



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 6th February 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents

We would like to start by saying well done to our Year 6 pupils. They have had a week of practice SATs tests this week, and have shown an excellent attitude to this challenge. The children will receive the results shortly, and it will help their teachers to plan the next steps which need to be addressed for each pupil, as we get closer to the real exams which take place in May.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who came to the Kinetic Letters handwriting workshop on Tuesday, with Mrs Cranson. We hope you found it useful. We are so pleased with how the children are responding to the new programme, and we are especially impressed with how our reception children are developing their letter formation already! Mrs Cranson will be repeating the workshop for parents of children in Key Stage 2 very soon (see dates below).

It is hard to believe that next week is going to be the final week of this half term. The last few weeks have gone very quickly! Next week we have our Art and D&T week, and we have Internet Safety Day on Tuesday. There is another parent workshop coming up too - this one is maths for Year 2 parents!

Best wishes,
Mrs Sadler

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been focusing on developing the curriculum in PSHE, and incorporating the upcoming changes in Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) which come into force in September. We have also been monitoring the implementation of our new handwriting programme, Kinetic Letters.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Monday 23rd February: School re-opens

Monday 2nd March: Year 4 Tudor History Workshop
(Payments to be made on Arbor)

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)

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be exploring the school value of

PERSEVERANCE.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Minsa (4), Madiha (7),
Ritaje (4), Jamal (5),
Ibraheem (8), Aiman (4),
Rana (4), Hawwaa (10),

Mrs Cranson, Mr Jarvis



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Parent Workshops

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

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



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 - Sami,
Rainbows – Haider Ali,
Sunshines – Matei,
1H – Veen, 1W – Michal,
2C – Muhammad, 2T – Mariam,
3A – Musa, 3C – Muqtada,
4O – Patricia, 4W – Alizah,
5C – Eesha, 5J – Aqib,
6E - Humaiza, 6K – Zhara,

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 - Subhan
Reception - Fatimah (Sunshines)
Year 1 - Mamoon (1W)
Year 2 - Tatiana (2C)
Year 3 - Yusaf (3C)
Year 4 - Marvellous(4O)
Year 6 - Abdullah (6E)

