

# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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

## Welcome back to a new term:

A very warm welcome back to school. We hope you all had a restful and joyful Christmas break. We welcome four new pupils to Nursery and two new pupils in Years 2 and 6. We also welcome a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Daly. We wish them every success at St. Mark's.

Once again it is looking to be another busy term. Below are some important dates for your diary.

**Wed 14/01/26** - VR Workshop for Years 3-6

**Wed 14/01/26** - Road Safety for Year 6

**W/B 26/01/26** - Aspirations week

**Wed 28/01/26** - Reception Hearing tests

**Fri 30/01/26** - Children can come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they are older.

**Fri 30/01/26** - Apprentice stalls - further information will be shared nearer the date

**Wed 04/02/26** - Reception Vision tests

**W/B 09/02/26** - Mental Health week

**Fri 13/02/26** - Break up for half term 3:15pm

**Mon 23/02/26** - Start of Spring term 2

**Thurs 05/03/26** - World Book Day

**Wed 11/03/26** - Road Safety for Year 5

**Wed 18/03/26** - Parents' Evening

**Thurs 19/03/26** - Parents' Evening

**Tues 31/03/26** - Easter Production Year 3/4

**Wed 01/04/26** - Easter Production Year 3/4

**Wed 01/04/26** - End of term 3:15pm

## Mothers' Day Stay and Pray - 2:45pm

**Tues 10/03/26** - Nursery and Reception

**Wed 11/03/26** - Year 3 & 4

**Thurs 12/03/26** - Year 1 & 2

**Fri 13/03/26** - Year 5 & 6

All parents and carers are invited to attend to join us in celebrating Mothers' Day.

## Swimming Lessons:

Year 4 continue with their swimming lessons every Tuesday and Wednesday for 5 further weeks. Year 5 will start their lessons on Tuesday 24/02/26.

## Ukulele:

Year 6 will receive Ukulele lessons every Wednesday this term.



Follow us on Instagram and see more of what we are up to! - StMarksHalewood

## Year 6 Residential:

We have once again booked for our Year 6 pupils to attend PGL for their end of school reward trip. We will be leaving on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and will return on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Letters have been sent home this week with information. A deposit of £50.00 to secure a place for your child is required by the end of January. Payment will only be accepted by Parentpay for PGL. Parentpay activation letters have been sent home today to those parents/carers who have not already set up an account.

## Dinner Money:

Please ensure dinner money is paid for in advance each week via Parentpay. We advise all parents/carers who pay for school meals to log in to Parentpay to check their accounts regularly. If an account is two or more weeks overdue, please provide a packed lunch until the debt has been paid.

## Breakfast Club:

We now only accept payment for Breakfast Club through Parentpay. If you have not already set up a Parentpay account, please speak to Mrs Connolly from the school office who will be happy to help. Breakfast club should be paid in advance and not exceed two or more weeks.

## Attendance League:

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning last terms Attendance League. They are rewarded with a Glow Party on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January after school at 3:15-4:15pm.

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.

Remember you have to show up to glow up!  
#MissSchool #MissOut



## Attendance League

League Position	Class	Total Points	Next Fixture
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4	8	Nursery v Year 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception	5	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2	3	Reception v Year 4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3	3	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5	2	Year 1 v Year 6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	2	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	1	Year 5 v Year 3
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1	1	

	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	93%	99%
Reception	96%	98%
Year 1	85%	93%
Year 2	95%	98%
Year 3	96%	96%
Year 4	99%	97%
Year 5	92%	98%
Year 6	92%	98%
Whole School	94%	97%

## Student of the Week

Nursery	Lilly L
Reception	Lucy
Year 1	Trixie
Year 2	Mia
Year 3	Isaac
Year 4	Holly
Year 5	Grace
Year 6	Lucia

## Reading Award

Nursery	Derry
Reception	Jackson
Year 1	Matas
Year 2	Elka
Year 3	Addison
Year 4	Olivia
Year 5	Archie
Year 6	Nate

## Good Manners

Nursery	Finn
Reception	Lucia
Year 1	Elissa
Year 2	Mikey
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Rawaan
Year 5	James
Year 6	Annie-Mae

## Headteacher Award

Joel from Year 3 - for always trying his best in class and being helpful and well mannered around school. He is a super star!



## House Points Winners

Well done to Donaldson who have won tea and toast.

## After School Clubs

- Mon - Gymnastics - Y3/4 (selected children)
- Wed - Seated Volleyball - Y5/6 (for one week only)
- Thurs - Sing Club - Y3-6

All clubs start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm. Clubs will vary and rotate throughout the year.