



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 4th September 2026



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MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to you all, and a very warm welcome to our new families.

We hope you all enjoyed the summer break. We know it is a long time to be out of routine, so we are sure that you were pleased to bring the children back to school, and the children all seemed happy to be back too. They have returned to their learning calmly, but with enthusiasm.

We have lots to look forward to this year. Please always keep a close eye on the diary dates below, and some parent workshop dates will be added very soon.

One of the areas we will be focusing on is reading, and children in Years 2-6 (when they come off phonics) will be starting to use a programme called Accelerated Reader. This will be a great motivational tool to help track and monitor the books that children are reading, and how those books are improving children's reading skills. As soon as the programme is up and running, children will complete an online test, and then they will be given a book at the correct level for them. We will share more with you in the parent workshops!

We have begun to share information about our after-school clubs, and we hope to see as many children as possible taking part in those clubs this year. Information on our teacher led clubs will be with you soon. In the meantime, if you need any before or after school care, our breakfast club and after-school club are both running, and you can book places on Arbor.

We're sure the children will be tired out after their first three days back. We hope you have an enjoyable but restful weekend, ready for the full week ahead. Mrs Sadler

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 7th September - Mock SATs Week

Thursday 24th September - Flu Vaccinations (Rec-Yr6)

Wednesday 14th October - Parents Evening - More details to follow

Friday 23rd October - Last day for children before half term

Tuesday 3rd November - Children back to school





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TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, we have focused on settling the children back into school, and the new groupings for the children who are learning phonics. We have also been working on setting up our new reading programme, Accelerated Reader.

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be
focusing on

**Respect &
Responsibility**

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



Mustafa (4), Hawa (4),
Hano-Shaa (8), Melody (10),
Safiyyah (10), Dawud (8),
Zain (9), Yahya (8), Elijah (6),
Zaynah (11), Liela-Jaii (10)



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