



St. Mark's CE Primary School

Friday 17th January 2025

Message from Mrs Sadler

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who joined us for the Year 3 maths workshop on Tuesday. Hopefully you found it a useful opportunity to work with your child, and to see how we teach times tables skills to children in this year group. Next week is the Year 6 SATs workshop, and we hope to see lots of Year 6 parents joining their children for that event. As requested at the last parent forum, we have started to add a note to each weekly newsletter, sharing with you the monitoring focus for the week. You can check that each week to see what leaders have been focusing on to continually try to improve teaching and learning. A large number of staff are involved in these monitoring activities. This half term, we are also looking at reviewing our homework provision, and we are really grateful to all of the parents who completed our online questionnaire. This has helped us to start to plan our next steps. At the parent forum, parents also requested regular updates on children's assessments. We are currently working on developing a system so that we can easily share these updates with you after the tests which children complete at the end of each term. 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 continued their progress discussions with each class teacher, identifying next steps for each child. Leaders have also monitored the quality of PE and PHSE teaching.

Attendance

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

Our whole school attendance is 90.5%
We need every child to come into school every day – come on St. Mark's we can do it!



Golden Jumper

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

- Nursery – Arshman,
- Rainbows – Ammar & Amal,
- Sunshines – Nadia,
- 1H – Gunkeerat, 1W- Abdul Rehman,
- 2C – Saqib, 2T – Aminah-Noor,
- 3A- Lavinia-Maria, 3C – Isah,
- 4C -Siddig, 4W – Sanaja,
- 5J – Sarish, 5O – Mahama,
- 6B – Mariam, 6K – Inayah,

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 – Ihsan
- Rec – Zoya (Rain)
- Year 1 – Ismael (1H)
- Year 2 – Haroon (2C)
- Year 3 – Aliza (3A)
- Year 4 – Aiza (4C)
- Year 5 – Humaiza (5O)
- Year 6 – Ashan (6B)

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd January: Year 6 SATs Workshop for pupils and parents (2-3pm)

Friday 24th January: Reception Eye Screening

Monday 27th January: Tea and Talk (2-3pm)

Wednesday 29th January: Year 1 Phonics Workshop for pupils and parents (2-3pm)

Tuesday 4th February: Year 5 Reading Workshop for pupils and parents (9-10am)

Tuesday 11th February: Reception Phonics Workshop for pupils and parents (9-10am)

Thursday 13th February: Parent Forum (2-3pm)

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February: Half Term break



Birthdays this week:

- Abdul Rehman (6), Sahil (11), Khadija (5), Ihsan (4), Ali Raza (11), Eshal (6), Ano Dyar (8), Mohib (6), Nuhamine (4), Marvellous (8)

Mrs Akhtar, Mr Obada