



# St Mark's Newsletter

*So in everything, do to others as you would have them do to you'*  
Matthew 7:12

## Head teacher's Awards

This is an award that is presented during the Friday Whole School Assembly for children that have given that 'little bit extra' during the week. This can be in any area, school work, attitude etc

### 06/06/2025

Headteacher's Award

Kimi            Rose P

Writers of the Week

Daisy            Harrison

Mathematicians of the Week

Lily            Maria

Readers of the Week

Chinny            Alice WL

Team of the Week **RED**

### 13/06/2025

Headteacher's Award

Joseph            Alice WL

Writers of the Week

Lily            Florence

Mathematicians of the Week

Daniel            Isaac

Readers of the Week

Jessica            Evie

Team of the Week **RED**

### 27/06/2025

Headteacher's Award

Henry            Miranda

Writers of the Week

Frankie            Okwaning

Mathematicians of the Week

George C            Harvey

Team of the Week **RED**

## Sports Fun Afternoon

Congratulations to the Green Team who won this year's Sport Fun Afternoon. The team included Archie and Jacob (team leaders), Florence, Phoebe, Annabelle, Shun Long, Henry, Daisy, Daniel, Jessica, Joseph and George C. Well done to all the pupils in all teams, they were amazing!

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Welcome to the latest  
newsletter with a quick  
update since our last  
one.

If you wish to speak  
with a member of staff,  
please call the office to  
make an appointment.  
Thanks

### Wraparound Childcare

We will continue to provide wraparound childcare for the academic year September 2025 to July 2026. However, in order for the provision to be financially viable and sustainable, some change to the charges will be implemented in September 2025.

- Before School Club, Monday to Friday, 8m to 8.30am, will remain at the cost of £3.50 per child per day.
- After School Club, Monday to Thursday, 3.30pm-4.30pm will remain at the cost of £4.50 per child per day (this includes extra-curricular activities).
- After School Club, Monday to Thursday, 3.30pm-5.30pm will cost £9.00 per child per day.
- After School Club, Friday only, 3pm-4pm, will remain at the cost of £4.50 per child per day.

Can I please remind parents that, although prior booking is not required for breakfast club, a booking request for after school care, Monday to Thursday, must be made by lunchtime (12 noon) on the day that wraparound care is required. If After School Care is required on a Friday (3pm - 4pm) a booking request needs to be made by 12 noon the previous day (Thursday) at the latest. This will ensure that staff have prior knowledge of the number of children requiring wraparound care and enable the school to effectively manage and organise staff. The reviewed/amended Before/After School Care Policy is on the school website, [www.st-marks.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.lancs.sch.uk)

Could I also ask that fees, if possible, be paid in advance or at the end of the week. Unfortunately, we have some parents who we have to continually make contact with regarding outstanding balances. Wraparound childcare is not funded by the school budget and needs to be self-funded. This is not possible if fees are not paid. There are Government support packages, Universal Childcare or Tax-Free Childcare for those parents who are eligible to help with the cost of childcare.

### School Lunches

As we are nearing the end of the school year, if your child is not on free school meals or universal free school meals (R, Y1 Y2) can payment please be made in advance or on the day of ordering a school lunch. This is due to being able to bank monies before closure of school for the holidays.

### Parents Information Evening

This will take place on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 5.30pm for all parents. The meeting will last about an hour and will provide parents with vital information regarding school and class routines, school policies and procedures and health and safety issues.

### Annual Reports

Parents will shortly be given their child's end of year report. Enclosed with the report is a letter explaining how parents can discuss any concerns or questions they might have regarding the contents of the report with the class teacher should they wish to do so.

### Year 6 Pupils

We wish our year 6 pupils all the best in their new high schools. They will be joining high schools in both Lancashire and Sefton authorities.

### Road Safety Training

Pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 have recently completed the Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. This is a practical programme for EYFS and KS1 children. It is progressive, consisting of 3 stages. Each stage has a number of units of 3 activities, 'Let's Talk', 'Let's Do' and 'Let's Remember'. Staff in the school are trained by the Road Safety Group to deliver the practical elements of the programme.

### Toast on Friday

As a treat on a Friday breaktime all children are offered a piece of toast. Members of the PFTA, have been making the toast which has been funded by parental donations. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the toast for the Autumn Term 2025 please contact Mrs Oliver in the school office or a member of the PFTA. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all parents who have already made donations

### Attendance

Please can I remind you that the minimum level of attendance for this school is 96%. Our target is to achieve better than this because we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling and we believe our pupils can be amongst the best in the area.

**Our current attendance is 95.1%**

Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	93.3%

Well done to Class 1!

### Church Service

Our next Church service is the end of Summer Term on Friday 18 July 2025 at 9.00am. All are warmly welcome to attend.

### **PFTA**

The PFTA have organised a Summer Family Fun Bubble Party on the field by the Parish Hall on Friday 4 July 2025 from 3pm until 4.30pm. The cost is £3.00 per child and includes a hot dog or pasta, drink and a bubble wand. All pupils must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Tickets are on sale from the school office.

Friday 4 July 2025 is also a non-uniform day. Pupils, if they so wish, can come to school in their choice of clothes but please dress accordingly

### **PFTA Raffle**

The PFTA have organised a raffle for class 1 class 2 and parents. Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly, details to follow

### **Start of the School Day**

Some pupils are consistently arriving after the start of the school day which is 8.50am Children are able to arrive at school from 8.30am (at no charge) or from 8.00am at a cost of £3.50 per child each morning. The gate will be locked at 9.00am to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff on the school premises.

### **Diary Dates**

<b>July</b>	
3 & 4	High School Transition Day (Lancashire)
4	Non-uniform day
4	PFTA Friday Family Fun Night on school field 3pm-4.30pm
7	Whole School Educational Visit - Blackpool Zoo
9	Full Governors Meeting - 6.15pm
11	Pupil School Council Meeting - 12 noon
14	Scooting Stars (Years 2,3,4)
16	Leavers Lunch (Whole school)
16	Parents' Consultation Evening
17	Leavers Service for Y6 Parents/Leavers Celebration Party - Y6 pupils
17	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
18	End of Year Church Assembly - 9am School closes at 2pm NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR WRAPAROUND CARE
21 - 22	INSET DAYS
<b>September</b>	
1	INSET DAY
2	School reopens
3	Parent Information Evening 5.30pm to 6.30pm

### **Can You Help?**

Do you have any spare children's underwear (knickers, underpants) or socks that are new and have not been worn that you would be willing to donate to class 1 (ages 3-6 years). Thank you, they would be much appreciated

*If you would like to have any other information included in the school newsletter, please do not hesitate to let us know*

***All the staff at St Mark's wish you a happy and restful summer break  
Let's hope the sun shines down on us all***

***Marilyn Freeman***