



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 4
Autumn Term
24th October 2025

Diary Dates

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| 27th Oct | Half Term |
| 31st Oct | Term |
| 4th Nov | Nears 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 |
| 4th Dec | Laurel Trip To Herstmonceaux |
| 5th Dec | Whole School Flu Vaccination |
| 9th Dec | Nativity Performance 2pm |
| 10th Dec | Nativity Performance 2 pm |
| 11th Dec | Peter Pan Pantomime |
| 18th Dec | Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day |
| 19th Dec | Christmas Service End of Term |
| 5th Jan | All Children Return to School |
| 22nd May | Sports Day |
| 19th June | Reserve Sports |

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Christmas is coming

Look out for our annual Christmas letter coming out after half term! But a few dates for now:

28th November—Christmas Fayre after school

9th & 10th December — Bluebell and Fern Nativity performances

11th December—Peter Pan Panto visits school

16th December—Bramble and Laurel Carol Concert in Church

18th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

19th December—Christmas Service and end of term

Parent Readers

We would welcome some more parents who feel they could give up a bit of time each week to listen to individual children during the school day. Reading is so important as it helps children access the whole rest of the curriculum and daily practice is so helpful. If you're interested, pop into the school office to speak to Mrs Richardson about getting a DBS with what days/times you could do.

Staplefield Bonfire Night—4th November

We will be selling tickets for the Bonfire night on the 4th November from the school office They are £5 and children aged 15 and under free.

If anyone has any old clothes they could donate for the guy, please drop them off at the school office.

Praise Postcards

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

Isaac Abellan, Florence Amos, Noah Arnold, Billy Bickerdike, Daisy Billington, Connor Boakes, Winnie Booth, Georgina Bostock, Samuel Bostock, Matej Bukovsky, Bruno Carlisle, Freddie Cartmell, Harper Clayton, Theodore Clayton, Lily-Mai Clingo, Billy Coulton, Donnie Daniel, Emily Durrant, Aaron Fenn, Arlo Frid, Barnaby Gaynor, Florence Gaynor, Isabella Gorvett, River Green, Leni Hadingham, Isabella Hartfield, Albie Hobden, Ambrose Hobden, Skye Hobden, Thomas Holloway, Olivia Horner, Hazel Hutchins, Archie-Bear Kelly-Wise, Aiden Khazanehdari, Rose Koureas, Jaycee Lee-Ansell, Lilah Payne, Lily-Mae Payne, Lexi Pinnington, Harvey Ponsford, Rex Ponsford, Toby Ponsford, Wilfred Potter, Caelan Power, Una Power, Jack Robinson, Mia Robinson, Lilah Rowberry, Sophie Steadman, Edward Szajdzicki, Gaia Tackie, Harry Talbott-Haworth, Emilia Taylor, Alexander Tyler-Tarrant, Chloe Webber, Bertie West, Diezel Wheble, Star Wheble, Elliott Willmer, Hardy Young



Together, in God's love, we will shine

Child starting school next year?

If your child will be 4 years old by 1st September 2026, it's time to start applying for school places! Please tell your friends and family to get in touch for a personal tour if they have children starting next year. To apply and for more information, visit this link: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/starting-school-places/>



Worship Spot—Compassion

Next half term's worship theme is 'Compassion'. Why don't you spend a few minutes over half term thinking about what this word means to you as a family? We will be looking at Bible stories and world events up to Christmas on this theme.

Vacancy for Cleaner at Brantridge School

Brantridge School are on the look out for a cleaner. If you are interested, you can find more details on their website here: <https://brantridgeschool.org/vacancies/>



Safeguarding Spot - Half term and Halloween

It's October which every parent/carer knows means two things; half-term and Halloween. Halloween has long given concern to parents as well as the general public. This [helpful guide](#) gives some tips

in picking safe costumes, staying safe near roads, being visible as the nights draw in and carving pumpkins safely.

Design a sign for Staplefield Play Park!

Don't forget to enter the competition to design a new sign for our new play park by 30th November. Designs should be on A4 paper with the child's name and age on the front. The name of the park will continue to be "Staplefield Play Park". We can't wait to see all the amazing entries as well as the finished park!



Job Vacancy at St. Mark's

We currently have a 1 day a week school secretary position available from January, combined with a Clerk to Governors role. [If you are interested, please find more details here and the](#)

[application form to complete.](#)

Closing date is 3rd November at 9am.

Year 6 Children : Please remember to apply for Secondary School Transfer by Friday 31st October 2025. Apply online at: westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Cool 4 School Coffee Morning - Join Us!

Dear Parents,

We'd love you to join us for our **Coffee Morning at St Mark's on Monday 10th & Friday 14th November 7am - 9:45am.**

If your child is already booked into **Breakfast Club**, you're very welcome to pop in before you dash off. A quick coffee (or tea), a chat, and a smile to start your day.

It's a relaxed opportunity to:

- Meet the Cool 4 School team and other parents
- Share feedback and ideas on what you'd like to see more of in our clubs
- Hear about the exciting activities we have planned for the year ahead
- Enjoy a hot drink, **cakes, croissants, yoghurt, granola & fresh fruit** while you chat

We'd love this to be a chance to reconnect, celebrate what's new, and continue building a positive, supportive community for our children. ☐

☐ Please let us know if you can join us and RSVP with your proposed date and time to pop in, to info@cool4schoolclubs.co.uk or Text/ Whatsapp 07475724576. It would be wonderful to see you there.

Warm regards, The Cool 4 School Team

