



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

07/11/2025

Headteacher's Award

Frankie Phoebe

Writers of the Week

Rose JH Theodore

Mathematicians of the Week

Caleb Kimi

Readers of the Week

Joseph Henry

Team of the Week **RED**

14/11/2025

Headteacher's Award

Kurtis Alice WL

Writers of the Week

Mason Alice F

Mathematicians of the Week

Harley Shun Long

Readers of the Week

George C Corey

Team of the Week **BLUE**

21/11/2025

Headteacher's Award

Caleb Henry

Writers of the Week

Jessica Ray

Mathematicians of the Week

Mark George F

Readers of the Week

Georgiana Maria

Team of the Week **RED**

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is such a magical time of the year so we want our Christmas Celebrations to be special and memorable for all our children. Once again, we will be having our 'Countdown to Christmas' themed week which has proved to be extremely successful and well-liked by the children. This will take place during the final week of the term, Monday 15 December to Thursday 18 December 2025. A copy of the 'Countdown to Christmas' timetable has been given to pupils along with the booking form.

If you wish your child to join in with the planned after school activities on Monday 15 December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm, and/or Tuesday 16 December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm, and/or

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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

Wednesday 17 December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm then please complete the Christmas Countdown booking form and return to the school office together with payment of £4.00 per child per day no later than Friday 12 December 2025. It is important that we have the number of pupils wishing to attend for staffing purposes. These activities are only available for Reception to Year 6 pupils.

If your child does not wish to participate in the 'Countdown to Christmas' after school activities (3.30-4.30pm) but requires after school care then please complete the usual After School booking form or inform the school via email or telephone prior to the day. The usual costs apply (3.30-4.30pm £4.50). **Please note after school care is only available until 4.30pm this week.**

Christmas Buffet Lunch

Christmas lunch will take place on during our 'Countdown to Christmas' week on Wednesday 17 December 2025. The cost of the lunch is £2.90 per child (no cost for pupils in class 1 or on FSM)

Christmas Performance

This year the performance 'A Happy, Clappy Nativity' will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 9 December and Wednesday 10 December at 2.30pm. Thanks to all the parents who have returned the request forms indicating which day suits best.

Children in Need 2025

A fun day was had by all and an amazing total of £73 was raised for Children in Need. Thank you to all who contributed.

Tesco Stronger Starts

Don't forget to post your Tesco tokens in the St Mark's School project box. You can vote for the school's library project in any of the following stores -

Churchtown Express	PR9 8PD
Birkdale Express	PR8 4NX
Southport Extra	PR8 5JH
Chapel Street Express	PR8 1BZ
Hesketh Esso Express	PR9 0LP
Southport Eastbank Street Express	PR8 1ES
Ainsdale Station Road Express	PR8 3HW

Please encourage your family, friends, colleagues, neighbours etc to vote for St Mark's school.

Swimming

The final swimming session for this term is on Friday 12 December 2025 and will resume for all pupils in class 2 on Friday 9 January 2026.

Breaktime Toast

As you are aware, as a breaktime treat on a Friday, all pupils and staff are offered a piece of toast for their snack. This treat is organised by Kirsty (parent of a pupil in Y2) and funded by parents. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of Friday toast it would be very much appreciated. Donations can be handed into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Dinner Money and Before & After School Care Money

Please could all parents ensure that all outstanding money for school lunches and wraparound care is paid before the end of term. School lunches are heavily subsidised by the school budget but wraparound care need to be self-funded and cannot be subsidised by the school.

Primary School Admission

If your child has a 4th birthday between September 2025 and 31 August 2026 you must apply for a school or academy place by 15 January 2026. The school's website has a link from Lancashire County Council under Key Information, Admissions for further information.

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 97.4%

Class 1	98.3%
Class 2	97%

Well done to Class 1!

Church Service

Our next Church service is on Friday 28 November 2025 at 2.30pm. All are warmly welcome to attend.

There will be an 'End of Term' Church service on Thursday 18 December at 9am.

Parents' Evening

Parental face-to-face consultations will take place on Wednesday 21 January 2026 between 3.30pm and 7pm. Parents will receive an Autumn Term 2025 progress report in January 2026. We hope all parents will be able to attend. More information will be sent out to parents in the new year.

Diary Dates

November	
28	Church Service - 2.30pm
December	
3	Full Governors Meeting 6.15pm
9	Christmas Performance in school hall at 2.30pm
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11	Class 2 to sing at Pensioners Lunch 1.05pm
12	Final swimming of Autumn Term
15-18	Countdown to Christmas Week (details to follow)
15-17	No extra-curricular activities. After school care available until 4.30pm only
17	Christmas Buffet Lunch
18	End of Term Church Service 9am
18	Finish for Christmas at 2pm
18	No after school care
19	INSET DAY
January 2026	
4	Return to school
9	Swimming for class 2 pupils
15	Closing date for primary school admissions
21	Parents evening 3.30pm to 7pm
30	Church assembly 2.30pm
February	
3	Governors Curricular meeting 5pm Governors Resources meeting 6pm
6	Pupil School Council Meeting 12noon
13	Final swimming session of the school year
16 - 20	Half-term holiday
23	School re-opens
25	House Teams meeting
27	Church assembly 2.30pm

***Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2026
Marilyn Freeman***