

St Mark's CE Primary School
Newsletter Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome Back to a New School Year

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families as we begin a new academic year at St Mark's CE Primary School. I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer break and have had the opportunity to spend quality time together as a family.

As many of you know, I am delighted to be joining the school as your new Headteacher. It has been a real pleasure meeting children, staff and parents this week and I have already been struck by the kindness, enthusiasm and strong sense of community that makes St Mark's such a special place to learn and grow.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. It brings fresh opportunities, new friendships, and new challenges for our children to embrace. Over the coming months, I look forward to getting to know every child and family and working together to ensure that all our pupils flourish both academically and personally.

Our vision remains centred on providing a nurturing, inclusive and ambitious environment where every child feels valued, inspired and supported to achieve their very best. We will continue to build on the school's strengths whilst creating exciting opportunities for children to develop confidence, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.

The partnership between home and school is vital, and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. My door is always open, and I encourage you to say hello if you see me around school.

I am excited about what lies ahead and look forward to sharing many successes and celebrations with you in the coming year.

With best wishes,
Suzanne Christy

Headteacher

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A moment of reflection and prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of a new school year. Help us to learn with curiosity, serve with kindness and grow in faith each day. Bless our children, families, staff and wider community. May we work together with courage, compassion and joy, and may all that we do reflect Your love. Amen.

Key dates/information

Event	Date	Information
Meet the Team	Wednesday 9 th September 2026 3.30pm – 4pm	This will take place in the school hall. This is for parents only. If you need after school care for your children then we are more than happy to allow your child to attend after school club whilst this meeting is going on. If your child is staying for a session longer than 4pm, then the usual costs will apply. If your child has signed up for coding club, then the usual costs will apply.
Coding Club to re-start	Wednesday 9 th September 2026 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are welcome. This will be at a cost of £4.50 each week.
Sunday Family Service	Sunday 13 th September at 9am	All our families are invited to attend our first family service at the start of our school year.
National Fitness Day	Wednesday 16 th September	We would like to invite all children to attend school in sportswear so that we can all take part in a fitness day. This will include some sports activities, yoga, mile a day as well as looking at healthy eating and a balanced diet.

Café G's	Monday 21 st September 3.45pm – 4.45pm	All our families are welcome to take part in this session which will take place at the parish hall.
Sunday Family Service	Sunday 27 th September @ 9am	All our families are invited to attend our family service.
Governors meeting	Wednesday 23 rd September at 5.30pm	Governors to attend
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 25 th September from 9am – 11am	Further details to follow
Nasal Flu Vaccination	Tuesday 29 th September from 11.30am	
Café G's	Monday 19 th October 3.45pm – 4.45pm	All our families are welcome to take part in this session which will take place at the parish hall.
Parents evening	Wednesday 7 th October 2.30pm – 6pm	Further details to follow
Sunday Family Service	Sunday 11 th October at 9am	All our families are invited to attend our family service.
Open Afternoon	Wednesday 14 th October 2.30pm – 4.30pm	This open afternoon is for current families and new families. Please feel free to share this with anyone you know who is looking for a school place. Please note, for safeguarding reasons, our current children will not be able to be collected early.
School closes for half term	Friday 23 rd October	Have a lovely half term!
Sunday Family Service	Sunday 25 th October at 9am	All our families are invited to attend our family service
School opens	Monday 2 nd November	Welcome back!
PLEASE NOTE – P.E. WILL TAKE PLACE FOR ALL CLASSES EVERY WEDNESDAY. Please ensure all children have P.E. kit in school which is clearly labelled.		

Looking for something to do this weekend.....



- **Date:** 05/09/2026
 - **Time:** 10:00
 - **Address:** Ormskirk Fire Station, County Rd, Ormskirk L39 3LU
- Join us at **Ormskirk Fire Station** on **Saturday 5 September, 10am to 3pm**, for a day packed with exciting demonstrations, family activities, food and fun. A **quiet hour** will take place from **10am to 11am** to help make the event more accessible for everyone.
- Activities include:

- Rescue demonstrations, including RTC and rope rescue drills
- Meet Lancashire Police, Army Cadets and Air Cadets
- Family activities including face painting, a bouncy castle and beat the goalie
- Explore the smoke tent and meet Welephant
- Biker Down and Community Fire Safety displays

Food and refreshments will be available, and we will be raising money for **Fire Fighters Charity** with support from partners including **HSBC**. Bring your friends and family and come and meet your local firefighters. We look forward to welcoming you.