



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**FRIDAY 7th July 2023**

Dear Parents and carers,

As we draw closer to the end of the Summer term and the end of the academic year, it is natural to reflect on the year and what a year it has been! We have accomplished lots as a school and our children have achieved some fantastic recognition for their many gifts and talents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, your feedback and contribution is always appreciated and even at times whereby it may appear that we are not listening, trust me, we are!

Our Year 6 children are busy preparing for their Summer production of 'High School Musical' and I have enjoyed watching them on the playground at lunchtime practising their lines and routines. Year 6, you are going to be amazing, and I can't wait to watch the show along with your family and friends.

I remember when our Year 6 walked nervously through the Reception door for their first day in September 2016. Looking at them now, and seeing the skills they have acquired and how much they have grown make me very proud of each and every one of them! When the Year 6 SATs are published next week, I know that our children will be leaving with skills, attributes and qualities that will serve them well in the future... wherever their path takes them.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

## Transition plan for children moving up to their new classes for September 2023

On the afternoon of Thursday 20th July, your child will be spending the afternoon with their new class teacher so that they know their routines, their expectations and can get to know them a little before the Autumn Term. You will notice from the list below that we will be welcoming Miss Cooney back to St. Mark's, she is looking forward (as are we) to rejoining our team and working with her new class. You will also see a new name in Mr. Deery who will be our Year 1 teacher. He is an experienced class teacher and has been in school already working with children mostly in Key Stage 2.

Reception class teacher will be Mrs. Dykes	Year 4 class teacher will be Miss Stewart
Year 1 class teacher will be Mr. Deery	Year 5 class teacher will be Mrs. Khan (4 days)
Year 2 class teacher will be Miss Cooney	Year 6 class teacher will be Miss Dorsett
Year 3 class teacher will be Mrs. Scarrott	Please note: Miss Dorsett and Mrs. Dykes will also be out of class for 1 day a week to fulfil their leadership responsibility.

A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School



**SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL  
WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES**

## 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/gods-kingdom?pid=MTA101634&v=95.7>

## Summer Caribbean Fayre

at St. Mark's R.C. School, Almond Croft, Great Barr



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm**

Entrance – 50p per adult, free for children.

- Steel pan music
- Face painting
- Limbo dancing
- Fun and games
- Caribbean food
- Raffles and prizes
- Sweets and treats



3.45pm – Live limbo competition

4.00pm – Windrush performance by pupils at St. Mark's

4.30pm – Grand prize raffle drawn


Please enter via the prayer garden gates via Kingsdown Avenue

We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

## Dates for the diary:

- Friday 7th July—School closed for strike day
- Thursday 13th July—Vocation Day
- Friday 14th July—School Reports sent home
- Friday 14th July—Summer Caribbean Fayre 3.30—5pm (please see flyer)
- Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July—Reception home visits taking place
- Wednesday 19th July—Year 6 Performance at Stuart Bathurst Secondary School (ticket only event) - more information to follow
- Friday 21st July—Whole School Attendance assembly
- Monday 4th September—School closed for Teacher INSET day.
- Tuesday 5th September—School opens to pupils
- Week beginning 11th September—Parent meetings with new class teachers and Mrs. Linley on expectations for the year ahead.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	So Far This Term	So Far This Term
	No. Of Lates %	Attendance %
RECEPTION	0.9%	95.1%
YEAR 1	0.4%	95.1%
YEAR 2	0.2%	97.6%
YEAR 3	2.0%	94.7%
YEAR 4	0.9%	96.9%
YEAR 5	1.5%	96.2%
YEAR 6	0.7%	94.7%

Well done to Year 2 for their attendance and having the least amount of lates. Please can Year 3 and Year 6 ensure they attend school every day and on time.

## Attendance Assembly

On Friday 21st July at 9am, we will be holding our summer term attendance assembly. All parents are welcome to attend. We will also be celebrating our 100% attendance winners for the whole year—there have been 18 children who have attended every single school day this academic year—Well done!

Children who have achieved Gold and Silver will be given a certificate along with a prize. All bronze winners will receive a certificate.

**Gold—100%**

**Silver—99.9% - 98%**

**Bronze—97.9% - 96%**



We do hope you can join us to celebrate all children who have achieved good attendance.

Our target is **97%** we are currently at **95.7%**.

## Sports Day 2023

A MASSIVE THANK YOU !

Our sports day was a roaring success this year, thank you for all the comments about this year's sports day. It was made all the more special to have a former GB athlete attend our Key Stage 2 event and give some wise words and encouragement on the impact sport can have on our behaviour, bodies and well-being.

A huge thank you also to Mr. Turovskyy (Valeriya's dad in Y3) for taking some professional photographs.

The children were superb at each of the events and there was a lot of talent on show—Mr. Barnett even showing Year 5 how it's done.

Thank you also to members of our St. Mark's Friends Group who came to serve cold drinks.



*Proudly and joyfully, we love, live and learn as God's children*

## Year 3's First Holy Communion

On Sunday 2nd July, eleven of our Year 3 children received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. It was a wonderful occasion at Holy Name Church, filled with family members, friends and all of our St. Mark's community.



We'd like to thank all teachers, Parish members and, of course, you as parents for supporting us in preparing your children for this special milestone on their faith journey.



## What is fantastic walking?

At St. Mark's we have recently implemented 'fantastic walking' which is walking safely, calmly and most importantly, proudly around school. Staff as well as children are promoting this culture of fantastic walking. Please help us by encouraging your child/ren to do fantastic walking outside of school. You simply just need to ask them to show you their fantastic walking!



**Be Ready**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**