



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 16th January 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents

It's been a very active week here in school, with many of our Year 6 children taking part in the Bike Right programme. This has been a great way for them to practise their biking skills in a very safe setting, with expert instructors, and some of them were also ready to develop their skills out on the roads. The instructors were pleased with the perseverance and effort of the children. Well done to them all.

Mr Obada was also very impressed with the Year 4 children, as they started their swimming lessons this week. They were very organised, brave and excited! They had a super attitude, and really enjoyed their first lesson. Congratulations Year 4.

Thanks also to the nursery parents who attended this week's workshop about maths in the nursery setting. Hopefully you found this a useful insight into how maths learning begins as soon as children start at St Mark's. You can find all of the other workshop dates below.

Next week, Year 3 have their 'Stepping Out' road safety sessions, and Year 1 have some seatbelt safety workshops. Another busy week ahead! Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been continuing Pupil Progress meetings with each teacher. Mrs Goodwin has also monitored the effectiveness of the maths curriculum, along with a specialist from the Maths Hub.

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be exploring the school value of

PERSEVERANCE.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 19th January: Year 1 Seatbelt safety workshop
- Monday 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 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.
- Thursday 12th March: Mother's Day Crafts (Nursery am, School pm- More details to follow)

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Abdul Rehman (7), Khadija (6),
Eshaal (7), Ano (9),
Emmanuel (10) Nuhamine (5)

Mrs Akhtar, Mr Obada



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Parent Workshops

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

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 - Adam
Rainbows – Younis,
Sunnies – Ahil,
1H – Shad, 1W – Anaiza,
2C – Gaius, 2T – Hannah,
3A – Bilal, 3C – Sufian,
4O – Tejul, 4W – Saif,
5C – Abdul, 5J – Manahil,
6E - Fatimah, 6K – Marwa,



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 - Azaan (Bears)
- Year 1 - Raj (1H)
- Year 2 - Haadiyah (2T)
- Year 3 - Ayan (3A)
- Year 4 - Hera (4W)
- Year 5 - Haaris (5C)
- Year 6 - Sarish (6K)

