



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 16
Summer Term
21st May 2026

Diary Dates

22nd May	Sports Day
25th May	Half Term
29th May	Term
1st June	INSET Day
3rd June	Laurel STEM Day
9th June	Year 3 and 4 Cross Country
19th June	Reserve Sports Day
22nd June	Laurel Outdoor Pursuits Day
24th June	Inspiring Minds Year 4 and 5 @ Ardingly College
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
16th July	Year 6 Visit To Hollywood Bowl
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

Tea Towels

Handcross Hardware Store and The Jolly Tanners have kindly agreed to sell our wonderful Tea-Towels to raise money for our school.

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

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.

Class Photos— 16th June

We have the school photographer coming to take class photos on Tuesday 16th June. [Please fill out this permission](#) form to fill in to allow your child to be part of this photo. If it is not completed, your child will not be allowed to be in the photograph.



Children's Commissioner's—The Big Future

Dame Rachel de Souza wants to hear from children about their hopes and concerns for the future and what they think a good childhood looks like. You can help your child answer her questions by going to this [link and filling in her national 'The big Future' survey](#).

Safeguarding spot - Help shape the future of children's online safety

The Government is currently running a national consultation to gather views on how to improve children's digital wellbeing and ensure they can stay safe online.

The 'Growing up in the online world' survey asks everyone, including parents, carers and young people, to share their experiences of using social media, gaming platforms and AI chatbots, and the pressures these technologies place on daily family life.

[The consultation is open until Tuesday 26 May, and can be found here.](#)

Praise Postcards

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

Billy Bickerdike, Daisy Billington, Connor Boakes, Lilly-Mai Clingo, Billy Coulton, Esme Dowling, Emily Durrant, Florence Floyd, Arlo Frid, Jasper Hardman, Maddison Hawkins, Amara Heaver-Lewis, Albie Hobden, Ambrose Hobden, Olivia Horner, Harley Humphreys, Chloe James, Jaxon James, Hunter-Blu Kelly-Wise, Aiden Khazanehdari, Freya Kidd, Vinnie Koureas, Suki Moore, Ivy Neen-Gurney, Daisy Payne, Lexi Pinnington, Phoebe Ramsden, Jack Robinson, Thomas Scrase, Sophie Steadman, Mihaela Stoyanova, Ned Szajdzicki, KipSzajdzicki, Leo Tackie, Harry Talbott-Haworth, Alexander Tyler Tarrant, Edward Walker, Chloe Webber, Star Wheble, Reeve Young.

Sports Day—tomorrow 1pm

Just a reminder that all are welcome to attend our sports day tomorrow on the village green from 1pm. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream as it is due to be warm.



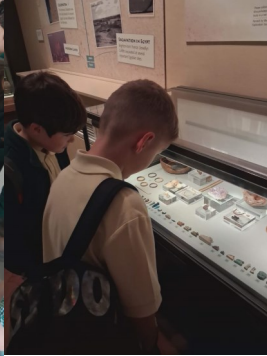
Parking notice

We have had reports of a dark navy range rover parking in the drive way next door which is blocking children from crossing and making it difficult for cars to pass, as well as potentially blocking in our neighbours. Please refrain from parking across the drive-way.

Together, in God's love, we will shine

Worship spot—Year 6 prayer spaces

A big thank you to Rev. Carl and St. Mark's Church for setting up a lovely prayer space for our Year 6's during SATs week—they loved going over after their tests each day and having a space to reflect, chill and be together.



Bramble trip to Brighton Museum

Last week, Bramble class had a wonderful time at Brighton Museum learning all about the ancient Egyptians. We explored the process of mummification and looked at their Egyptian artefacts. As part of this, we were lucky enough to be able to actually hold some artefacts that were thousands of years old!

Quidditch Tournament

Last week, Year 5 attended Cottesmore School to take part in a Quidditch day—they learnt how to play the sport, and got to see some owls! In the afternoon, there was a tournament and St. Mark's won!



Year 6 hoodies

We are very proud of how well our Year 6's coped with their SATs last week and they received their hoodies on the last day!

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'm Dan Holmes and I've been Staff Governor for some years now and a teacher for well over twenty years in a range of settings and year groups. It's a rewarding role, as it affords opportunities to contribute to school development whilst helping other governors better understand the joys and challenges of life 'at the coal face'.

Outside of school, I enjoy running, cooking, eating out, reading and listening to Radio 3. I am obsessed with dogs and look after other people's dogs (including our wonderful Clementine) on a regular basis.

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Foam play | Painting

Squidgy SEND Play Day

@ Mid Sussex Best Start Hub,
51 Penn Crescent, Haywards Heath, RH16 3HP

Friday 29th May 2026

10am-12pm
1pm-3pm

Water play

Open to families of children with special educational needs up to 11yrs

Call 01444 255499 to book your free space

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