



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 17
Summer Term
11th June 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Diary Dates

15th June	FGM - 1 pm
16th June	Class Photographs
19th June	Year 5 - Science Day
	Martlets Cup
	Sports day
	Year 3 and 4
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
3rd July	Break The Rules Day
6th July	Year 6 Leavers
1.30pm	Service at Christ Hospital
3.20 pm	Uniform Sale
7th July	Sports Festival
	Year 5 and 6 @ St Pauls
10th July	Rock Steady
9 am	Concert
	Summer Disco
14th July	Bag2School
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

Upcoming dates:

With the end of term coming fast upon us, here are a few key dates for you all:

- 3rd July—Break the Rules day. Details coming soon with rules you can break.
- 6th July—second hand uniform sale after school
- 9am 10th July—Rocksteady concert in the hall
- 10th July —FOSM disco after school
- 10th July—Reports home to parents
- 5pm 14th July— Laurel performance of Shakespeare Rocks in the hall (letter about tickets coming next week)
- 2pm Friday 17th July—Leavers service at St. Mark's—all welcome and then can take children home afterwards.

Worship spot

With World Oceans Day this week, we have been thinking about how we can protect the oceans. Maybe have a conversation at home about what you can do as a family to help.

Tea Towels

Handcross Hardware Store and The Jolly Tanners have kindly agreed to sell our wonderful Tea-Towels to raise money for our school, please support them and purchase a few.

Safeguarding spot - Domestic Abuse

With the World Cup starting, it is useful to bear in mind that such sporting events often lead to an increase in incidents of domestic violence.

A 2013 Lancaster University study found a 38% increase in domestic abuse reports when England loses, and 26% when they win or draw. During Euro 2024, police forces recorded 351 football-related domestic abuse incidents across England and Wales, up from 193 in 2021.

Football doesn't cause domestic abuse, but incidents can increase or become more severe around key matches. If you need help, for local and national support services go to: www.womensaid.org.uk If you are worried about your behaviour in a relationship, go to: www.respect.uk.net

Praise Postcards

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

Billy Bickerdike, Joseph Boakes, Sam Bostock, Theo Clayton, Billy Coulton, Esme Dowling, Emily Durrant, Aaron Fenn, Arlo Frid, Luca Gorvett, Leni Hadingham, Ambrose Hobden, Eli Hocken, Olivia Horner, Chloe James, Jaxon James, Summer Joslova, Hunter-Blu Kelly-Wise, Freya Kidd Finley Land-Smith, Ivy Neen-Gurney, Archie, Rafael Parisi, DaisyPayne, Lexi Pinnington, Harvey Ponsford, Una Power, Lila Roddy, Lilah Rowberry, Mihaela Stoyanova, Leo Tackie

Together, in God's love, we will shine

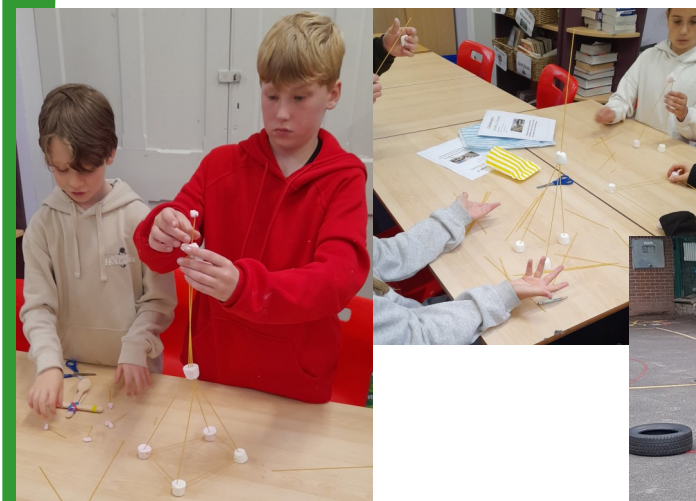
Y5 Science Day

Four of our Y5 children went to a Science day at Christ's Hospital this week. The children had to solve the case of the stolen donuts. The children got to examine plant and blood samples in Biology as well as the flame test and testing fingerprints and Chemistry and the afternoon in physics testing out glass sample and using the UV light. A great day was had by all and we managed to guess the correct suspect, followed by donuts to celebrate.



Laurel STEM day

Last week, Laurel had a STEM activity day where they got to do all sorts of team building activities. They had a wonderful day in and out the classroom.



School Lunches as of September 2026

From September 2026, school meals St Mark's will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Great news on price too, meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is **25p less than the current charge**. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply to-day www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/. To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the **School Office**.

Toys in School

Please remember that we not to allow your child/ren to bring random toys from home. Children should not store any items in their school bag, or bring them out at playtime.

Fuse Youth Club

A weekly Friday evening youth club for young people aged 10-16. Fuse runs every Friday from 6:00-9:00pm at the Old School in Cuckfield. It is a fun, relaxed, and fully supervised space where young people can play games, watch movies, eat together, chill out, and spend time with friends. As we are coming towards the end of the school year, Fuse is now open to all children currently in Year 5, regardless of age, as well as those in Year 6. This gives the current Year 5s a chance to come along, get settled in, and become familiar with Fuse before they move into Year 6 in September. You can also find out more here: <https://oldschoolcuckfield.com/fuse-youth-club> If your child is interested in coming along, please enrol using the link below. This is not a booking form, but it makes sure we have all the information we need: <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/-/forms/42ruugcc> Please also book a place for this Friday's session using the link below: <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/mo4d0mvc>