



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 18

Summer Term
14th July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Diary Dates

14th July	Laurel Production
17th July	Fern & Bluebell Trip to Arundel Castle Year 6 Hollywood Bowl Trip
18th July	2 pm Leavers Service
21st July	INSET Day
22nd July	INSET Day
3rd Sept	INSET Day
4th Sept	Children return to school
27th Oct	Autumn Half Term
31st Oct	Term
22nd Dec	Christmas
2nd Jan	Holidays

Worship spot - SIAMS report

As you know, we recently had our SIAMS inspection and the report was published on Friday. We are really pleased with the report as we feel the inspector really saw St. Mark's for the special place it is. Thank you to everyone in our school community for all your support and for making this school what it is. If you haven't read it yet, it is available on our website.

Sunflower Sisters

Fern children took home a sunflower that they had planted and Olivia has cherished hers at home, looking after it every day until this weekend, it flowered! Her sister, Amélie in Y6, did the same thing in 2019 when she was in Fern!



School communication from September

We will be returning to sending school communication fully electronically again from September unless specifically requested in paper form. This is to avoid the confusion of some letters coming back via email/MCAS and some in paper format.

Safeguarding Spot - AI

As AI becomes more and more intelligent, it's a good idea to talk to your child/ren about the risks of using AI as well as the benefits. Why not have a chat over the summer about some of the pros and cons? [Take a look at this link for more information: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/)

Birthday celebrations

After speaking to the Vision in Action Council about how we can make celebrating your birthday in school special, we have decided to let children dress in home clothes on their birthday. If a child's birthday is in the holidays or weekend, they can wear their own clothes on the school day closest to their birthday.

Praise Postcards

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

Donnie Daniel, Georgia Bentley, Isabella Hartfield, Aaron Fenn, Isaac Dove-Wallington, Amara Heaver-Lewis, Jaycee Lee-Ansell, Daisy Payne, Samuel Bostock, Ambrose Hobden, Thomas Holloway, Edward Mills, Joseph Boakes, Rose Koureas, Louis Carlisle, Bea Brewer, Diezel Wheble, Georgina Bostock, Barnaby Clarke, Suki Moore, Aaron Fenn, Harvey Posford, Esme Clarke, Lilly-May Clingo,

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Inspiring Young Minds

Year 4 & 5 were invited to Ardingly College for the day to take part in a range of activities alongside lots of other local schools. The children had a great time!



Football Festival

Year 2 were invited to St. Paul's to attend a football festival which they really



NEARs Athletics

All the NEARs schools compete annually in an athletics competition at Handcross Park School. All the children did really well and showed great sporting behaviours.



Swimming gala

Year 5 and 6 competed in NEARs swimming gala and came 4th overall. They gave it their all and we were very proud of them!



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