



# St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 9  
Spring Term  
23rd January 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

## Diary Dates

29th Jan	Inclusion Festival KS2
2nd Feb	Multi Skills Festival - KS1
5th Feb	Basketball Festival Year 5 and 6
9th Feb	Handball Festival Year 4 and 5
9th Feb	Warden Park Childrens Mental Health Week
13th Feb	Families invited in
16th Feb	Half Term
20th Feb	Young Voices
24th Feb	Quicksticks
4th March	Hockey Year 3 and 4
16th Mar	Downlands Ready Set Dance
18th Mar	Ardingly College Hockey Festival Year 3 and 4
23rd Mar	EGST Netball festival Year 3 and 4
30th Mar	Warden Park Easter
10th Apr	Holidays
11th May	SAT's
14th May	Week
22nd May	Sports Day
25th May	Half Term
29th May	Term
1st June	INSET Day
19th June	Reserve Sports Day
6th July	Year 6 Leavers

## Parent/carers consultation bookings now open

Parent/carers consultation appointments are available for **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February from 3:30–6pm**. Telephone appointments for SEND children with Miss Button, SENCO, are available on the afternoon of **Friday 13th Feb**. All appointments can be booked on MyChildAtSchool. Please book by Friday 6th Feb. Please note—we only have enough appointments for one per child so if separated parents need different appointments, please contact the school office to arrange an additional telephone appointment.

## Abi Paige in the office on Fridays

For those who have been into the office on a Friday this term, you may have noticed a new addition to the St. Mark's Team. Abi Paige has joined us for one day a week to allow Mrs Richardson to drop her hours so she can spend Fridays looking after her new grandson. Please give Abi a warm welcome.

## Families invited in

On Friday 13th February, families are invited into their child/ren's classrooms to see the work they have been doing from 2:30pm.

## INSET days this year

Just a reminder that the remaining INSET dates this year are: Monday 1st June, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July.

## Reminder about late pick ups

If you are going to be more than 10 minutes late at the end of the school day, can you please book your child into wraparound care.

## PE kits

Please can you check that your child/ren's PE kits contain all they need to. We are having a lot of children who don't have trainers or have trainers that are too small.

## Praise Postcards

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

Florence Amos, Billy Bickerdike, Connor Boakes, Joseph Boakes, Sam Bostock, Matej Bukovsky, Freddie Cartmell, Harper Clayton, Billy Coulton, Esme Dowling, Emily Durrant, Aaron Fenn, Florence Floyd, Arlo Frid, Isabella Gorvett, Luca Gorvett, Leni Hadingham, Jasper Hardman, Isabella Hartfield, Albie Hobden, Ambrose Hobden, Skye Hobden, Thomas Holloway, Ayla Hornett, Hazel Hutchins, Chloe James, Summer Joslova, Hunter-Blu Kelly-Wise, Aiden Khazanehdari, Freya Kidd, Vinnie Koureas, Finley Land-Smith, Jaycee Lee-Ansell, Suki Moore, Ivy Neen-Gurney, Rafael Parisi, Daisy Payne, Lily-Mae Payne, Lexi Pinington, Harvey Ponsford, Caelan Power, Una Power, Phoebe Ramsden, Jack Robinson, Thomas Scrase, Aliyana Small, Mihaela Stoyanova, Edward Szajdzicki, Gaia Tackie, Leo Tackie, Harry Talbott-Haworth, Alexander Tyler-Tarrant, Edward Walker, Chloe Webber, Bertie West, Diezel Wheble, Star Wheble, Elliott Willmer, Reeve Young

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## **Brighton Science Festival**

Brighton Science Festival is heading for another Hands-On Half Term, from Saturday to Saturday, Feb 14 - Feb 21. Lots of new stuff, and new twists on the old stuff, to keep the children on their toes, and their hands busy.

For the Website: **click here: <https://brightonscience.com>**

For the week's programme: **click here: <https://brightonscience.com/hands-on-half-term-at-a-glance>**

## **Worship Spot - Jane Goodall Earth Medal**



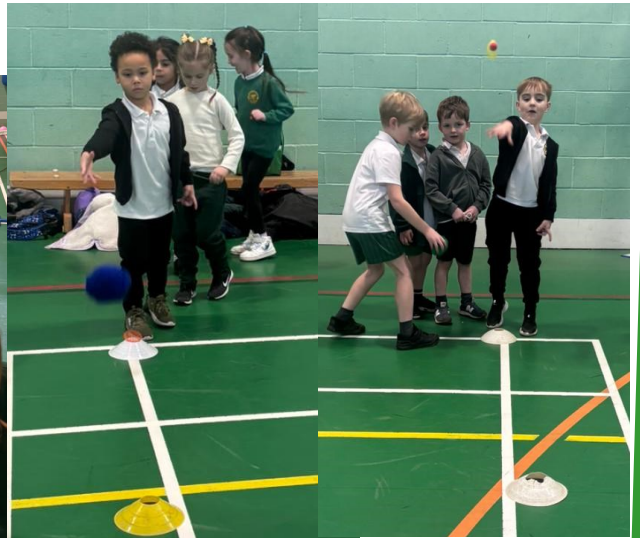
This week in worship we have been thinking about the new Jane Goodall Earth Medal which has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. This weekend it's the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Our Eco club will be doing a count in our school garden today but you can still get involved at home. It runs from today until Sunday and you **submit what birds you have seen here**. What birds will you spot this weekend?

## **Safeguarding Spot— Wellbeing tips for parents from BBC**

BBC parents has a great wellbeing page with lots of helpful how to guides on a wide range of topics from anxiety and mental health to how to manage loneliness. Find out more information here: **<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t>**

## **Year 1 net games**

Year 1 children were invited to go to a festival to try different net games last week and had a lot of fun!



## **Year 3/4 Basketball festival**

Yesterday some of Bramble class went to a Basketball festival—they had a great time and were so well behaved!



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