

# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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

## Chinese Dragon Assembly:

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Liverpool Hung Gar Kung Fu Club into school to perform a traditional Dragon Dance for our children. It was a truly fantastic opportunity for them to experience this spectacular cultural tradition up close. Please visit our Instagram page to watch videos from the performance and see just how much the children and staff enjoyed this memorable event.

## Mental Health Week:

During Mental Health Week, all classes explored the theme of belonging, encouraging pupils to reflect on what it means to feel included and valued. On Friday, the school was a wonderful display of colour, with children and staff wearing their class colour to symbolise belonging within their class community.

Thank you to the families who generously donated £1.00 to support the North West Air Ambulance. We were delighted to welcome their team into school during Aspirations Week, where they took time to speak to the children and share valuable insights about their important work.

## DT Week:

Throughout DT Week, pupils across the school enjoyed designing, making, and evaluating a range of delicious dishes from around the world. Reception had great fun preparing their own fruit salads, Year 4 created American-style burgers for an Independence Day-themed celebration, and Year 6 made classic Ploughman's sandwiches followed by Eton Mess.

## Art Week:

During Art Week, pupils explored a range of artistic styles inspired by well-known artists. Year 1 painted their own self-portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo, Year 3 created watercolour paintings influenced by Amrita Sher-Gil, and Year 5 explored abstract art through the work of Ibrahim El-Salahi.

## Internet Safety Day:

Classes all learnt about the importance of internet safety this week.



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

What a busy week we have had!

## Dates for your diary:

**Mon 23/02/26** - Start of Spring term 2  
**Thurs 05/03/26** - World Book Day - children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or wear their pyjamas to celebrate reading at home.  
**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 5 will start their lessons on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Letters have been sent home this week.

## Friends of St. Mark's Parent Meeting:

You are invited to attend the Friends of St. Mark's parent meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3:30pm. A letter with further information has been sent home.

## Attendance League:

A huge congratulations to Year 4 who absolutely smashed the Attendance League this term. They will be rewarded with a 'Glow Party' when we return after half term holiday (date to be confirmed). Well done also to Reception and Year 5 who have won a toy or movie afternoon for coming second and third.

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

## End of Term:

We break up today for February half term holidays. We hope you enjoy a restful week and look forward to seeing you on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8:45am for the start of yet another busy term.



## Attendance League

League Position	Class	Total Points	Next Fixture
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4	41	TBC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception	26	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5	25	TBC
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2	21	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	15	TBC
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	15	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	12	TBC
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1	10	

	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	89%	98%
Reception	94%	97%
Year 1	85%	96%
Year 2	96%	99%
Year 3	94%	98%
Year 4	97%	97%
Year 5	96%	98%
Year 6	94%	97%
Whole School	94%	97%

## House Points Winners

Well done to team Donaldson who have won an own clothes day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## After School Clubs

- Mon - Gymnastics - selected children from Y3/4/5/6 (Key Step competition)
- Mon - Times Table club Y4
- Mon - English Revision - selected children Y6
- Tues - Indoor Athletics - Y5/6 (selected children)
- Tues - Maths Club - Y1
- Tues - Worship Warriors club
- Wed - Maths Revision - selected children Y6 (On Wed this week only - then will be on a Thursday)
- Thurs - Sing Club - Y3-6

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

## Student of the Week

Nursery	Finn
Reception	Elias Reign
Year 1	Luena
Year 2	Sofia
Year 3	Joel
Year 4	Hughie
Year 5	Annie J
Year 6	Lucas

## Maths Award

Nursery	Derry
Reception	Daya
Year 1	Moiz
Year 2	Hallie
Year 3	Isabella
Year 4	Annie-Rose
Year 5	Thomas B
Year 6	Eliza

## Good Manners

Nursery	Lucas
Reception	Ayda
Year 1	Cataleya
Year 2	Aurora
Year 3	Lana
Year 4	Caydence
Year 5	Ivan
Year 6	Areen

## Headteacher Award

Ivan from Year 5 for always trying his very best, for following school rules and setting an excellent example to his peers.

