



St. Mark's CE Primary School



Thursday 22nd May 2025

Message from Mrs Sadler

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your donations of bottles yesterday, in exchange for a non-uniform day for the children! These will be used for our summer fair, taking place on Thursday 19th June. On Tuesday 3rd June, 1:30 – 2:00pm, we have a meeting in school for any parents who would be prepared to help us out by running a stall. This is immediately before the Parent Forum, which is 2-3pm on that day. We have also added a Father's Day event to the diary for Thursday 18th June, as well as our end of year award events (see below). Today, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been busy at a cricket tournament at Barlaston Cricket Club. This has been a great opportunity for them to represent the school, and Mr Obada has kept us up to date about the children's efforts, and their super behaviour. Our Reception children have also been really enjoying their time at Amerton Farm today, which is a great way for them to end the half term. Please remember that school is closed tomorrow for INSET day. Next week is the half term break, and school re-opens on Monday 2nd June. We look forward to seeing you then, and hope that the week off is an enjoyable one.

Best wishes, Mrs Sadler

Worship next half term:

Next half term we will be exploring the school value of **trust**. We would love to share prayers written by the children linked to this value!

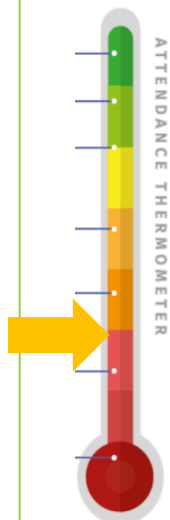
Teaching & Learning Focus This Week:

Pupil progress meetings have been completed, where the leadership team discuss each pupil's progress with the class teacher. Following each pupil progress meeting, mid-term reports have been sent home. Mrs Bradbury has also been monitoring the interventions happening across the school.

Attendance

We are looking for our whole school attendance to be 96% or better.

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Congratulations to Mrs V Bradbury!

We would like to share with you the fantastic news that Mrs V Bradbury has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion! She will take up her new post at the start of September.

Mrs Bradbury has been carrying out the SENDCo role for the majority of this academic year, alongside her Assistant Headteacher role where she oversees Pupil Premium and EAL. From September, all of these roles will be combined into the non-teaching Deputy Headteacher role. Mrs Bradbury is thrilled to be continuing with her SEND leadership as she has made huge progress with the school's SEND provision this year.

The Assistant Headteacher post will not be filled by another member of staff. Instead, we will have two Deputy Headteachers, as Mrs Goodwin will continue in her role as Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Curriculum.

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd May: INSET Day. School closed to pupils.
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May: May Half Term
Monday 2nd June: SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Week Beginning 2nd June: Year 4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 3rd June: Summer Fair Parent Volunteer Meeting 1:30 – 2pm
Tuesday 3rd June: Parent Forum 2-3pm
Week Beginning 9th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 18th June: Father's Day Big Breakfast (9-10am)
Thursday 19th June: Summer Fair
Tuesday 8th July: Sports Day
Wednesday 16th July: EYFS and KS1 Awards (9am)
Thursday 17th July: KS2 Awards (9am)
Friday 18th July: Last day of the school year



Birthdays this week & over the holidays:

Haaris (10), Arsima (11),
Abdul Rehman (7),
Muhammad A (9),
Muhammad A (5),
Zakariya (6), Kalab (4),
Aamna (7)