

# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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

## School Admissions:

### **Parents of pre school children –**

The closing date to apply for a Primary school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 via your Local Authority website.

**Important Reminder** – A Supplementary Faith form and proof of baptism must also be provided to school if you are applying under the Faith criteria.

## Trip payment reminder:

### **Reception – Calderstones Storybarn**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### **Year 1-6 Christmas Panto –**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

We have booked for our Nursery to visit Croxteth Park Farm and Grotto on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will be sent home soon with payment information.

## Parents' Afternoon – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November:

Letters will be sent home soon with details on how to book a time slot with your child's teacher for Parents' Afternoon.

## Stay and Pray:

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2 are invited to a Stay and Pray on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45pm.

Nursery and Reception will hold their Stay and Pray on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm.

## PTA Christmas Tree Light Switch on:

You are all invited to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4:00pm for our Christmas tree light switch on. Thankyou to our PTA who are organising this event which will be a lovely start to our festive activities in school. Food and drink will be available to buy.

## Christmas Movie Night:

We are so excited to be organising another Christmas movie night. This year promises to be even bigger and better. Tickets cost £5.00 per child. Letters have been sent home with details on how to pay.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y4-6

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y1-3

## Swimming Lessons:

Year 3 continues next Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Bikeability:

Year 5 will be taking part in the new Knowsley scheme to encourage all pupils to be confident and safe whilst riding their bikes. Bike Right will supply bikes and helmets for all sessions at no cost. The dates for these sessions will be 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The children will be in groups of six and we will let you know nearer the time the specific date for your child so they can come to school wearing the appropriate clothing. Please inform school if you do not wish your child to take part.

## Balance Ability – Reception & Year 1

Thank you to those parents that have already returned the consent forms for Balance Ability. Please be reminded consent forms need to be returned for your child to take part.

## Boys Football:

After winning all four of their group games and a tense semi-final, the boys were crowned champions after a fantastic performance in the final at Finch Farm. We are so proud of them and think we have an exciting team for the future. 🏆

## Attendance League:

Year 4 pupils and staff had a fabulous time on Thursday at their Glow Disco to celebrate winning the Attendance League. Proof that it really does pay off to 'SHOW UP TO GLOW UP'. Year 6 enjoyed a movie/toy afternoon for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> position. Reception will be enjoying a movie soon for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Who will take the top spot next term?

A quick reminder that holidays are not authorised during term time and you may receive a fine. If you are planning a holiday in the future, maybe consider tagging it to a school holiday to reduce the amount of time missing from school.



## Attendance League

| League Position | Class     | Total Points | Next Fixture        |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Year 6    | 4            | Nursery Vs Year 2   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Year 3    | 4            |                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Year 2    | 3            | Reception Vs Year 4 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Reception | 3            |                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Year 5    | 2            | Year 1 Vs Year 6    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Nursery   | 1            |                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Year 4    | 1            | Year 5 Vs Year 3    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Year 1    | 1            |                     |

|              | Attendance | Punctuality |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Nursery      | 88%        | 99%         |
| Reception    | 90%        | 98%         |
| Year 1       | 85%        | 94%         |
| Year 2       | 95%        | 99%         |
| Year 3       | 93%        | 97%         |
| Year 4       | 91%        | 98%         |
| Year 5       | 90%        | 100%        |
| Year 6       | 94%        | 98%         |
| Whole School | 91%        | 97%         |



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## Student of the Week

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Nursery   | Eva       |
| Reception | Lola-Rose |
| Year 1    | Matas     |
| Year 2    | AJ        |
| Year 3    | Cristina  |
| Year 4    | Rawaan    |
| Year 5    | Daisy     |
| Year 6    | Nate      |

## Reading Award

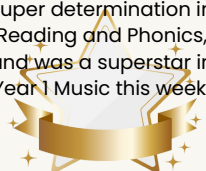
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| Nursery   | Lilly     |
| Reception | Chigo     |
| Year 1    | Sidney    |
| Year 2    | Harrison  |
| Year 3    | Florence  |
| Year 4    | Annie-Mae |
| Year 5    | Annie J   |
| Year 6    | Harper    |

## Good Manners

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Nursery   | Sienna   |
| Reception | Blair    |
| Year 1    | Alma     |
| Year 2    | Sofia    |
| Year 3    | Thea-Blu |
| Year 4    | Leighton |
| Year 5    | Hollie   |
| Year 6    | Elsie    |

## Headteacher Award

Delilah from Year 1 for settling back into school after half term with a great attitude towards her learning. She is also showing super determination in Reading and Phonics, and was a superstar in Year 1 Music this week.



## House Points Winners

Well done to **Wilson** who have won iPad time.

## After School Clubs

- Mon - Gymnastics - Year 1/2 (Selected children)
  - Mon - Maths Challenge Club - Year 5/6
  - Tues - Indoor Athletics - Year 5/6
  - Tues - TTRockstars - Year 3/4
  - Wed - Girls Football - Year 3-6 (Selected children)
  - Wed - Healthy Families Workshop - Year 3-6 (Selected children)
  - Wed - Tuition - Year 6 (Selected children)
  - Thurs - Sing Club - Year 3-6
  - Thurs - Craft Club - School Council and Worship Warriors
- All clubs start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm. Clubs will vary and rotate throughout the year.