



St. Mark's CE Primary School



Friday 11th April 2025

Message from Mrs Sadler

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you and well done to the Year 5 children who came to Stoke Minster last Saturday to perform their special 'Stokie' song at the launch of the new Heritage Trail. We are so proud that all our Year 5 children have taken part in creating the song, which you can find on the Heritage Trail app. This week has also been a busy one. Throughout this week, Year 6 have completed their mock SATs tests, we were pleased to welcome so many of you to Parents' Evening, and all the classes enjoyed sharing their musical creations on Tuesday morning, which they have been practising with Mr Anderson in music lessons. Year 4 really enjoyed a day with the 'History Man' on Tuesday, which was a workshop to support their history learning about the Tudors. Year 4 were also busy in the church yesterday afternoon, showcasing the artwork which they have produced with some visiting artists. Thanks to everyone who came to see their creations. In other news, Mrs Cranson's baby was born on Sunday evening. She had a baby girl weighing 7lb 8oz and has called her Bonnie. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Cranson! Today is the last day of the Spring Term, and school will be closed until Monday 28th April. Some important dates for the new term can be found below. We hope you all enjoy the holiday, and send Easter wishes to those who will be celebrating.

Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

Worship this half term:

Next half term we will be exploring the school value of **commitment**. We would love to share prayers written by the children linked to this value!

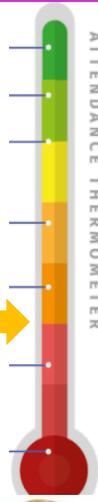
Teaching & Learning Focus This Week:

This week we have completed reviews of our maths curriculum and our science curriculum. For both of these, we have been joined by leaders from across the Orchard Community Trust to quality-assure the judgements about the progress we have made in these areas.

Attendance

We are looking for our whole school attendance to be **96% or better**.

Our whole school attendance is 93.9%. We need every child to come into school every day – come on St. Mark's we can do it!



100%

Diary Dates

- Monday 14th – Friday 25th April:** Easter Holidays
- Monday 28th April:** School re-opens for Summer Term
- Monday 5th May:** May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wednesday 7th May:** School Fundraising Group Meeting 2-3pm.
- Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May:** Year 6 SATs
- Monday 19th May:** Reception New Intake Meeting for current Nursery parents (9am, at Nursery)
- Friday 23rd May:** INSET Day. **School closed to pupils.**
- Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May:** May Half Term
- Week Beginning 2nd June:** Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Tuesday 3rd June:** Parent Forum 2-3pm
- Week Beginning 9th June:** Year 1 Phonics Screening

Attendance Prize Draw Winners

Well done to every child who has achieved 100% attendance over this half term. Each child gets put into a prize draw and the following children have won £10 gift cards.

- Reception – Avery
- Year 1 – Zakariya
- Year 2 – Dema
- Year 3 – Safiyyah
- Year 4 – Aiza
- Year 5 – Hafsa
- Year 6 – Ismail



Birthdays this week & over the holidays

- Ekambir (9), Jozef (11), Lanwe (10), Azaan (8), Aryaan (9), Zayan (5), Hany (9), Denis (8), Ana (5), Ayaan (9), Zahra-Noor (5), Nadia (5), Aqsa (7), Abib (5), Subhana (11), Ayesha (9), Zara (10), Hamdan (9), Aasiyah (10), Ahmed-Hassan (11), Ali (11), Shayma (11), Manaal (8), Talya (10)

Mrs F Hussain, Mrs Jarvis, Mrs A Jones, Mrs Noble