



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 23rd January 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents

This week, we've been really proud of the second group of Year 6 children to complete their Bike Right cycling training. It was also lovely to see the Year 3 children out completing their 'Stepping Out' road safety assessment, which will hopefully have given them a life skill for the future! Year 1 have enjoyed their workshop about seatbelt safety, and hopefully they have all come home giving you advice about how to keep your children safe in cars! We have also enjoyed welcoming parents into school this week, and a big thank you to all of the parents who attended 'Tea and Talk' on Monday, and the maths workshop which Mrs Nicholls led for Reception parents on Tuesday. Next week, we have the Year 1 maths parent workshop on Tuesday afternoon, and we hope lots of you will join us. Hopefully this will really help you to learn some of the methods which we use when we teach maths to your children.

Today our pupil Chaplain Team have visited Kingsland Primary School, for further work on how they can better support the mental health and well-being of their peers. This is a really valuable leadership opportunity for the Chaplains, and all of our other pupils benefit from their work! Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have completed Pupil Progress meetings with each teacher, and assessment reports have been sent to parents. We have also completed some monitoring of the teaching of writing.

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be exploring the school value of

PERSEVERANCE.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 29th January: Year 2 Peak Wildlife Trip - More details on Arbor & ClassDojo

Thursday 29th January: Year 3 Chester Trip - More details on Arbor & ClassDojo

Friday 13th February: Last day of school before half term.

Monday 23rd February: School re-opens

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (More details to follow)

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



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Marvellous (9), Ayat (4), Nonto (5), Aramis (6), Eman (11), Afiyah (9), Yahya (10), Igor (7), Abdul Ahad (9), Eesah (11),

Mrs Khatoon, Mrs Goodwin





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Parent Workshops

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

- 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!

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

Well done to Shad in 1H for completing our Sunbeams programme

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 - Mani,
- Rainbows – Tobias,
- Sunshines – Zahra,
- 1H – Numair, 1W – Valentina,
- 2C – Juwel, 2T – Zubair,
- 3A – Tayyibah, 3C – Danniah,
- 4O – Lukas, 4W – Melissa,
- 5C – Haram, 5J – Amman,
- 6E - Araina, 6K – Talya,

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 - Umar
 - Reception - Ali Rain (Rain) & Elijah (Sun)
 - Year 1 - Sukainah (1W)
 - Year 2 - Zakariya (2C)
 - Year 3 - Umaimah (3C)
 - Year 4 - Safiyyah (4O)
 - Year 5 - Miruna (5J)
 - Year 6 - Aseel (6E)

