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FRIDAY 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, happy Easter to you all!

We have made a great start to the Summer term. PC David Manns has been in school delivering workshops to our Year 4 and 5 children on how to keep themselves safe. Our feast day

mass on Tuesday was a very special occasion for us as a school community, and it was wonderful to celebrate this with so many of you. If any of you are wondering why a lion is the symbol of St. Mark then please just ask a member of our Year 6 class! They explained this brilliantly. I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend. Please remember that Tuesday is another strike day and so we will only be open to pupils in Years 2 and 6 and a number of vulnerable children (informed by the school office). God bless, Mrs Linley and the St. Mark's Team



St. Mark's Feast Day—Tuesday 25th April 2023

A big thank you and well done to all the children, staff, parents, parishioners, governors and members of our local community who came to celebrate our feast day Mass. It was heart-warming to see so many of our children leading our special Mass today and actively participating in bringing the gospel to life. We are proud to be named after St. Mark, a saint, gospel writer, martyr and teacher. St. Mark's is a special school and we are all very privileged to serve our children, families and community in the mission of the church.

"If anyone needs uplifting, a St Mark's Mass is the way to do it. I've never been before but I would definitely come again." Y5 Parent

"It was good to have the community in school to become part of our St. Mark's family. I enjoyed eating cake with the visitors and serving them." Y6 child

"Well that was just lovely! There has always been something special about St. Mark's School. I was a teacher here, well over 30 years ago and the same special feeling still lives on here." Pa-



May: The Month of Mary

During May, we celebrate and honour Mary, Jesus' Mother. During the month of May, Mrs O'Shea will be leading the Rosary ably supported by the Rosary Group. We invite parents to join us in school to pray with the children.

Thursday 4th May 3pm—Year 3

Tuesday 9th May 3pm—Year 4

Thursday 11th May 3pm—Year 6

Tuesday 16th May 3pm—Year 5

Friday 18th May—2:15pm—Whole School May Procession (families welcome)

Tuesday 23rd May 3pm—Year 3



Come to Family Mass!

On Sunday 7th May (10:30am), we have our next Family Mass at Holy Name Church. We are hoping to see as many children and their families there as possible to celebrate with us. We'll be performing a song, leading readings, joining in with liturgy and supporting Father. Please let Miss Dorsett know if you will be attending.



KEY ASSESSMENT DATES



The summer term is a busy one for assessments for some classes in our school. Here is a table of dates for your reference. We express thanks to the children for their hard work, to the staff who have coached and encouraged, and to everyone at home for all you do to ensure the children are ready for their learning. **Good luck, everyone!**

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Key Stage 2 SATs week— Year 6	Week commencing Tuesday 9th May 2023
Key Stage 1 SATs week— Year 2	Week commencing Monday 22nd May
Multiplication Check— Year 4	Week commencing Monday 5 th June 2023
Phonics Screening Check week— Year 1	Week commencing Monday 12th June 2023

SATs Week Timetable—Year 6

Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3



Wednesday Word – Sharing the Gospel

Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=90.3>

Dates for the diary:

Monday 1st May—May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 2nd May—Strike Day
(only Y2 & Y6 pupils to attend)

Friday 5th May—Special Coronation Dinner
(more information to follow)

Sunday 7th May—St. Mark's Family Mass at Holy Name Church at 10:30am

Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May—KS2 SATs week

Monday 15th—Wednesday 17th—Y6 Residential to Alton Castle

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th May—Multicultural Week
(more information to follow)

Monday 29th May—Bank Holiday (school closed)


75th Anniversary of The Windrush



22nd June 2023 is the 75th anniversary of The Windrush. To mark this occasion, we need your help!

Do you have any friends or family members who would be proud and happy to come into school to share their experiences of the Windrush with children? Do they have any photographs or stories that they could share?

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

	So Far This Term	So Far This Term
	No. Of Lates %	Attendance %
RECEPTION	0.8%	96.3%
YEAR 1	0.6%	93.3%
YEAR 2	0%	97.1%
YEAR 3	1.8%	90.4%
YEAR 4	1%	95.6%
YEAR 5	2.2%	96.7%
YEAR 6	0.2%	95.4%

Well done to Year 2 for having the least amount of lates and the highest attendance in the whole school.

Please can Year 3 parents ensure that their children attend school and Year 5 parents ensure they are bringing their children to school on time.

Our whole school attendance target is 97%,

we are currently on 95.6%.

Writing Competition



Firstly, we would like to say an enormous well done to all of the children who entered the St. Mark's Writing Competition. The standard of writing was incredibly high and it made it very difficult to choose three winners from each category.

KS1 competition

1st - Aarav

2nd - Safa

3rd - Sofia



KS2 competition

1st - Aiden

2nd De'Jaune

3rd - Sienna

Prizes will be given out in assembly next week.