



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 8

Spring Term
17th January 2025

Diary Dates

22nd Jan	Cross Country Finals
23rd Jan	Basketball Festival 3/4
28th Jan	Basketball Festival 5/6
31st Jan	Ready Set Dance at Ardingly
7th Feb	FOSM Valentine Disco
11th Feb	KS2 Inclusion Festival
17th Feb	Half Term
21st Feb	Full Term
24th Feb	Governors Meeting
25th Feb	Fern & Bluebell Trip To Drusillas
26th Feb	Parents Evening
27th Feb	Parents Evening
3rd Mar	FOSM Bake sale
5th Mar	Cricket Festival Ardingly Fern Quickstick Hockey 3/4
10th Mar	Laurel Trip to Hindu Temple FOSM Bake Sale Handball Festival 4/5
17th Mar	FOSM Bake Sale
18th Mar	Ready Set Dance - Ardingly
20th Mar	Oathall Multi-Skills KS1
24th Mar	Choral Day @ Christ Hospital Year 5 Netball Festival Year 3 & 4 FOSM Bake Sale
7th April	Easter
21st April	Holidays

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Parents Evening - Wednesday 26th February and Thursday 27th February.

We are holding parents/carers evenings on the above dates. You will be able to access MCAS (My Child at School) from Monday 19th January at 5 pm - Friday 21st February at 9 am to sign up for your appointment. Due to time restraints we are only able to offer one appointment per child, therefore if parents are separated we request that they attend together. If this is not possible please contact the school office to enable us to arrange an appointment on different day/time. If you wish to see our SENDCO, Sophie Davies, you will be able to book a 10 minute slot on Thursday 27th to see her. If you need a longer meeting with her, please feel free to contact the school office to book an appointment with her on another Thursday.



PE Kits

We aim to be outside as much as we can this term so the children do need to be prepared for this.

As well as their PE shirt, shorts and trainers (not plimsolls), please could they have:

- tracksuit trousers or leggings
- a school fleece or appropriate hoodie
- socks especially for the girls who wear tights



Lost Property

1 Large Black Scarf

All above unnamed and in the school office. Please remember if not collected by Friday 31st January, this item will be disposed of.

Worship spot

This term, we have been thinking about Spirituality and what it means to us. This week we thought about donuts and spirituality being like the hole in the middle. It's hard because we can't always see what it means to be spiritual but it is what makes us "whole" and that, like a donut hole, it's often something we can't see.



Safeguarding spot—inappropriate internet use

In 2023, the Children's Commissioner's office shared that "by age nine 10% had seen pornography, whilst 27% had seen it by age eleven." It is so important for parents of primary aged children to be aware of this and make sure that any device children use to access the internet as strict filtering and preferable monitor children while online.

Forest School - Year 4 Children

Please remember to consent for your child to participate in Forest School on MCAS System by **24th January 2025** for the following dates: 3rd/10th/24th February, 3rd/10th/17th March 2025.

Nut free school

Please remember not to send children in with any food containing nuts for snack or lunch—we have children with serious nut allergies.



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Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. - Please find attached a full breakdown of guidelines about when to keep your child off school.

Bag2School

All children will bring home today Bag2School. Please remember to leave the full bags on **Thursday 23rd January by 9 am** in the Church Porch.. Extra bags are available from the School, please remember you can use bin bags if necessary. Also please remember No school/work uniforms accepted. **Please do not return to School Office.**

Non prescription medicines and creams etc. Please remember that if your child needs to apply lip balm or cream etc. during the school day, please drop it off at the school office rather than putting it in their bag. This means we can ensure no other children use it and can supervise your child using it.

Badminton Festival - Year 1

This Wednesday, Year 1 went to St. Paul's for a Badminton festival alongside lots of other children. They enjoyed playing games and finding out more about Badminton.



Laurel's incredible bridges

Laurel class have been designing and building a bridge to carry a load as part of DT—they made some amazing bridges!

Geology Rocks!

This week we had a STEM ambassador to come and give a talk all about rocks and Geology to the children. They really enjoyed the chance to handle different types of rocks and even learn how a volcano erupts.



February Half Term Sports Courses

Multi Sports 17th & 18th
Football 19th & 20th
Cricket 19th & 20th
Rugby 21st

9.15 to 3.30 - £22 per day
At Warden Park Secondary
Open to years Reception to Year 9
jamesprostarsports@gmail.com
All courses led by experienced PE teachers

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4 CFC - Girls Elite Academy Horsham
Physical, Technical, Psychological & Social development in Football

4 CORNER FOOTBALL COACHING

4 CFC - Girls Elite Academy Training
5-14 years old welcome
Trail Date - Wednesday 19th February
Venue - Horsham Rugby Club 4G Pitch - RH13 6PJ
5.00-6.00pm
BOOK NOW - www.4cfc.co.uk
Email - info@4cfc.co.uk

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4 CORNER FOOTBALL COACHING

Sporting Events this term

Please find below the list of events we are hoping to attend this term. There may be changes to this as other school commitments do come up but we wanted to let you know the range of events and the dates/times on our list. We will endeavour to give every child from years 1 - 6 the opportunity to attend at least one event this term. We do ask that if your child is invited to attend an event, please respond to the invite, even if it's to say no. This means that if your child can't attend we can offer this opportunity to someone else. We are sending these via paper copies and MCAS app. **We understand that transporting children to and from events can be tricky but we ask you to organise any lift shares between parents and then notify the school office in writing.** This is to ensure we have a correct list of who is going and being picked up with who. Unfortunately, we cannot organise lifts as a school due to safeguarding procedures.

Please remember any events held at St Paul's Catholic College, you are required to drop off/collect your child at the Triangle by the underpass where you will be met by Mrs Bean. St Paul's School request that no parents drive onto their school site this is due to their Safeguarding Policies.

Event	Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Basketball Festival	3 and 4	23rd January 2025	Haywards Heath College 12.45 pm - 2.30 pm
Basketball Festival	5 and 6	28th January 2025	Haywards Heath College 12.45 pm - 2.30 pm
Inclusion Festival	3, 4, 5 and 6	11th February 2025	The Triangle 2.30 pm - 4 pm
Quicksticks Hockey	3 and 4	5th March 2025	Downlands Secondary School 2.15 pm - 3.45 pm
Cricket Festival	1 and 2	5th March 2025	Ardingly College
NEARS Netball	5 and 6	11th March 2025	St Pauls Catholic School
Netgear Festival	3 and 4	13th March	Haywards Heath College
Sports Festival	3 and 4	18th March	Twineham Primary School
Multi Skills	1 and 2	20th March	The Triangle 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm
Netball Festival	3 and 4	24th March	Oathall Secondary School 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm

Praise Postcards

The following children have received a postcard in the past few weeks:

Noah Arnold, Daisy Billington, Connor Boakes, Samuel Bostock, Billy Coulton, Emily Durrant, Aaron Fenn, Barnaby Gaynor, Luca Gorvett, Harper Green, River Green, Leni Hadingham, Isabella Hartfield, Madison Hawkins, Amara Heaver-Lewis, Ambrose Hobden, Oliver Hobden, Skye Hobden, Olivia Horner, Summer Joslova, Aiden Khazanehdari, Scott Langridge, Jaycee Lee-Ansell, Felicity Mills, Ivy Neen-Gurney, Daisy Payne, Lily-Mai Payne, Alfie Pears, Lexi Pinnington, Rex Ponsford, Phoebe Ramsden, Aliyana Small, Ollie Stenning, Teddy Stillwell, Mihaela Stoyanova, Edward Szajdzicki, Leo Tackie, Star Wheble, Elliott Willimer.

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