St Mark's CE Primary School

"Loving to learn, learning to love."

School Prospectus 2026-2027

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Our School Values



Responsibility

Equality

Spirituality

Perseverance

Enthusiasm

Courage

Trust

'Let all that you do be with love.'

1 Corinthians 16:14

The School Day

Gates open at 8.30am

Registration: 8.40am

Reception lunch: 11:30am – 12:30pm
Key Stage 1 lunch: 11:45am – 12:25pm
Year 3 lunch: 12.25pm – 13.05pm
Key Stage 2 lunch: 12:40pm – 1:20pm

Reception children finish at 3.05pm.
Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 finish at 3.10pm.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please ring the school office before 9.30am to let us know why your child will be absent on 01782 234411 and choose **option 1** (attendance line).

School Uniform

Here at St Mark's, we pride ourselves in treating everyone with equality and an important part of this is expecting that all children wear the correct school uniform. It shows that we take pride in being part of St Mark's Primary School. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, if you need any support with this please come and see us as we may be able to help.

All items of clothing must have your child's name written or sewn inside!
Headscarves need to be fitted and plain in blue, black or white.

White shirt/polo shirt
Blue jumper or cardigan



Black or grey skirt, trousers, pinafore or knee length shalwar Kameez



Black School Shoes



No trainers











P.E Kit

White t-shirt



Black pumps



Black shorts, black jogging bottoms or leggings



Uniform Price List

These items listed are available from LPC Personalised clothing
www.lpclothing.co.uk/schoolwear/st-marks-primary





Bookbags are available from school through your child's Arbor App.





Morning Playtime

All children will have a morning break and are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, they are offered a free piece of fruit.
KS2 are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit.

Lunchtime



A healthy school meal is available for all children. The cost is currently **£3.00 per day or £15.00 per week,** this is to be paid online through the Arbor app.



We are strictly a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**- items stating 'may contain nuts' will be allwed in school

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.
If your child does not want a school meal, they can bring in a packed lunch in a named lunch box. Please do not send in fizzy drinks.



If you receive income support, job-seekers allowance or in some cases child tax credit or universal credit, your child may be entitled to a Free School Meal. Please ask at the school office for more information.

After School Clubs

Children are invited to join the various after-school clubs.
Information will be sent out at the beginning of each term.

Your child could enjoy clubs like science club, football, Lego, choir or drama!

We offer before and after school care club that can be booked via the Arbor app.



Swimming

Swimming is a life skill that every child needs. Children start swimming lessons in Year 4 and then continue in Year 5 and Year 6.
Our lessons take place at Fenton Manor Swimming Baths.
All children need the following swimming kit.



Fitted trunks **not** Bermuda shorts
Swimming costume – leggings if required
Swimming Hat (all children)
Towel

Communication

We have an open-door policy where parents are welcome to come and talk to us if they have any concerns. Our Headteacher (Mrs Sadler), Deputy Headteachers (Mrs Goodwin and Mrs V Bradbury) and the Home School Link Worker (Mrs S Khan) are out on the playground each morning and after school if you would like to ask any general questions. Appointments can be made at the school office if you would like a confidential appointment.



Headteacher
Mrs Sadler



Deputy
Headteacher
Mrs S Goodwin



Deputy
Headteacher
Mrs V Bradbury



Home School
Link Worker
Mrs S Khan

School Newsletter

Please look out for our weekly newsletter. This shares what the children have been learning and has important information and key dates.
Please check your child's Dojo account!



Parents' Evenings – We have two Parents' Evenings a year, one in the autumn term and one in the spring term, where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress.

Reports – You will receive a termly report on your child's progress. With a more detailed report in the summer term.

Communication

We share information, send reminders and inform you of any school closures through Facebook, Class Dojo, ArborApp and email.

Please ensure that our office has an up-to-date mobile phone number and email address.

St Mark's uses an app called Class Dojo to communicate and share information with parents. When your child starts at St Mark's you will be provided with information about how to download both the Class Dojo and the Arbor Parent App.

ClassDojo Arbor



Let's Celebrate

Celebrating the children's achievement is important to us and we want parents and family to join us. On Fridays, we welcome the family of each child who has been awarded a Golden Jumper or a Good Samaritan award.



Attendance

Children achieve their best when they have a good attendance! We aim that all children achieve at least 96% attendance.

As the school aims to raise attainment and attendance to meet the national requirement, we **do not** authorise any leave/holidays for children during the term time. If an exceptional circumstance arises, please speak to Mrs S Khan (HSLW) or Mrs D Sadler (Headteacher).

Our Curriculum

At St Mark's Primary School, we teach all aspects of the National Curriculum.

We enhance the curriculum through planning a visit or visitor each half term. Parents are asked to make a small financial contribution to the cost of the trip. Please see the school website for further information about the curriculum.



Religious Education

Religious Education is a compulsory part of our school curriculum. All pupils receive one lesson of R.E. each week and each day includes a short act of collective worship. As St Mark's is a Church of England School, the basis of lessons and worship is predominantly Christian and worship is sometimes Anglican (Church of England).

Any parent has the right to ask for their child to be excused from worship, but before exercising that right, parents are asked to discuss with the Headteacher the full implications of withdrawal from this most important area of the curriculum.

Our School Christian Distinctiveness Vision

St Mark's is an inclusive, welcoming and nurturing family where everyone is loved, **RESPECT**ed and valued. We are proud to be recognised as unique individuals, who celebrate diversity within a supportive Christian environment, where all can flourish. We aim to make a positive difference to the world we live in for ourselves and others by following the example of the Good Samaritan.

Home Learning

Home Learning covers a wide variety of activities carried out by pupils with parental help to support children's learning.

Homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment and provides an opportunity to talk with your child about what they are learning in school.

Children will have access to Times Table Rockstars and NumBots and a useful list of educational websites and apps will be provided.

Home School Agreement

When your child starts at St Mark's you and your child will be asked to sign a copy of the Home School Agreement shown below. This confirms everyone's agreement to provide the best care and support for the children.

The parents/guardians

I/We shall ensure that:

- My/our child will attend school regularly, punctually and properly equipped with the correct uniform, P.E. Kit and swimming kit.
- I/we will inform the school on the first day of any absence.
- I/we will make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- I/we will support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- I/we will attend parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress.
- I/we will support my child's learning at home.

St Mark's CE Primary School

The school will ensure that:

- We care for your child's safety and happiness.
- Your child achieves to the best of their abilities as a valued member of the school community.
- We provide a balanced curriculum and meet the individual needs of your child.
- We achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- We will keep you informed about general school matters and your child's progress in particular and contact you if there is a problem.
- We will be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the school.
- We will be respectful and appreciative of the diverse range of cultures and beliefs.

The child

I will:

- Attend school regularly and on time.
- Bring all my equipment I need every day.
- Wear the school uniform and be tidy in appearance.
- Do all my class work and homework as well as I can.
- Be polite and helpful to others.
- Keep the school free from litter and graffiti.
- Tell an adult whom I trust if I have any worries or problems.