



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 27th February 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. It has been good to welcome the children back, and it's been a very productive first week!

During our visits to writing lessons this week, we have enjoyed seeing the engaging lessons which have taken place to introduce the children to their new books for the half term, and the style of writing which they will be focusing on. As children were beginning their new topics, I especially enjoyed seeing Year 3 actually making rivers in their classrooms, and Year 2 imagining that they were on board the Titanic! The children were so engaged in their learning.

You may have seen my Class Dojo post earlier this week, highlighting how both Ramadan and Lent both began on the same day this year (which is very rare!), and how special it is for our school community to be observing these two very special times at exactly the same point in the year. As we work our way towards Eid and Easter, we will be recognising the importance of showing care and kindness to everyone in our school community, whatever their beliefs or religion. Please see Class Dojo for our Good Deeds poster, which helps children to think of acts of kindness which they can carry out in school or at home over the coming weeks. We are sure that you will support your children with our kindness challenge!

Next week, on Tuesday morning we have a 'SEND Social', where parents are welcome to drop in for advice about SEND, and can meet advisors from SENDIASS. On Tuesday afternoon, we also have our Year 4 maths parent workshop. We hope to see lots of parents for these events - the recent maths workshops for our younger year groups have been very well-received!

Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

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 - Irtaza,
Rainbows – Leo,
Sunshines – Shifa,
1H – Idris, 1W – Dua,
2C – Ekamjot, 2T – Huma,
3A – Raudah, 3C – Blessing,
4O – Habiba, 4W – Noor,
5C – Ahmed, 5J – Sulaiman,
6E - Aafiyah, 6K – Andrei,

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 - Maira
Reception - Zaynah (Sunshines)
Year 1 - Mustafa (1W)
Year 2 - Angel (2C)
Year 3 - Tayyibah (3A)
Year 4 - Mustafa (4O)
Year 5 - Hamdan (5J)
Year 6 - Ali (6E)





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TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been focusing on the quality of the teaching of writing, and the effectiveness of the writing curriculum. School Development Leads from Orchard Community Trust have joined us, for quality assurance.

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be focusing on

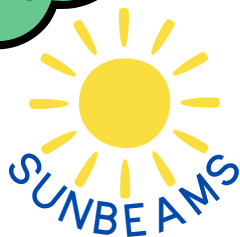
Enthusiasm

Children are welcome to write prayers for our new prayer box in the hall

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 2nd March: Year 4 Tudor History Workshop (Payments to be made on Arbor)
- Thursday 5th March: World Book Day - Dress as a character (See Dojo for more details)
- W.C. 9th & 16th March: Year 5 Bike Right sessions
- Thursday 12th March: Mother's Day Crafts (Nursery 9.00am - School 2.15pm) Only for those parents who have already signed up
- Monday 16th March: Parent Forum 2pm
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 2 Titanic Workshop
- Wednesday 25th March - Parents Evening (all years - More details to follow)
- Friday 27th March - Nursery trip to Amerton Farm
- Friday 27th March - Last day of Spring Term

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



Araina (11), Kandeel (10),
Sumaayyah (6), Umaimah (8),
Muhammad-Umar (9) Anas (10),
Aqib (10), Zaynah (5), Omran (5),
Aaminah (4), Haroon (8), Meerab
(11), Sukainah (6), Emaan (11),
Hareem (5), Tobias (5),
Ruqayyah (10)
Miss Casipit

Parent Workshops

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

- Tuesday 3rd March - Year 4 Maths
- Tuesday 10th March - Year 5 Maths
- Tuesday 17th March - Year 6 Maths
- 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