of a Maya God. You showed care and attention to detail. 😊
Y4 Farnham	The Whole Class	For working hard all week-well done, Farnham!
Y5 Hever	Rory	For showing real growth in maturity and consideration for others as well as maintaining consistently positive behaviour throughout the week.
Y5 Tonbridge	Gamze	For the enthusiasm you bring to all your learning and your positivity and kindness towards others. Truly a Tonbridge role model! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Bella J-S	For the positivity and good energy you have been bringing to our class, putting a smile on everyone's face on a tough week!
Y6 Rochester	Ana	For showcasing genuine compassion and maturity during Religion and World Views by offering intelligent and considered thoughts which highlighted true respect and value for other faiths and customs. 😊

## This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Rochester: Felix, Asher, Vanessa, Ana, Louis, Ketav

Yours sincerely,  
Mr S Bird  
Headteacher



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# THE GREAT CONTAINER CLEAROUT



**Sunday 19th July  
Come when you can for  
as long as you can**

The school has arranged for a skip - come and help us fill it!!

Bring the kids - exclusive access to the school grounds to play in is always a winner!

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# MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

AGES  
4 - 14

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## SUMMER CAMPS 2026

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30 MINUTE SMALL GROUP LESSONS



LESSONS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

