



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 2
Autumn Term
26th September 2025

Diary Dates

1st Oct	CPR Webinar Whole School
6th Oct	Full Governors Meeting
8th Oct	NEARS Football Year 5 and 6
16th Oct	Bag2School
20th Oct	Bramble Mosque Visit 11am - 12.30 pm
21st Oct	Parents 3.30 pm 6 pm Evening
23rd Oct	Parents Evening 3.30 pm 6 pm
27th Oct	Half Term
31st Oct	Nears
4th Nov	Cross Country Staplefield Bonfire
11th Nov	Remembrance Service
19th Nov	Get Active Dolphin Centre Years 5 and 6
27th Nov	Sports Hall Athletics Year 5 and 6
28th Nov	FOSM Christmas Fayre
5th Dec	Whole School Flu Vaccination
9th Dec	Nativity Performance
10th Dec	Nativity Performance
11th Dec	Peter Pan Pantomime
19th Dec	Christmas Service

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Parents/Carers consultations

These will be held on Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October from 3:30-6pm. Booking will be available from 5pm on 26th September until 5pm 15th October. Please access MCAS to arrange your appointment. Please remember due to time constraints we can only offer one meeting per child per class.

Fundraising for Phil Hawksley

Phil, who helps at the church and at our Tuesday morning services, has had his funding come to an end meaning he will have to take a step back from his mission work. The church community is fundraising to support him financially as he does so much for the community. If you would like to contribute there is a collection pot in the school office.

Safeguarding spot—digital safety newsletter

Please find attached the staying safe online newsletter. It has lots of good tips about avoiding scams and keeping children safe on YouTube. There are also webinars to sign up to!

Worship spot

This term our worship theme is Thankfulness. We are thinking about what it means to be thankful and what we have to be thankful about. Maybe have a conversation at home about what you are thankful about as we head towards Harvest.

Drawing in the garden

We know it's very early to say the Christmas word but our MP, Alison Bennett, asked children to design her a Christmas card so Mrs Poole has been running drawing in the garden this week



Praise Postcards

The following children have received a postcard in the past few weeks: Isaac Abellan, Christopher Abrahams, Noah Arnold, Aria Benson, Georgia Bentley, Billy Bickerdike, Connor Boakes, Joseph Boakes, Axel Booth, Winnie Booth, Georgina Bostock, Matej Bukovsky, Bruno Carlisle, Louis Carlisle, Freddie Cartmell, Harper Clayton, Lilly-Mai Clingo, Billy Coulton, Donnie Daniel, Emily Durrant, Aaron Fenn, Barnaby Gaynor, Florrie Gaynor, Isabella Gorvett, Maddison Hawkins, Isabella Hartfield, Skye Hobden, Hazel Hutchins, Summer Joslova, Hunter-Blu Kelly-Wise, Freya Kidd, Rose Koureas, Finley Land-Smith, Suki Moore, Lexi Pinnington, Harvey Ponsford, Rex Ponsford, Wilfred Potter, Phoebe Ramsden, Jack Robinson, Lilah Rowberry, Sophie Steadman, Mihaela Stoyanova, Edward Szajdzicki, Gaia Tackie, Emilia Taylor Alexander Tyler-Tarrant, Edward Walker, Chloe Webber, Diezel Wheble, Star Wheble, Elliott Willmer, Reeve Young

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Global Neighbours Award

We are delighted to share that St Mark's is beginning our journey towards achieving the Global Neighbours Bronze Award. This award recognises schools that are committed to developing children's understanding of the wider world and encouraging them to see themselves as global citizens. At St Mark's, we believe it is vital that children grow in awareness of the challenges faced by others across the globe and learn how their actions can make a real difference.

In today's global climate, with issues such as inequality, climate change and conflict affecting so many lives, it is more important than ever that our pupils are encouraged to act with compassion and courage. Through courageous advocacy, we want our children to develop not only a sense of justice but also the confidence to speak up and take meaningful action. This award will help us deepen our commitment to living out our values in the wider world.

We will be working with our whole school community to develop this, and we look forward to working with you all to deepen our community's compassion and understanding of how we can all make a real difference locally and more further afield.

Year 3/4 Football Festival

10 of our Bramble children went to St. Paul's this week to take part in a football festival. Mrs Bean said they were all brilliant and had lots of fun!



Year 2 Forest Schools

Year 2 have started their forest school sessions and are loving being out in nature!



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