



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, schoolwork, attitude etc

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Headteacher's Award

Harley Daisy

Writers of the Week

Carter Harrison

Mathematicians of the Week

Mason Corey

Readers of the Week

Caleb George F

Team of the Week **GREEN**

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Headteacher's Award

Rose JH Okwaning

Writers of the Week

Frankie Delilah

Mathematicians of the Week

Georgiana Rosie WL

Readers of the Week

Caleb Clayton

Team of the Week **GREEN**

27/02/2026

Headteacher's Award

Chinny Shun Long

Writers of the Week

Oscar Corey

Mathematicians of the Week

Rose JH Daisy

Readers of the Week

George C Annabelle

Team of the Week **GREEN**

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

Great News from Tesco's

We are delighted to inform you that, following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in the local Tesco stores, our project came first and has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of £1500! This grant will be used to purchase additional resources for the school library. Well done everyone!

Wraparound Childcare

Please can I remind parents that fees, if possible, are 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.

With regards to booking sessions for wraparound care, booking for the first session (3.30pm to 4.30pm) must be made by 12noon on the day wraparound care is required. Booking for the session from 4.30pm until 5.30pm must be made at least 24 hours prior to the required wraparound care. Thank you

Easter Themed Day

This will take place on Friday 27 March 2026. All children can come to school dressed as Jesus's friends (long skirt, dress, shirts, plain dressing gowns, towel on head etc) if they wish to do so. If they do not want to dress up, they are to come to school in their school uniform.

The morning will commence with an end of term church service followed by a procession around the church and school grounds (weather permitting) for pupils, parents, staff and friends to reenact the crowds greeting Jesus who rode a donkey to symbolise peace, not war. Throughout the morning pupils will learn more about the Easter story.

Bikeability

Bikeability training for all year 5 and year 6 pupils will now take place across two days, Monday afternoon, 9 March and all day Thursday 12 March 2026 instead of across 3 days. Can pupils taking part please ensure that they have suitable warm and waterproof clothing in the event of adverse weather.

New Family

We would like to welcome Brandon and his family to the school. Brandon has joined Class 2 and is a year 6 pupils. We hope that he will be happy here.

Diary Dates

March	
5	World Book Day
6	Church Service 2.30pm
9	Bikeability level 1 Y5/Y6
10	Police to talk to pupils in Class 2
10	Full Governors Meeting 6.15pm
12	Bikeability level 2 Y5/Y6
20	Pupil School Council 12noon
27	End of term Church Service - 9.00am
27	Easter Themed Day
27	School closes at 2pm for Easter
April	
13	Return to school
24	Church Service 2.30pm
May	
4	May Day - school closed
11-14	Key Stage 2 SAT's
9	Governors Curriculum meeting 5pm Governors Resources meeting 6pm
22	Pupil School Council
25-29	School closed for half-term break
June	
1 - 2	INSET Days
3	School reopens

Friday Toast

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the toast for the pupils on a Friday breaktime it would be greatly appreciated. Please could any donations be given to Mrs Oliver in the school office. Thank you for your support.

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 96.9%

Class 1 97.9%

Class 2 96.9%

Well done to Class 1!

Church Assemblies

These will take place on a Friday as follows -

6 March at 2.30pm

27 March at 9.00am

Reverend Eileen Heaney will be leading our Church Assemblies. All are warmly welcome to attend.

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

Marilyn Freeman