



St Mark's C E Primary School

11th September 2026

Newsletter No 2

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Early Years Tours – 2027 Admission

We are already looking ahead to next year! Do you know someone who is looking for a place in Early Years for September? Please tell them about the tours we are holding on 28th/29th/30th September and 1st/2nd October. Please contact the school office to book. Thank you for your support.

PTA News



WE'RE HIRING!

CHAIR OR CO-CHAIRS

It's time for some fresh minds to take on the next stage of St Mark's PTA.

Fancy being part of leading and shaping the PTA? The current Chairs are stepping down to make way for new leadership, new ideas, and new energy. You don't have to have done anything like this before; you just need some enthusiasm for raising money for the school!

SECRETARY OR CO-SECRETARIES

Perfect for those who love organising!

Taking minutes at meetings, liaising with the school, paperwork, emails - all that lovely stuff that keeps the business of the PTA running. If you are a bit more of a behind the scenes person but you like things done just right, this would be just the role for you!

Both roles will have support from committee and volunteers, and the current Chairs and secretaries aren't disappearing - they will be around to provide support (if you want it!!)

Each person has their own way of doing things and various amounts of time to give to these very rewarding roles, so do your thing and give it a go!

EMAIL PTA@ST-MARKS.KENT.SCH.UK TO DECLARE YOUR INTEREST IN EITHER ROLE BY 5TH OCTOBER. IN THE EVENT OF THERE BEING MORE THAN ONE PERSON/TEAM INTERESTED IN EITHER ROLE IT WILL BE PUT TO THE PARENT AND STAFF BODY FOR A VOTE AND THE RESULT ANNOUNCED AT THE AGM ON 16TH OCTOBER.

Dates to remember.

Added dates in yellow.

September

18th (Fri) McMillan Coffee morning

25th (Fri) Inset Day

21st (Mon) EYFS Phonics Workshop

2.30pm

24th (Thurs) Tenax Merger meeting

2.15pm - 3.15pm or 6pm - 7pm

28th - 30th EYFS 2026 Tours

29th (Tues) Year 2 Pevensey Sharing Assembly 9am

October

1st (Thurs) Year 6 Rochester Sharing Assembly 9am

1st - 2nd (Thurs & Fri) EYFS Tours

5th (Mon) - 9th (Fri) Scholastic Book Fair

5th (Mon) Parents Evening EY - Y6

3.30pm - 7.30pm

8th (Thurs) Parents Evening EY - Y6

3.30pm - 5.30pm

9th (Fri) World Mental Health Day

9th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting

13th (Tues) EY to Hargate Forest 9am - 11.30am

16th (Fri) Show Racism the Red Card

19th (Mon) Harvest Festival at church

21st - 23rd Bowles Rocks - Y6

Term Dates etc are on our website

www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk



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Lunchboxes

Just a reminder for those parents that make a packed lunch for their child:

We would encourage parents to pack a healthy, balanced lunch for their children including protein, carbohydrates, and fruit. Children **must** be able to open everything in their lunch box by themselves. It should be packed in a clearly labelled, non-breakable container or bag. A non-fizzy drink in an unbreakable container (no glass) should accompany the lunch.

Please refrain from providing your child with nut products as there is a high risk of serious allergic reactions if other susceptible children accidentally come into contact with contaminated products in the dining hall.

Whilst we strongly encourage a healthy, balanced lunchbox, we do understand that parents sometimes wish to include special items in the lunchbox (e.g. chocolate biscuit or small bag of crisps) which their children like. We think these are acceptable as part of a healthy, mixed diet but do encourage you to keep them to an absolute minimum.

No nuts or nut spreads please. Please click below for lunchbox ideas and recipes. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/lunchbox-ideas-and-recipes/)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to, once again, hold our Macmillan Coffee morning on **Friday 18th September**. We would like to invite all parents, carers, and the extended community into school to join your child's class for our coffee morning and raise funds for Macmillan. Please come to the main school hall at the following times:

9:00 – 9:20 am – Early Years

9:25 – 9:45 am – Years 1 and 2

9:50 – 10.10 am – Year 3 and Year 6 Oxford Class

10:15 – 10:35 – Year 4 and Year 6 Rochester Class

10:40 – 11 am – Year 5

We would be very grateful for any cake donations (home-made or shop bought) to be dropped into the school office from Thursday 17th September please. **NO NUTS PLEASE. If your child has a dietary requirement (e.g. gluten/dairy/egg free) then please can your donation be suitable for them and labelled with their name and class. Thank you.**

A just giving page will be available for donations towards this charity and has now been set up. Please follow the link

[Will you donate to Macmillan Coffee Morning 2026?](#)

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 3** Menu can be found on our website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Home](#) under "quick links"
- Please remember to always park considerately at drop off and pick up - without blocking entrances, dropped curbs and residents driveways – Many thanks.

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

On Fridays we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week:

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Y4 Dover
Punctuality: Y1 Arundel
This week's Attendance: 96.9%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

Y1 Arundel	Lance	For being a joy to teach and always being helpful to others 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Yanis	For a great start at St Mark's and trying so hard in all the learning we have done this week. Well done and keep it up!
Y2 Leeds	Aliah	For being an absolute superstar and showing she is always ready for learning, sitting beautifully, great listening ears and always eager to contribute in lessons! :)
Y2 Pevensey	Zara	For fantastic effort and focus in all her work.
Y3 Lewes	Lucus	Fantastic start to year 3. Great work and positive learning!
Y3 Deal	Josh	For showing great effort and determination in your learning this week. Keep it up !
Y4 Dover	Lily	For the care and effort you have shown towards the presentation of your work. Keep this up! 😊
Y4 Farnham	Jasmine	For setting a brilliant example by showing positive listening and kindness each day!
Y5 Hever	Alfie	A cracking start to year 5. Alfie is safe, ready, and respectful every day! 😊
Y5 Tonbridge	George-Derick	For making such a clear effort to be ready and respectful in class. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Audrey	For showing fantastic resilience and proving even though we might face obstacles, we can still shine! 😊
Y6 Rochester	Josh	For wonderfully settling into St Mark's so quickly, making new friends, working hard, and bringing your smile to school each day. You should be proud of your positive start! 😊

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Rochester: Paris, Scarlett, Mantra, Brandon, Beal

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

