



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 10
Spring Term
5th February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Diary Dates

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| 9th Feb | Childrens Mental Health Week |
| 10th Feb | Parents Evening 3.20pm - 6 pm |
| 12th Feb | Parents Evening 3.20 pm - 6 pm |
| 13th Feb | Families invited in to look at Books |
| 16th Feb | Half Term |
| 20th Feb | Term |
| 24th Feb | Young Voices |
| 4th March | Quicksticks Hockey Year 3 and 4 |
| 5th March | World Book Day |
| 16th Mar | Ready Set Dance |
| 18th Mar | Ardingly College Hockey Festival Year 3 and 4 EGST |
| 23rd Mar | Netball festival Year 3 and 4 Warden Park |
| 30th Mar | 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 Service |
| 20th July | INSET Day |
| 21st July | INSET Day |
| 22nd July | INSET Day |

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.

Children's Mental Health Week Parent/carer consultations

Next week is Children's mental health week and to celebrate, next Friday children can wear something bright to raise awareness! No donation needed.

Just a reminder that bookings close today to book to see your child/ren's teacher tomorrow. They run from 3:30-6pm on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th Feb.

World Book Day— Thursday 5th March

We are a month away from this year's World Book Day. As usual, we will be running special book related activities on this day with children moving to each class with a mixture of children from across the school. Children are welcome to dress up in a book related costume or wear comfy clothes like PJs or loungewear on this day to celebrate. No donation needed.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief—Friday 20th March

Advanced warning that we will be raising money for comic relief on Friday 20th March. We are speaking to our Vision in Action Council about how they want to do this and we will be selling Red Noses shortly.

Parking and driving near the school

Can we remind parents to take extra care when driving and parking near to the school as children are often walking, sometimes in the road where there is no path. Please stick to below the speed limit, we would rather you be a few minutes late than an accident occur. Also it has been reported that a blue Tesla without a blue badge has been parking in the disabled space, please leave this space free as we have several families that need to use this.



Praise Postcards

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

Georgina Bentley, Sam Bostock, Louis Carlisle, Freddie Cartmell, Theo Clayton, Lily-Mai Clingo, Aaron Fenn, Isabella Gorvett, Luca Gorvett, Skye Hoden, Eli Hocken, Ayla Hornett, Chloe James, Summer Joslova, Anna-Mae Liu, Felicity Mills, Daisy Payne, Toby Ponsford, Lila Roddy, Thomas Scrase, Sophie Steadman, Edward Szakdzocli, Harry Talbott-Haworth, Chloe Webber, Diezel Wheble, Star Wheble, Elliott Willmer, Hardy Young.

Together, in God's love, we will shine

Safeguarding Spot— Safer Internet Day 10th Feb

Next Tuesday, it is Safer Internet Day and this year's theme is 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Each class will be doing some work on this theme next week but it's a great opportunity to have a discussion at home too. With the rise in use of AI in every day lives, it's important that we talk to children about the impact it can have and what safe use looks like. There are some great tips for parents and carers here which will help you with these discussions: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Worship Spot - Lent

This year, Lent starts during half term on Wednesday 18th Feb with Ash Wednesday. Alongside all the fun of pancakes the day before. Why not use this opportunity to reflect as a family if there are things you would like to spend less or more time doing during this period leading up to Easter? For example, would you like to spend more time outside (even in this never-ending rain we're having!) or less time on screens? I personally recently bought a device which helps me limit time on apps like social media that can pull my attention and I've really noticed the difference!



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](https://brightonscience.com)

For the week's programme: [click here: https://brightonscience.com/hands-on-half-term-at-a-glance](https://brightonscience.com/hands-on-half-term-at-a-glance)

KS2 sports festival

Last week, a group of children from Bramble and Laurel went to a sports festival where they tried a range of sports including Parkour, football and dance. They were great representatives of St. Mark's!



Year 2 Multi skills

Year 2 also had a chance to attend a multi skills festival on Monday this week and enjoyed trying all the different activities.

