



# St Mark's CE Primary School

## Newsletter - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to all of the Year 1 parents who attended the Maths workshop on Tuesday, led by Mrs Colclough. I hope that it helped lots of you to understand more about how we teach maths in KS1. I know this is an area which lots of parents wanted to find out more about!

This week has been quite a wet and windy one, but it hasn't stopped Year 2 having fun. They had a fantastic day yesterday at Peak Wildlife Park as part of their geography and science learning. Also yesterday, our Year 3 children visited Chester's Grosvenor Museum as part of their history learning about early civilisations! Both year groups enjoyed their trips, learnt lots, and represented St Mark's beautifully. Thanks to the staff for organising these super events!

You should all now have received your child's assessment reports, showing how they did in their December assessments, and how you can support with your child's next steps. If you haven't seen your child's report, or need any more information about it, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In the meantime, please check the dates below to see what events we have coming up. Save the date for our Mother's Day event! Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

### TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been focusing on the quality of teaching and learning in early years, and developing a consistent approach across Nursery and Reception. Leaders from Orchard Community Trust have visited Nursery and Reception as part of this ongoing work.

### Worship this half term:

This half term we will be exploring the school value of

**PERSEVERANCE.**

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Last day of school before half term.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: School re-opens

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day (More details to follow)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day Crafts (Nursery am, School pm- More details to follow)

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Ali (11), Seyed Raymon (6),  
Arbaz (4), Haaniya (4),  
Saqib (8), Kiyana (6),  
Hudayfa (8),



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## Parent Workshops

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

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 4 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

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

## Star of the week

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

Nursery - Hashim,  
Rainbows – Alaia,  
Sunshines – Sarah,  
1H – Atrej, 1W – Adam,  
2C – Rivah, 2T – Sultan,  
3A – Haashim, 3C – Zain,  
4O – Manaal, 4W – Mimi,  
5C – Usman, 5J – Aarish,  
6E - Sara, 6K – Haleemah,



## Good Samaritan

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

Nursery - Minahil  
Reception - Abdullah (Rainbows)  
Year 1 - Idris (1H)  
Year 2 - Saeed (2T)  
Year 3 - Wafiyah (3A)  
Year 4 - Mustafa (4W)  
Year 5 - Subhan Ali (5C)  
Year 6 - Ahmed (6K)

