



# St Mark's CE Primary School

## Newsletter - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025



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### MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

This week has been a very busy but positive week. We have enjoyed having visitors into our school who have supported us in reviewing our provision in nursery and reception, our provision across the school for pupils with SEND, and our new approach to attendance using the Inclusive Attendance programme. The reviews have included leaders from across the Orchard Community Trust, but also leaders in other trusts, and a specialist in attendance. All of these reviews have noted the positive work happening in school to continually improve the offer for our children, and they have also noted how wonderful our children are (but we already knew that!). It is also encouraging to have our action plans and key priorities agreed by other school leaders - we know we are working on the right things, and what we are doing is having a big impact.

Next week we have lots going on in school for parents to be aware of (see page 2). One event is our Parent Forum (2pm on Monday). Please do come along if you would like to hear more about our improvement journey, and be involved in our next steps.

Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

### TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been taking part in a review of attendance, and a review of our Early Years curriculum, all with specialists and advisors who are supporting Orchard Community Trust schools. We have also reviewed our SEND provision with the headteachers of the two special schools in our trust.

### Worship this half term:

This half term we are exploring the school value of **EQUALITY**. We would love to share prayers written by the children linked to this value!

### 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 - Arwaa,

Rainbows – Yousaf,

Sunshines – Zaynah,

1H – Eman, 1W – Ibrahim,

2C – Yamaan, 2T – Dawud,

3A – Azaan, 3C – Anas,

4O – Haseeb, 4W – Mustafa,

5C – Khansa, 5J – Miruna,

6E - Momina, 6K – Aqsa,

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Amen (7), Mimi (10), Hafsa (5),  
Suleiman (10), Uston (4), Tejul (9),

Mrs Webster, Mrs Bradbury (Nursery)





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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 24th November: Autumn Term Parent Forum Meeting (2-3pm)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Nursery school photos

Tuesday 25th November: Flu Immunisations (Rec - Yr6 if consent previously given)

Tuesday 25th November: Year 2 Songbirds Concert

Wednesday 26th November: Upper KS2 Expectations for Year 5 (parent workshop) (2-3pm)

Thursday 27th November: Year 5 Anglo-Saxon workshop

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Year 1 to visit Hanley Museum.

Wednesday 3rd December: Online Safety Parent Workshop (2-3pm)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Year 4 Wolsley Centre (Free of charge but consent needed on Arbor)

Thursday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December: Last day of the Autumn Term

### 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 - Urwa
- Year 1 - Hala (1H)
- Year 2 - Minha (2C)
- Year 3 - Arfeen (3C)
- Year 4 - Hadiyah (4O)
- Year 5 - Sanaja & Melissa (5J)
- Year 6 - Mohamed (6E)

Look out for a post on ClassDojo with information about our Christmas performances



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