



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 17th April 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

The children in Year 3 enjoyed a visit this week from a local police officer and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), who spoke to them about their roles in keeping people safe and supporting the community. During the session, the visitors introduced the children to the phonetic alphabet, explaining how it is used to communicate clearly. The children then took part in a practical activity where they applied this knowledge by identifying a range of number plates using the phonetic alphabet.

Last week, Years 4 and 6 had visits from Voice of Hope, a charity which works to prevent modern slavery, human trafficking and county lines. They came to lead some knife crime workshops with our children.

We are very grateful to members of the community who come into school to support the children's learning, and to help them to learn how to keep safe. We are also very proud of the children and how well they engage with visitors. We always receive excellent feedback about how wonderful the children are! Voice of Hope emailed school to say, "it was an absolute pleasure, yet again to come into your wonderful school and deliver our important workshops/lessons. The students were fantastic with some great conversations and their manners were impeccable". Thank you for all of your hard work and support - your children really are a pleasure to teach.

A big well done to Year 6 and to Year 1 - they have done their respective mock SATs and practice phonics screen, with super effort and enthusiasm this week. Not long now until the actual assessments take place.

Hopefully you have now all seen the dates for this term's parent workshops - we look forward to seeing you at those, and hope you get lots out of them.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sadler

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 28th April - Year 6 Leavers Photos

Thursday 30th April - Year 1 Middleport Pottery Trip (consent & payment on Arbor)

Tuesday 5th May - Nursery Rentabeast workshop (consent & payment on Arbor)

Thursday 7th May - Year 5 Jodrell Bank Trip (consent & payment on Arbor)

W.C. 11th May - Teacher led after school clubs begin

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

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)





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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 - Wania
Reception - Hashir
Year 1 - Faith
Year 2 - Hannah Noor
Year 3 - Muqtada
Year 4 - Abdul-Hannan
Year 5 - Manahil
Year 6 - Zainab



Worship this half term:

This half term we will be focusing on

Trust

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



Aqsa (8), Abib (6), Ayesha (10), Idrees (5), Maya (10), Zara (11), Hamdan (10), Balqees (8), Aasiyah (11), Nicholas (5), Manaal (9), Talya (11),

Mrs Jarvis, Mrs Jones,

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been focusing on early years teaching in nursery and reception, as well as phonics progress in Year 1.

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 - Azaan,
Rainbows – Yousaf,
Sunshines – Maryam,
1H – Idris, 1W – Lano,
2C – Maros, 2T - Lawe, 3A – Abdullah,
3C - Aamna, 4O – Imran, 4W - Samuel,
5C – Haleema, 5J – Rene,
6E - Meerab, 6K – Bilal,

Upcoming Parent Workshops

Tuesdays at the school site 2.15pm
unless otherwise stated

- 28th April - **Year 1** Phonics (and selection of Year 2)
- 5th May - **Year 5** Fractions
- 12th May - **Year 3** Screens, sleep & school success
- 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

