



# St. Mark's CE Primary School

## Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

### Message from Mrs Sadler

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Mrs Nicholls enjoyed welcoming some Year 1 parents into school to talk about how we teach phonics, and how parents can support with phonics at home. On 11<sup>th</sup> February, she will be doing the same for parents of Reception children. Next week, Mrs Cranson will be leading a workshop for Year 5 parents on Tuesday morning, focusing on how to support children with reading. We hope that we will have a good turnout for the session.

We were also pleased that so many parents came to the Tea and Talk on Monday afternoon. Hopefully, you will be finding lots of opportunities on offer at the moment to share queries or concerns, and to find out more about how we are teaching the curriculum. Over the next week, we will be sending home progress reports for your children, so that you can see how they performed in their latest assessments. Look out on Class Dojo for updates about which day your child's report will be coming home.

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 focusing on how well writing is being taught across the school, and how well children are progressing with their writing skills.

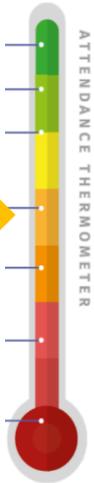
#### Attendance

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

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#### Golden Jumper



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

Nursery – Auzaz,  
Rainbows – Ayaan,  
Sunshines – Zayaan,  
1H – Eshal, 1W – Angel,  
2C – Zain, 2T – Ayan,  
3A – Melissa, 3C – Abroo,  
4C – Ekamjot, 4W – Loren,  
5J – Mustafa, 5O – Ameer,  
6B – Ronya, 6K – Safwaan,

#### 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 – Khadijah R  
Year 1 – Edward (1H)  
Year 2 – Aleeza & Abeeha (2C)  
Year 3 – Arisha (3A)  
Year 4 – Khansa (4C)  
Year 5 – Rayan (5J)  
Year 6 – Nabihah (6B)

#### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 Reading Workshop for pupils and parents (9-10am)  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 3 trip to Chester  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 1 Seatbelt Safety Workshop  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** Reception Phonics Workshop for pupils and parents (9-10am)  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 3 Stepping Out Walk  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent Forum (2-3pm)  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Half Term  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Red Nose Day  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Tea & Talk  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Mother's Day craft afternoon



#### Birthdays this week:

Saqib (7), Nabihah (11), Karina (9),  
Kiyana (5), Hudayfa (7),

Mrs Cranson