



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School



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Newsletter Friday 3rd September 2021

Welcome back to another school year at St. Mark's. We hope that this year is without any disruptions and we can get back to normality.

We welcome 22 children to our Nursery class, 6 new children to our Reception class, 1 new child to Year 2 and Year 4.

We are no long staggering start and finish times. Doors open at 8:45am and lessons will commence at 8:55am. School will finish for all classes at 3:10pm.

Entry doors are as follows:

Rec/Y1/Y2 - Classroom doors
Y3/Y5 - Playground doors (near EYFS)
Y4/Y6 - Leathers Lane doors

Exit doors are as follows:

Rec/Y1/Y2 - Classroom doors
Y3 - Playground door (near EYFS)
Y4/Y5 - Hall side doors
Y6 - Leathers Lane doors

PE Timetable

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Rec, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

Children should come to school in their school PE kit and trainers. They may wear their school jumper/cardigan and leggings/joggers for warmth in colder weather. Children should not wear football kits.

Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 will start their swimming lessons at Halewood Leisure Centre every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. A letter will be sent home on Monday with further information. Children with long hair should wear a swimming cap.

Music

Children in Year 4 and Year 5 will receive a Music lesson every Tuesday afternoon from Mrs Summers, a specialist Music teacher.

Computing

Year 6 will receive a Computing lesson every Friday afternoon and Year 5 will receive a Computing lesson every Monday afternoon by a specialist teacher.

Spanish

Year 3 and Year 6 will receive Spanish lessons every Monday afternoon from a specialist Spanish teacher.



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School Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Friday 10th September. Due to Covid we are not permitted to have children within school who are aren't currently on role. A letter and request form for these photographs will be sent home on Monday.

Uniform

Please ensure you put your child's name inside all uniform to ensure they can be returned to the rightful owner should they get lost.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am till 8:45am and is open to children from Nursery to Year 6. There will be a small increase to the cost of Breakfast Club this year of 20p per day, therefore the cost will be £2.20 per day. Places are still limited this term and we will still work on a booking in system until further notice. If you require a place, please email the school office - stmarks@knowsley.gov.uk.

Dinner Money

Dinner money continues to be £10.50 per week (£2.10 a day) and should be paid in advance via Parentpay.

If dinner money exceeds two or more weeks, please provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt has been paid.

Children in Year 3 no longer receive the Universal Free School Meals, therefore children who do not qualify for means tested free school meals should set up a Parentpay account. Please request an activation letter from the school office if you would like to set up an account to pay for meals online.

To apply for free school meals, please visit

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/school-meals-and-menus> and complete the online application.

Our Autumn menu is available to view on our website. Paper copies are available from the school office.

School App

Parent/carers of new starters will receive a text message soon with an invitation to join our school app. If you have previously had the school app and need to redownload it to your device, please visit our website for instructions.

Term Dates

Term dates are available on our school app and website.