



St. Mark's CE Primary School

Friday 7th February 2025

Message from Mrs Sadler

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week! On Monday, Nursery had a lovely visit from St Mary's Primary school. Six children from Year 4 and Year 5 brought their tortoises to Nursery for the children to see and hold. Our Nursery children really enjoyed it! Our Year 3 children had a fantastic trip to Chester yesterday, helping to bring to life their history learning this term, which has focused on the Romans. Mrs Cranson enjoyed delivering the Year 5 reading workshop to children and parents on Tuesday morning, and yesterday Year 2 parents came along to our Family Numeracy session. Again, we hope that these were useful opportunities for the parents who joined us. We hope that you have also found the termly progress reports, which have been sent home this week, very helpful. Nursery and Reception will receive theirs after half term, as their assessments are completed at slightly different times to the rest of the school. Next week, Reception parents are invited to join Mrs Nicholls for a phonics workshop on Tuesday morning, Nursery parents are invited in for a Reading meeting with Mrs Bradbury at Nursery and we have our parent forum on Thursday afternoon. Please do come along to hear about our progress since the last meeting. Next Friday is the last day of the half term, so school will then close until Monday 24th February. Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

Worship this half term:

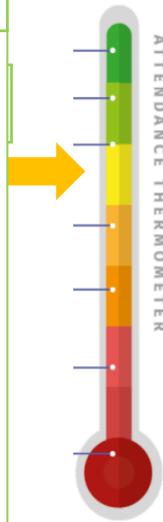
This half term we are exploring the school value of **perseverance**. We would love to share prayers written by the children linked to this value!

Teaching & Learning Focus This Week:

The leadership team have been reviewing how well phonics is being taught in school, and an external adviser from Read, Write, Inc came in to work with Mrs Nicholls for that review.

Attendance

We are looking for our whole school attendance to be 96% or better. Our whole school attendance is 94.7%. We need every child to come into school every day – come on St. Mark's we can do it!



Good Samaritan

The following children were awarded 'Good Samaritan' awards last week for their kindness to others. Well done we are really proud of you all!

- Nursery – Salahuddin
- Rec – Adam (Sun)
- Year 1 – Umayrah (1W)
- Year 2 – Raudah (2T)
- Year 3 – Zuncairah (3C)
- Year 4 – Ayesha (4W)
- Year 5 – Hiba (5J)
- Year 6 – Salimata (6K)

Golden Jumper

Well done to all the children who have received awards. We are proud of your hard work. Keep it up!

- Nursery – Jamal,
- Rainbows – Zoya,
- Sunshines – Mustafa,
- 1H – Madina, 1W – Mustafa,
- 2C – Sufian, 2T – Musa,
- 3A – Ahmed,
- 3C – Muhammad-Umar,
- 4C – Bilal, 4W – Manahil,
- 5J – Zhara, 5O – Dua,
- 6B – Tomas, 6K – Lenka,

Diary Dates

- Monday 10th February:** Year 1 Seatbelt Safety Workshop
- Tuesday 11th February:** Reception Phonics Workshop for pupils and parents (9-10am)
- Wednesday 12th February:** Nursery Reading Meeting for Parents (9am)
- Wednesday 12th February:** Year 3 Stepping Out Walk
- Thursday 13th February:** Parent Forum (2-3pm)
- Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February:** Half Term Break
- Monday 24th February:** School Re-opens
- Tuesday 25th February:** Reception and Year 6 height and weight check
- Friday 7th March:** World Book Day
- Friday 21st March:** Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 26th March:** Mother's Day craft afternoon



Birthdays this week:

Haroon (11), Jamal (4), Ibraheem (7), Hawwaa (9)

Mr Jarvis