



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 12
Spring Term
12th March 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Diary Dates

13th Mar	Rocksteady Concert in Hall
12th Mar	Netball Tournament @ St Paul's
16th Mar	Ready Set Dance Ardingly College
18th Mar	Hockey Festival Year 3 and 4 EGST
20th Mar	Comic Relief Day
23rd Mar	Netball festival Year 3 and 4 Warden Park
26th Mar	Bluebell trip To Brighton Sealife Centre Fern Trip to Brighton Model Museum
27th Mar	Easter Service
30th Mar	Easter
10th Apr	Holidays
13th Apr	Children Return To School
23rd Apr	Cricket Festival 4, 5 and 6 @ Burgess Hill
5th May	Bramble Trip to Ardingly College Shrek Performance
6th May	Tennis Festival @ Warden Park
11th May	SAT's
14th May	Week
15th May	Girls Football Ardingly College Year 5 & 6
22nd May	Sports Day
25th May	Half
29th May	Term
1st June	INSET Day
3rd June	Laurel STEM Day
19th June	Reserve Sports Day
22nd June	Laurel Outdoor Pursuits Day
6th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
20th July	INSET Day
21st July	INSET Day
22nd July	INSET Day

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief—Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March, we will be raising money for comic relief. The children have decided that they would like to wear red and have a bake sale. Please can we have donations of cakes for the sale on Friday morning and a suggested donation of £2 per child for the dressing up plus some money for cakes.

Easter Service

On Friday 27th March, we have our Easter Service at St. Mark's Church at 2pm. Families are welcome to take their children home after the service.

Worship Spot - Global Neighbours

As part of our work towards the Global Neighbours Bronze Award, we continue to encourage pupils to think about how they can make a positive difference both locally and globally.

We will keep collecting half-termly donations for the Handcross Pantry to support families in our local community, and Comic Relief will be one of the charities we support throughout the year.

Our Global Neighbours Ambassadors are working with Mrs Price to raise awareness of issues ranging from litter in our local area to the impact of climate change, and to explore how we can help care for the world around us.

For World Book Day we looked at the book, "My Name is Not Refugee" to raise the children's awareness of the plight of refugees and how we can be empathetic to all of our global neighbours. (Pictures on last page)

As Desmond Tutu said:

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Praise Postcards

The following children have received a postcard in the past few weeks: Isaac Abellan, Aria Benson, Connor Boakes, Joseph Boakes, Axel Booth, Louis Carlisle, Harper Clayton, Theo Clayton, Billy Coulton, Donnie Danniell, Emily Durrant, Harper Green, Leni Haddingham, Isabella Hartfield, Amara Heaven-Lewis, Thomas Holloway, Harley Humphreys, Chloe James, Hunter-Blu Kelly Wise, Freya Kidd, Daisy ayne, Lexi Pinnington, Phoebe Ramsden, Jack Robinson, Lilah Rowberry, Thomas Scrase, Aliyana Small, Teddy Stillwell, Edward Szajdzicki, Harry Talbott-Hawoth, Diezel Wheble,

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Safeguarding Spot— New government campaign to support parents to talk about harmful content

In a poll of over one thousand UK parents, most said they feel confident they understand online platforms - yet a quarter felt they don't know what their child is seeing.

Over half of British parents also said they haven't come across any resources to help them navigate these conversations. Nearly 3-quarters of parents have said they would feel comfortable correcting misinformation if properly equipped.

[For more information, please follow this link.](#)

Please see below some of events and updates for Haywards Heath Food Bank

Summer Clothes Open Day - Thursday 26 March 10-12

We will be holding an Open Day, providing summer clothing, 0-10years. This is a great opportunity for families to prepare for the warmer months.

Early Years Children and People Services -Thursday 26 March 10-12 -We will also have a Support Assistant with us to answer any questions families may have.

They can help you with:

finding childcare

applying for Early Years Funded Entitlement

finding local activities and support services

pregnancy and early child development

parenting

health advice for you and your family

- how to access local housing services
 - crisis support, such as emergency access to food and utilities
- personal finance and the benefits you may be entitled to.

Easter Referrals

If you have families who require support over the Easter period, please contact us by referral as soon as possible. We are very happy to assist but please ensure arrangements are made in good time. Thank you

Thursday 2nd April 10 am - 12 pm

HOPE will be joining to provide a sensory play and a drop in providing a friendly, warm environment, all are welcome to pop along for a comforting chat with others our volunteers and parents

Teddy Bears' Picnic Update

Our fourth Teddy Bears' Picnic is coming up soon! Friday 21 August 2026 - 12-2pm. Children are invited to bring their favourite teddy bear along for a fun-filled day of activities, More information will follow nearer the time.

Piano Lessons

My name is Laura and I am the piano teacher at St Marks. I have a space in my schedule after Easter so it would be lovely to meet some new faces! For those in year 2 - 6, I offer lessons in 20 minute slots, either individually for £15 or in pairs at a lower rate of £9 per student, invoiced half a term at a time. Your child will learn how to read music (and any favourite songs!) in a friendly and supportive environment, using the piano in the hall. If you are interested and don't have your own piano/keyboard then please still get in touch. My email address is pianowithlaura@outlook.com for any enquiries and to book a slot. If your child is in reception or year 1 then I can place them on the waiting list.

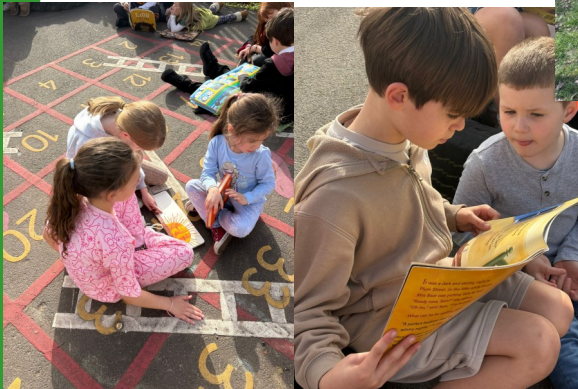


Tea towels

We have lots of tea towels left over so we are selling them off for £2 or three for £5. You can purchase them from the office or on MCAS. (MYAS/PAYMENTS).

World Book day

We had a lovely day last Thursday celebrating World Book Day in school. All the children were wonderful with each other with the older ones reading with the younger children.



Science Week workshops

This week is Science week and to celebrate, we had Hands On Science come into school to run workshops for each class. Laurel class looked at circulation and dissected a heart; Bramble did all about digestion; Fern did some experiments involving fire-works and Bluebell did experiments around what floats.



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