



## End of Term:

It has been a very busy final half term. We are so proud of what we have achieved this year all of which has been outlined in Miss Bradshaw's letter sent home yesterday. We celebrated our achievements today with a visit from an ice-cream van for all pupils and staff who arrived during our morning assembly. It was lovely to see the children so excited when the ice-cream van drove on to red zone whilst they were sat in assembly.



## Year 6:

We say goodbye to all the children in Year 6. It has been a very emotional day and we will miss them all dearly. We wish them luck in their new schools in September; St. Julies, Halewood Academy, St. Peter & Paul's Catholic School, Saint Francis Xavier's and Archbishop C of E.

## School Admissions:

We have 18 new children starting Reception in September.

From September we are offering 15 hours or 30 hours Government funded childcare during term time. If you have a child who is due to turn 3 soon, please make sure you complete an application form.

## 2024-2025 Term Dates:

Term dates can be found on our school website and app or alternatively if you would like a paper copy, please call in to the school office.

## Dinner Money:

The cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 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 to receive free school meals.

<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. Winter tracksuits are a new addition to our uniform collection available at the shop. PE kits, book bags and ties are 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 24th August, 10am—12pm at St Nicholas' Centre, Church Road, L26 6LA. If you have any unwanted good quality uniform, please drop it off freshly laundered during their opening hours.

## Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will open on Wednesday 4th September at 8:00am till 8:45am (doors close at 8:30am). The cost of Breakfast Club is remaining at £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 help towards food for the six weeks Summer holiday. This is funded by Knowsley Council.



# ST. MARK'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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

## Attendance:

Congratulations to George from Reception, Imogen, Joel and Lacey from Year 1, Hollie from Year 3, Amelia C, Eliza and Lily from Year 4, Dominic, Christopher, Matilda and Elliana from Year 5 and Lealand and Ethan Mc from Year 6 who achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year which is an amazing achievement. They were all awarded with a special gift in assembly this morning.

A massive 82 children achieved 100% attendance this half term. Congratulations to those children too.

## Start and end times:

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September. Doors open each morning at 8:45am. School finishes at 3:10pm for Reception and at 3:15pm for Years 1-6. Nursery doors open at 8:30am.

Entry doors are as follows:

Rec/Nursery - Classroom door

Y1/Y2 - Leathers Lane door

Y3/4/5/6 - 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

## A Few Farewells:

We say farewell and thank you to Miss Dutton who has taught in Year 6 at St. Mark's for the last year. She has been a valued member of staff during her time here and we wish her well in her new teaching role.

We also say farewell to Mrs Hughson from Breakfast Club who is retiring this year. She has worked at St. Mark's for many years, firstly as a cleaner, then as Breakfast Club Assistant. She makes the most delicious toast, always has a lovely smile for our children of a morning and will be sadly missed by staff and pupils. However on a more happier note, we are welcoming Mrs Alexander back to Breakfast Club in September.

Miss Sellers who has been working in Year 6 this Summer term is also moving on to new pastures. She has been a delight to have working here and we wish her the best of luck in her new job role.

Finally, as you are aware Mrs Martin is leaving us to start a new role as Headteacher in a Primary school in St. Helens. She will be sadly missed by children and staff, however we wish her the best of luck and know that she will make a fabulous Headteacher.

All the staff at St. Mark's wish you all a restful and enjoyable Summer, lets hope the weather is kind to us so that we can all enjoy the great outdoors and recharge our batteries ready for the new academic year.



**End of Year Special Awards**  
**Congratulations to the following children**

Ambassador Award		Progress Award	
Rosalia	NURS	Alma	NURS
Lake	REC	Theo C	REC
Florence	YEAR 1	Zach	YEAR 1
Jasmine	YEAR 2	Lottie	YEAR 2
Donnie	YEAR 3	Oliver	YEAR 3
Amelia	YEAR 4	Joey	YEAR 4
Jacob	YEAR 5	Thomas	YEAR 5
Olivia-Mae	YEAR 6	Ethan Mc	YEAR 6

