# St Mark's CE Primary School Newsletter - 2nd October 2026

## MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of the donations which have been coming in for our Harvest collection! You are all very generous. We are collecting for our local food bank again this year, to help support any local families in need. Please do continue to send in your donations throughout the next week - there is still plenty of time!

We also have Hello Yellow day next Friday (9th October), which is another chance to support a worthwhile charity. Hello Yellow helps to raise money for Young Minds, a charity which provides mental health support for children. We have a non-uniform day, where everyone can wear something yellow to support the charity, and cash donations are very welcome, which we will send on to Young Minds.

In other news, we recently shared a Parent Governor vacancy on Class Dojo. You have until 4pm on Friday 9th October to send in expressions of interest, and we are happy to answer any questions you might have if you are considering applying for the role!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sadler




## TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have been looking at phonics provision and reviewing the results of the first phonics screening completed by our Year 1 children, to ensure that the children have all of the support they need throughout Year 1.

**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

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Siddig (11), Abroo (10), Raudah (9) Mustafa (10), Moiz (11), Lano (7),

Mrs Razaq







We had a great time at our first Stay and Play yesterday! Look out for future dates and a feedback/suggestion form.




**KS2 (Year 3,4,5&6)** - Accelerated Reader - Thursday 15th October

**Reception** - Reading- Thursday 5th November

**Year 1** - Phonics- Thursday 19th November

**Year 6 -** SATs- Thursday 26th November

**Year 2** - Maths- Thursday 3rd December

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## Good Samaritan

The following children were awarded 'Good Samaritan' awards this week for their kindness to others. We are really proud of you all!

Nursery - Hawa
Reception - Mustafa (Sun)
Year 1 - Maryam (1H)
Year 2 - Ibrahim (2W)
Year 3 - Saba (3C)
Year 4 - Daniel (4A)
Year 5 - Ubaid (5A)
Year 6 - Maya (6J)



## 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 - Salahuddin,
Rainbows – Wania,
Sunshines – Ismael,
1H – Zaynah, 1S – Ayaan,
2C – Shad, 2W- Raphael,
3C – Eshal, 3T - Huma,
4A – Saqib, 4W - Ibraheem,
5A – Rameen, 5K – Ebadullah,
6C - Summayah, 6J – Mate,









## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 7th October - Year 2 visit to Hanley Park (pm)
Thursday 8th October - Year 6 WW2 History Workshop
Thursday 8th October - Year 5 meet the author event at The Potteries Museum
Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day (Hello Yellow Non Uniform day)
Tuesday 13th October - Parent Forum 2.00pm
Wednesday 14th October - Parents Evening - Appointments available through Arbor
Thursday 15th October - Year 3,4,5&6 - Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop - 2.15pm
Friday 16th October - Show Racism the Red Card (Red Non Uniform day)
Tuesday 20th October - School photos (Individual & Siblings)
Thursday 22nd October - Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 23rd October - Last day for children before half term
**Monday 2nd November - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS**
Tuesday 3rd November - Children back to school
Thursday 5th November - Stay and Play for parents with babies & toddlers - 8.45am-10.30am at the church.



