



St Mark's C E Primary School

2nd October 2026

Newsletter No 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week at St Mark's with sharing assemblies from Year 2 and Year 6. Year 6 also had their 2nd visit to the Amelia and of course Penny Wars!

Y6 Amelia Centre Trip

World War 2

On Thursday 1st October 2026, Year 6 went to the Amelia Centre to learn about WW2. After a long walk we finally arrived! We went into the underground classroom and started by listening and answering questions about the key bits: start to end (1939-1945), rationing, blackouts, air raids, etc. Then, we rotated around the different tables: rationing, blackouts, ARP wardens, air raid, evacuation, and gas attack. At each table there was a movie, some props (real!) and questions/fact sheet. We learnt about the Kindertransport. Kinder is German for child. It was when Britain took Jewish child out of Nazi controlled territories. Some of them stayed at The Beacon! The Beacon Girls. During the war, lots of bombs were dropped, we looked on the map to see where explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped, we saw that they targeted the train station. We have a good day and wore ARP wardens' helmets and gas masks!

Written by Leon



Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

October

5th (Mon) – 9th (Fri) Schooltastic Book Fair
5th (Mon) Parents Evening EY -Y6
3.30pm– 7.30pm PTA Pre-loved uniform sale
8th (Thurs) Parents Evening EY- Y6
3.30pm- 5.30pm PTA Pre-loved uniform sale
8th (Thurs) Y3 & Y4 Roots to School workshop
9th (Fri) World Mental Health Day
9th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting
12th (Mon) Y4 Our River Workshop
13th (Tues) EY to Hargate Forest 9am- 11.30am
16th (Fri) Show Racism the Red Card
19th (Mon) Harvest Festival at church
21st (Wed) Year 3 & 4 Rock Days
21st -23rd Year 6 Residential -Bowles Rocks
22nd (Thur) PTA Treat sale
23rd (Fri) Last Day of Term 1
26th – 30th Mega Camps

November

2nd (Mon) Term 2 Starts back to school
3rd – 6th (Tues- Fri) Early Years Tours for Sept 2027
4th (Wed) Y1 Toy Workshop visit from Amelia Centre
6th (Fri) PTA School Meeting

Term Dates etc are on our website
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Evolution

Last week, Year 6 went to the Amelia Scott to learn about evolution and adaptation. We learnt animals must learn and adapt to survive long enough to pass on their abilities to their children like the peppered moths. We learnt about how we became to be as we are now and how the animals we know have changed throughout many years. We found our time at the Amelia Scott very fun and interesting and can't wait to go again!

Written by Ethan



Book Fair - 5th - 8th October

We are thrilled that the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting us again this term.

The book fair will be open at the following times:

Monday 5th 3.15-7pm during Parents Eve

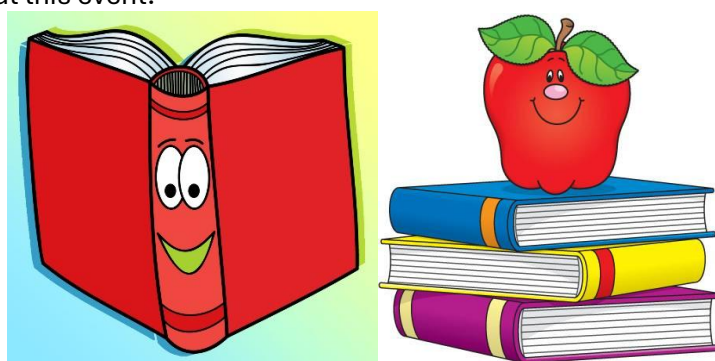
Tuesday 6th 3.15-3.45pm

Wednesday 7th 3.15-3.45pm

Thursday 8th 3.15-5pm during Parents Eve

Please note that while we asked for the card machine, they are unable to provide this, so all payments need to be made through the QR code displayed around the room.

We can not take cash at this event.



Macmillan update

We now have a final total from our fundraising for Macmillan.

We raised a truly fantastic £1,157.00. This is beyond our expectations and we are thrilled.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible, parents for your cake contributions and purchases, school staff for their support and Mrs Chapman for coming back to help us.

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 6** Menu can be found on our website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Home](#) under “quick links”
- 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: Y1 Bodiam
Punctuality: Y3 Deal
This week's Attendance: 97.3%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

Y1 Arundel	Reya	For an outstanding retell of our Jack and the Jellybean story 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Pola	For applying yourself to everything you are asked to do. Amazing effort in reading at home and school and great writing this week with your recounting a traditional tale.
Y2 Leeds	Edie	For becoming more confident with her learning!
Y2 Pevensey	Phoebe	For fabulous confidence in Maths Mastery using odd and even numbers.
Y3 Lewes	Whole Class	For being hardworking and respectful
Y3 Deal	Theo	For showing great determination when faced with a challenge
Y4 Dover	Sierra	For your courage and perseverance at swimming this week.
Y4 Farnham	Ethan	For his hard work and focus on handwriting. The improvement is great!
Y5 Hever	Orla	Listening and applying so that her fairy tale was accurate and a pleasure to read
Y5 Tonbridge	Michelle	For the clear and accurate way you explain your thinking when speaking to the class in science.
Y6 Oxford	Leon	For being a fountain of knowledge on WW2 and the sophisticated way you were able to share this, thank you! 😊
Y6 Rochester	Mantra	For adding a wonderful sense of fun and humour to his thoughtful understanding of fairytales using choral repetition. 😊

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Hever: Elspeth, Jasmine, Nayeli, Carter, Rowen

Rochester: Phoebe Hamna Basil Ram Oliver

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

