



St Mark's Newsletter

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

Headteacher'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

28/02/2025

Headteacher's Award

Neriyah Evie

Writers of the Week

Carter Theodore

Mathematicians of the Week

Oscar Phoebe

Readers of the Week

Joseph Olivia

Team of the Week **RED**

07/03/2025

Headteacher's Award

Chinny Harvey

Writers of the Week

Albie Delilah

Mathematicians of the Week

Precious Okwaning

Readers of the Week

Mark Millie

Team of the Week **RED**

14/03/2025

Headteacher's Award

George F Millie

Writers of the Week

Henry Florence

Mathematicians of the Week

Frankie Tommy

Readers of the Week

Kiyan Alice WL

Team of the Week **RED**

21/03/2025

Headteacher's Award

Rose JH Archie

Writers of the Week

Chinny Shun Long

Mathematicians of the Week

Albie Jacob

Readers of the Week

Rosie WL Miranda

Team of the Week **YELLOW**

March 2025

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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

Church Assembly

The next church assembly will take place on Friday 4 April at 9.00am. All welcome.

Wraparound Care

We wish to advise parents that in the light of a meeting with the Childcare Development Officer for the Local Authority we have been advised to make some amendments to the booking of After School Care. As from Tuesday 22 April 2025 a booking request for a place 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 will be on the school website, www.st-marks.lancs.sch.uk, at the end of the Spring Term 2025

Extra-Curricular Activities

The timetable of extra-curricular activities for the first half of the Summer Term 2025 will be on the website at the end of the week.

Book Fair

We have organised a pop-up Book Store with Scholastic Travelling books to take place in the school hall on Monday 31 March until Wednesday 2 April 2025. Parents and pupils will be able to purchase a variety of books. The books will be on sale on Monday 31 March and Tuesday 1 April from 3.30pm to 4pm and Wednesday 2 April from 8.30am to 9pm.

PFTA Events

Thank you to the parents who attended the PFTA meeting on Wednesday 19 March 2025.

The following fund raising and school fun events were organised

- Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate gift (eg Easter Egg, bar or box of chocolates, chocolate cakes etc)
- Gift Sale - children can choose a gift for £2.50
- Family Fun Bingo
- Easter Egg Hunt for pupils

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Educational Visits

School has organised several whole school and class education visits. These include -

- Smithy Mushroom Factory - Class 2 - Wednesday 26 March 2025
- Walmsley Fold Farm (Farm Discovery) - Class 2 - Friday 16 May 2025
- Manchester Science & Industry Museum - Whole School - Wednesday 21 May 2025
- Blackpool Zoo - Whole School - Monday 7 July 2025

Details to follow

Outstanding Monies

As we are coming up to the Easter break, any outstanding monies for either school lunch or wraparound care must be paid by Thursday 3 April 2025. Please hand them into the school office in a sealed named envelope.

From Tuesday 22 April 2025, school lunch and/or wraparound care must be paid in advance or on the day.

Friday Toast

If you would like to make a donation (eg £5, £10, £20) to the PFTA towards the cost of the toast for the Summer Term 2025 it would be much appreciated. Donations can be given to the PFTA committee members or Mrs Oliver in the school office.

Thank you for your support

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.

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 95.2%

Class 1	98%
Class 2	93.1%

Well done to Class 1!

Diary Dates

March	
26	Educational Visit - Class 2 - Smithy Mushroom Farm
26	Gift Sale - £2.50 per gift
27	WLSP Bolt-On PE activity - Football for Y2 - Y6 pupils
28	PFTA Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate gift
31	Book Fair - 3.30pm - 4pm
April	
1	Book Fair - 3.30pm - 4pm
2	Book Fair - 8.30am - 9am
3	WLSP Bolt-On PE activity - Football for Y2 - Y6 pupils
3	No extra-curricular activity - Phonics - Y1/Y2
4	End of Term Church Assembly - 9am School closes at 2pm for Easter break NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR WRAPAROUND CARE
22	School reopens
24	NSPCC to visit school to talk to pupils
25	PFTA Family Bingo TBC
30	PFTA Meeting - 2.30pm
May	
5	School closed - May Day bank holiday
12-15	Key Stage 2 SAT's commence
16	Walmsley Fold Farm - Class 2
20	Governors Curriculum Meeting - 5pm Governors Resources Meeting - 6pm
21	Whole School Educational Visit to Manchester (MOSI) Museum
23	Pupil School Council Meeting - 12 noon
23	Church Service - 2.30pm School closes at 3pm for half-term break
June	
2	INSET DAY
3	School reopens
3	Multiplication Check - Y4
9	Phonics Screening Check - Y1/Y2
11	House teams meetings
20	Pupil School Council Meeting - 12 noon
20	Sports Fun Afternoon - 1.30pm
26	Y6 High School Transition Day (Sefton schools)
27	Sports Fun Afternoon - RESERVE
30	SCARF Workshop Sessions for all pupils
July	
7	Whole School Educational Visit - Blackpool Zoo
9	Full Governors Meeting - 6.15pm
11	Pupil School Council Meeting - 12 noon
16	Leavers Lunch (Whole school)
17	Leavers Service for Y6 Parents/Leavers Celebration Party - Y6 pupils
17	NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE
18	End of Year Church Assembly - 9am School closes at 2pm NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR WRAPAROUND CARE
21 - 22	INSET DAYS

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

**Wishing you all a
Happy Easter**

Marilyn Freeman