



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 15
Summer Term
8th May 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Diary Dates

11th May	SAT's
14th May	Week
12th May	Bramble Trip To Brighton Museum Year 5 - Quidditch Festival
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
24th June	Inspiring Minds Year 4 and 5 @ Ardingly College
25th June	Fern trip to Brighton Synagogue
26th June	Warden Park Induction Day
29th June	KS1 Multi Skills
6th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Christ Hospital
7th July	Sports Festival Year 5 and 6 @ St Pauls
17th July	End of Year Church Service
20th July	INSET Day
21st July	INSET Day
22nd July	INSET Day
1st Sept	INSET Day
2nd Sept	Children Return To School



INSET 1st June

We have an INSET day on Monday 1st June and then school ends on Friday 17th July as we have three INSET days the following week.

Year 6 SATs week

Next week, our Year 6's take their tests from Monday—Thursday. We are always so proud of how they handle themselves during these tests and how they take them in their stride. Please try to get all children in on time during these days so it's not disturbing them with children in the corridors or outside when they are trying to concentrate. The Church will be set up with a prayer space just for them so they can go over during the week.



Sports Day—22nd May

We are hoping the weather continues to be good for our Sports Day starting at 1pm on 22nd May. If we need to cancel due to weather, the reserve day is 19th June.

Bake Sales—Bramble 11th May

The next Bake sale is on Monday 11th May after school so don't forget to come ready to buy (or bake if you are Bramble class). Fern and Bluebell class have theirs the following week on Monday 18th May.



Class Photos— 16th June

We have the school photographer coming to take class photos on Tuesday 16th June. We will be sending out a permission form to fill in to allow your child to be part of this photo. Please ensure that you complete this form or your child will not be included in the photo.



Safeguarding spot - The Hidden Dangers of Pinterest

Pinterest tends to fly under the radar. Unlike Instagram or TikTok, it has never attracted the same level of public concern, it's older, it's built around image collections, and most parents consider it benign, if they think about it at all.

That perception is the problem. A recent blog post highlighted the dangers after supporting two families whose children had shared intimate images via Pinterest's direct messaging feature. In both cases, the parents had no idea the platform had a messaging function. The question worth considering isn't "what app is my child using?" but "what can that app actually do?"

Praise Postcards

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

Daisy Billington, Connor Boakes, Joseph Boakes, Axel Booth, Louis Carlisle, Billy Coulton, Emily Durrant, Florence Floyd, Barney Gaynor, Florrie Gaynor, Luca Gorvett, Leni Hadingham, Jasper Hardman, Maddison Hawkins, Albie Hobden, Ayla Hornett, Chloe James, Suki Moore, Daisy Payne, Lexi Pinnington, Caelan Power, Joe Ramsden, Gigi Riches, Mia Robinson, Thomas Scrase, Kip Szadzicki, Leo Tackie, Edward Walker, Star Wheble

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Worship spot

We pray over the next week for our Year 6's who are taking their SATs.



Dear Lord,

As our Year 6's take these exams, We thank you that their value is not based on their performance, but on your great love for us.

Come into their hearts so that we can walk through this time together.

Help them, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come their ways.

As they take these exams, bring back to their minds everything they studied and be gracious with what they have overlooked.

Help them to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in their ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with them.

Amen

Brighton Brick Festival

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

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NEW & RETIRED LEGO SETS

BUILD CHALLENGES

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

CHARITY TOMBOLA

MILLIONS OF LOOSE BRICKS

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27TH JUNE
AMEX STADIUM

BRIGHTON BRICK FESTIVAL

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

Tennis Festival

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children went to Warden Park Secondary School to take part in a tennis festival this week and had a brilliant time taking part in tennis activities.



Meet the Governor

We have wonderful governors at this school who volunteer to help the strategic direction of St. Mark's. To help you get to know them, this section will feature one per newsletter:

I am Helen Arnold, currently Chairman of the governors. I am now a LA Governor (appointed by West Sussex) and Churchwarden and Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Mark's church. A former Additional Governor for West Sussex with 30 years of governance at St Mark's, I have particular experience in staffing matters, church and ethos, safeguarding, SEND, teaching and learning and school collaboration. It remains a privilege and pleasure to serve the school community as a governor.



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