



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 15th May 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

As the Year 6 children have completed their SATs tests this week, we couldn't be more proud of their hard work, maturity and resilience. SATs tests measure a very small element of the children's overall achievements, and all we can ask of the children is to do their very best. Well they certainly didn't let us down! Today they have enjoyed a very well-deserved slightly more relaxing end to the week, with a visit from the ice-cream van and some enjoyable activities. I hope they enjoy the weekend, and have a chance to wind down!

Also this week, Nursery have visited Park Church, and they've had a visit from Hanley Library! They have been busy! We also enjoyed welcoming the parents of our new reception intake into school (many of those are current nursery parents) and we were overwhelmed by how many parents came to join us. We can't wait to welcome all of those new children up at main site in September.

Please check the diary dates below, as we have started to add details of our summer events. Please also note that we break up for half term next week, and school is closed on Friday for INSET day.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Sadler

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 18th May - Tea & Talk 2pm - With Marcus from Young Carers
Wednesday 20th May - Year 6 Standon Bowers kit meeting for those going on the residential. 2.30pm - More details to follow
Thursday 21st May - Last day of Summer 1
Friday 22nd May - School closed - INSET Day
Monday 1st June - School reopens for Summer 2
Monday 8th June - Summer Term parent forum (2pm)
Monday 6th July - Sports Day (More details to follow)
Wednesday 8th July - Summer Fair (3:30 - 5:00pm)
Friday 17th July - Last day of the school year





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ORCHARD
—Community Trust—
Courage - Unity - Equity

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 - Minahil
Reception - Zayaan
Year 1 - Hadiyah
Year 2 - Eshaal
Year 3 - Aqsa
Year 4 - Abroo
Year 5 - Ahmed
Year 6 - Araina



Worship this half term:

This half term we will be focusing on

Trust

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



Fajar (8), Sana (11),
Muqtada (8), Valentina (6),
Khansa (10), Melissa (9),
Darius (7), Gaius (7)

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have completed their work focusing on the quality of the reading curriculum, and Year 6 SATs have been a big priority each morning.

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 - Minsa
Rainbows – Idrees,
Sunshines – Lucas,
1H – Hamza, 1W – Mamoon,
2C – Minha, 2T - Jackie, 3A – Kyra-Jaii,
3C - Umaimah, 4O – Anabia,
4W - Araaf,
5C – Bilal, 5J – Melissa,
6E - Ameer, 6K – All of the children!

Upcoming Parent Workshops

Tuesdays at the school site 2.15pm
unless otherwise stated

19th May - **Year 4** Screens, sleep & school success
2nd June - **Nursery** Kinetic Letters Handwriting **2pm**
30th June - **Reception** - Transition to Year 1
14th July - **Year 2** - Transition to Year 3

