



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 9th January 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! We were very pleased to get the Spring Term started, especially after the slight delay caused by the snow. Thank you all so much for your patience and co-operation during our school closure, and with the staggered start time on Wednesday. It was much appreciated.

We would like to welcome Mrs Cranson back from her maternity leave. She is now teaching 5C, and is also the Upper Key Stage 2 leader, overseeing Years 5 and 6. Mrs Shaw is still with us, working as our cover teacher and also providing booster support to children across Years 5 and 6.

As we start the new term, please check some key diary dates below, and make a note of the dates of the parent workshops relevant to you. This term, they are covering maths and our new handwriting programme. These are topics which were requested in our last parent forum. In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been starting Pupil Progress meetings with each teacher. Every child's progress is discussed, and personalised next steps are planned for them.

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be exploring the school value of

PERSERVERANCE.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 12th & 19th January: Year 6 Bike Right
Monday 19th January: Year 3 Stepping Out walk
Monday 19th January: Spring term Tea & Talk 2pm - 3pm
Wednesday 21st January: Year 3 Observed walk
Thursday 29th January: Year 3 Chester Trip - More details on Arbor & ClassDojo
Friday 13th February: Last day of school before half term.
Thursday 12th March: Mother's Day Crafts (Nursery am, School pm- More details to follow)

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Wafiyah (8), Talha (7), Ranoo (6), Umayrah (7), Aqsa (11), Amina (11), Mubara (5), Lucas (5), Arez (6), Jannat (5), Hawwa-Noori (10)



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Parent Workshops

Nursery Maths Workshop - Wednesday 14th January 2pm-2.45pm

The following will all be at the school site at 2.15pm

Tuesday 20th January - Reception Maths Parent Workshop.

Tuesday 27th January - Year 1 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 3rd Feb - Kinetic letters handwriting workshop (Rec, Yr1&2)

Tuesday 10th February - Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 24th February - Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 4 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 10th March - Year 5 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 17th March - Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 24th March - Kinetic letters handwriting workshop (Yr 3,4,5&6)

Kinetic letters is our new handwriting programme.

Come along to the relevant workshop to find out more!

The Kinetic Letters workshops will be a presentation not a child focused interactive session, so if needed younger siblings can attend

Due to the maths workshops being interactive and you working alongside your child, unfortunately, no younger siblings will be able to attend

We've listened to your feedback from the last Parent Forum and have planned Maths workshops for parents to work alongside their child to see how we teach maths in school

