



# ST. MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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

## Welcome back:

Welcome back to a new academic year at St. Mark's. It was great to see so many happy pupils return to school, every one of them looking extremely smart. We welcome 18 new pupils into Reception, 14 pupils into Nursery, 1 new pupil into Year 2 and a new pupil to Year 3. We hope they had a very successful and enjoyable first few days at St. Mark's.

Can you please ensure all uniform has your child's name and class clearly marked inside.

You may have noticed that we have a new noticeboard on the wall as you come in through Leathers Lane gates. We feel this will help with communication.

## A few reminders:

School starts at 8:50am. Doors open at 8:45am and close promptly at 8:55am. The end of the school day is 3:15pm (Reception is 3:10pm)

Nursery doors open at 8:30am.

Children in Years 1 - 6 may bring a healthy snack in to school for morning break.

Children should bring a reusable water bottle with them each day, which can be filled as required from our water station. Juice is not allowed.

Jewellery must not be worn, stud earrings and watches (not digital) are acceptable.

Dogs are not permitted on to the school grounds.

Adults and children should disembark from their bikes/scooters and walk across the playground on school grounds.

## After school Clubs

**Monday** 3:15-4:15pm Year 5/6 Football

We are still in the processing of organising further clubs, these will be advertised next week.

## Term Dates:

Term dates can be found on our school website and school app.

## PE Days

Nursery—Tuesday and Wednesday

Reception—Monday and Wednesday

Year 1—Monday and Thursday

Year 2—Tuesday and Wednesday (Swimming Lessons)

Year 3—Monday and Tuesday

Year 4—Wednesday and Friday

Year 5—Monday and Thursday

Year 6—Monday and Wednesday

## Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Year 2 start their swimming lessons on Tuesday 10th September. Lessons run for 4 weeks, every Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will need to bring their swimming costume, towel, goggles (optional), swimming cap (long hair only). They may bring a healthy snack for the walk home. They can come to school wearing their PE kits to make changing easier for them.

## Attendance:

Congratulations to Year 1 who achieved 100% attendance this week. To celebrate their achievement, they are rewarded with an own clothes day next Friday.

We promote a good attendance and punctually ethos at St. Mark's. Attendance is an extremely important aspect in your child's education. We are unable to authorise holidays so please try to refrain from booking holidays during term time.

A letter was sent home yesterday with important information regarding attendance and penalty notices.

## School Meals:

Our lunch menu is available to view on our school app, website, noticeboard or paper copies are available from the school office.

School meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Year 3 to 6 who do not qualify

	Attendance	Punctuality
REC	94%	99%
YEAR 1	100%	100%
YEAR 2	96%	98%
YEAR 3	94%	99%
YEAR 4	90%	99%
YEAR 5	95%	98%
YEAR 6	93%	100%
Whole School	95%	99%

for means tested free school meals, should pay for their school meals by logging in to <https://www.parentpay.com/>.

If you have not already set up an account, please request an activation letter from the school office.

School meals cost £2.40 per day (£12 per week) and should be paid in advance.

To apply for free school meals, please complete the application form on Knowsley Councils website. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 we still advise that you apply

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

## Important dates

Please put these dates in to your diary

Stay and Pray—Year 1 and 2 parents/carers—8th October 2:45pm

Stay and Pray—Nursery and Reception parent/carers—7th November at 2:45pm

Parents meetings 27th and 28th November. More information will be sent home nearer the time.

**Change to menu**—Monday 9th September Sausages and chips (vegetarian option available)

Tuesday 10th September—All day breakfast (vegetarian option available)

We apologise that the menu has changed this is due to an ordering error within the kitchen.