



21st July 2023

St. Mark's Newsletter



In a caring Christian community together we love, learn, laugh and achieve.

End of Term:

It has been a very busy final half term. We have achieved so much this year all of which has been outlined in Miss Bradshaw's letter sent home this week. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Summer, lets hope the weather improves so that we can all enjoy the great outdoors and recharge our batteries ready for the new academic year.

Upcoming dates for September:

Children return to school at 8:45am on Monday 4th September, 8:30am for Nursery.

Year 6 start their swimming lessons on Tuesday 5th September. Lessons are every Tuesday and Wednesday and last for 4 weeks. A letter will be sent home with further information.

Individual school photographs will be taken on Friday 8th September.

Year 6:

We say goodbye to all the children in Year 6. We wish them the very best of luck as they move to their secondary schools in September: St. Julie's, Halewood Academy, St. Hilda's, Gateacre School, Saint Edmund Arrowsmith, St. Edwards College, Bellerive, St. Margarets, St. Nicholas' Academy and St. John Bosco. We hope they have enjoyed their time at St. Mark's and are looking forward to their next adventure. They will be missed here at St. Mark's.

End of Year Reports:

Reports have been sent home with children last week.

School Admissions:

EYFS - we have 30 children starting Reception in September. All parents have received a booklet outlining starting arrangements and provision for the Early Years Foundation stage.

If you have a child due to have their 3rd birthday this year please fill in an application form for Nursery as soon as possible.

We say goodbye to a lovely student from Year 3 this year. We wish her the best of luck in her new school.

In September, we will only have one place in the whole school.

School term time dates 2023 - 24 - see school website/app:

Paper copies are available from the school office.

Reading Plus Awards:

We were delighted to find out that we have won the 'Most Reading Lessons on Average (KS2)' and 'Most Progress Achieved (KS2)' We have won a £50 Amazon voucher to spend on school resources.

Dinner Money:

The cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will receive a free school meal every day. Children moving up in to Year 3 will no longer receive universal free school meals. If your child is not in receipt of means tested free school meals they will be required to set up a ParentPay account to pay for their school meals. A letter has been sent home regarding this.

We advise **all** parents to complete the Free School Meals application form online before September as you may be eligible.

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

School Uniform:

School uniform is available from Laser Schoolwear, 46 St. Mary's Road, Garston, L19 2JD, tel. No: 0151 494 9455. PE kits, book bags and ties are also available from school. Children should wear black school shoes, not trainers. May we also remind parents/carers that only stud earrings and watches are allowed (smart watches are not permitted). Nail varnish and false nails are not allowed.

Don't forget **Halewood Uni-Wise** is open every Saturday morning until 26th August, 10am—12pm at St Nicholas' Centre, Church Road, L26 6LA.



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Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will open on Monday 4th September 2023 at 8:00am till 8:45am (doors close at 8:30am). The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.20 per day. We are still working on a booking in basis. Any children who already have a place will keep their place in September (please notify school if you no longer require it). If you require a place, please email the school office -stmarks@knowsley.gov.uk.

FSM Vouchers:

Those parents/carers who receive means tested free school meals have received a Wonde voucher this week via text/email to cover the six weeks Summer holiday. This is funded by Knowsley Council.

Start and end times:

Doors open each morning at 8:45am. School finishes at 3:10pm for Reception and at 3:15pm for Years 1-6.

Entry doors are as follows:

Rec/Nursery - Classroom door

Y1/Y2 - Leathers Lane door

Y3/Y5 - Playground door (near EYFS)

Y4/Y6 - Leathers Lane door

Exit doors are as follows:

Nursery - Fir Avenue main door

Rec - Classroom door

Y1/Y2 - Classroom door

Y3 - Playground door (near classroom)

Y4/Y5 - Hall doors

Y6 - Leathers Lane door

Staffing for September 2023

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Mrs Martin	Mrs Lee (Thurs / Fri am) Mrs Costello (Mon / Tue / Wed am)
Reception	Miss Vondy	Mrs Lunt, Mrs L Taylor
Year 1	Miss Dally	Mrs Perrin (am), Miss Woods Mrs Costello (Mon / Tue / Wed pm) Mrs Lee (Thurs / Fri pm)
Year 2	Miss McKimm	Mrs Luff, Miss Ashton, Mrs Rigby (am)
Year 3	Miss Wilson	Mrs Kaye, Mrs Williams (am)
Year 4	Miss Trelfa	Miss Berry, Mr Cushion (am)
Year 5	Miss Wellington	Mrs Mason, Mrs Williams (pm)
Year 6	Miss Ferguson / Miss Dutton	Mrs H Taylor, Mrs Perrin (pm)

We sadly say goodbye and thankyou to Miss Doyle and Mrs Dunbar. We wish them both lots of luck and success in their new ventures. They will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils and have been a asset to St. Mark's school. We also say goodbye to Mr Noblett our PE teacher who is leaving us to pursue a teaching role in Dubai. We wish him and his family all the best for the future. Sadly our Music teacher Mrs Summers is also leaving us. She has been an excellent Music teacher over the years and will be missed.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Trelfa and Mrs L Taylor to our St. Mark's Family in September. We are sure they will settle in well and soon feel part of our school community.

Finally—we look forward to seeing you in September and wish you the loveliest of Summers!