

ST. MARK'S CE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



7th October 2026

Dear Parents, Carers
and Children,

Shoebox appeal and Children in Need

We have partnered with the Church to run the Shoebox appeal this year. We are encouraging families to fill a shoebox with small gifts and toys and bring them to school on Tuesday 10th Nov so they can get to other children in time for Christmas. On the 13th Nov, it is Children in Need and any children that have bought a shoebox can dress up on that day in their own clothes.

Child starting school September 2027?

Is your child turning 4 before 31st August 2027? You can apply for a place in our lovely Bluebell class from this to start school next September via this link. If you would like a tour, please get in touch and tell your friends about us too. We only have 15 spaces in our beautiful Bluebell class so contact the office to book a tour.



Parents/carers Consultations

Parents/carers consultations are coming up on **Monday 19th** and **Thursday 22nd October** to see your child/ren class teacher. Appointments to speak to our Inclusion Lead, Martha Button, telephone appointments will be from 8am on **Wednesday 21st October**. Bookings are open now on MCAS.

Safeguarding spot - No children to press exit button

Please don't allow your children to press the gate exit button when leaving the school. We have the rule that they are not allowed to in school for safeguarding reasons and it's confusing if parents are allowing this at other times. Thank you with your support in keeping all our children safe.

Praise Postcards

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

Florence Amos, Georgia Bentley, Billy Bickerdike, Connor Boakes, Joseph Boakes, Axel Booth, Georgina Bostock, Matej Bukovsky, Louis Carlisle, Freddie Cartmell, Harper Clayton, Theo Clayton, Lilly-Mai Clingo, Esme Dowling, Harper Dowling, Emily Durrant, Aaron Fenn, Florence Floyd, Isabella Gorvett, Harper Green, Leni Hadingham, Isabella Hartfield, Ambrose Hobden, Archie-Bear Kelly-Wise, Hunter-Blu Kelly-Wise, Aiden Khazanehdari, Freya Kidd, Vinnie Koureas, Jaycee Lee-Ansell, Bobby Manthorpe, Suki Moore, Ivy Neen-Gurney, Archie, Rafael Parisi, Daisy Payne, Lily-Mae Payne, Lexi Pinnington, Woody Plant, Wilfred Potter, Caelan Power, Una Power, Joe Ramsden, Phoebe Ramsden, Gigi Riches, Jack Robinson, Mia Robinson, Lorcan Roddy, Aliyana Small, Lorenzo Smith, Sienna Smith, Teddy Stillwell, Mihaela Stoyanova, Kip Szajdzicki, Gaia Tackie, Leo Tackie, Edward Walker, Chloe Webber, Star Wheble

Diary Dates

- 12 Oct – PGL Residential Laurel
- 14th Oct – Class
- 19th Oct – Parents Evening
- 20th Oct – Cross County Year 4/5/6
- 21st Oct – SEN Parents Meetings
FGB
- 22nd Oct – Parents Evening
- 26th Oct – Half Term
- 30th Oct
- 3rd Nov – Staplefield Bonfire Night
- 10th Nov - Shoeboxes due in
- 11th Nov – Remembrance Service
- 13th Nov – Children in Need
- 17th Nov – Sports Crew Traiing
- 25th Nov – Get Active Dolphin –
Year 5 & 6
- 2nd Dec – Girls Indoor Cricket Year
4/5 & 6
- 4th Dec - FOSM Christmas Fayre
- 8th Dec - Bluebell and Fern Nativity
- 9th Dec Bluebell and Fern Nativity
- 18th Dec – Christingle service
- 21st Jan - Christmas Holidays
- 4th Jan – Return to School

Worship spot - Harvest thanks from the Foodbank team

We wanted to say a big thank you to all of the children, parents and carers for their generous harvest gifts and to all of the very kind parents that helped load the car this morning! We are extremely grateful.

This amazing photo shows all of all the harvest donations from St.Marks.



A guide to keeping kids healthy this school year

As children head back to school and we move closer to winter, now is a good time to familiarise ourselves with some of the common illnesses that can cause disruption to children's time in school during the colder months. A recently published guide from the UK Health and Security Agency is available here. It includes about teaching good hygiene habits and when to keep your child at home.

Wraparound care

Don't forget that our wraparound care is now being run by the amazing Busy B's including some wonderful members of our school staff team including Mrs Brewer and Mrs Bean. They are running breakfast club every morning and fun activities after school including some brilliant sport clubs and more indoor clubs coming soon. To book in, email busybsafterschool@gmail.com

Second hand uniform sale - 19th Oct

FOSM are holding a second hand uniform sale after school on Monday 19th October on the playground. This is a chance to buy some extra uniform for your children at a really good price from £1 per item.

Year 6 transfer to secondary school

The deadline to apply for secondary school for our Year 6 pupils is fast approaching. Parents/carers must submit their preferences by 31st October on the WSCC website here.

No pets on the playground

Just a reminder that no pets are allowed on the playground. This is due to insurance and health and safety. We appreciate your understanding on this matter.