



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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FRIDAY 9th MAY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back last week after the Easter break. Jesus has risen! The children have made an excellent start to the Summer term and have shown compassion and love towards one another.



Thankfully, the chicken pox virus seems to have passed us and our whole school attendance is once again strong achieving 96% at the end of the week.

Our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) next week in school – we wish them the best of luck and I know they have worked incredibly hard alongside Mr. Dixon and the Year 6 team. Striving for academic excellence is important but we also want every child to learn that they are capable of great things and they have the confidence and tools to achieve their full potential. Year 6 – you've got this! 😊

The children are busy preparing for their multicultural showcase in a few weeks' time, thank you for your support with clothing and props for this event – it is much appreciated. I hope many of you will be able to join us for this special event whereby we celebrate our rich diversity.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

MULTI-CULTURAL WEEK: Monday 19th – 22nd May 2025

Please see table below for trips/visits/workshops taking place:




Reception	Holy Name Catholic Church	Tuesday 20 th May 2025
Year 1	Christian Church	(To be confirmed)
Year 2	Buddhist Maha Vihara Temple	Tuesday 20 th May 2025
Year 3	Geeta Bhawan Hindu Temple	Friday 16 th May 2025
Year 4	Sikh Gurdwara	(To be confirmed)
Year 5	Islamic Experience Exhibition	Wednesday 14 th May 2025
Year 6	Singers Hill Jewish Synagogue	Tuesday 20 th May 2025

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Well Done to **Year 4** for their attendance this term and to **Year 2** having the least amount of lates.

Please can **Year 5** ensure they attend school everyday and ensure they arrive to school on time.

Gates open between **8:30am and 8:45am**.
Our target is **97%** we are currently at **95.2%**

	So Far This Term No. Of Lates %	So Far This Term Attendance %
RECEPTION	0.8%	93.1%
YEAR 1	1.5%	95.8%
YEAR 2	0.4%	95.3%
YEAR 3	0.7%	94.5%
YEAR 4	1.1%	97.4%
YEAR 5	1.6%	92.5%
YEAR 6	0.7%	97.3%

DATES FOR DIARY

Monday 12th May 2025 – Y6 SATs week and Y6 children to attend breakfast club at 8:15am

Friday 16th May 2025 – Y5 Anxiety workshop led by Compass – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Monday 19th May 2025– Blessing and gathering in our prayer garden for Mary and Mrs. Nellist at 9:30am – please can children bring flowers on this day and we welcome parents to join us.

Monday 19th – Friday 22nd May 2025 – Multi-Cultural Week

Wednesday 21st May 2025 – Multicultural showcase for parents to attend – 2:00pm – please pay on Arbor for your ticket

Thursday 22nd May 2025 – Y4 Trip to B'ham Hippodrome

Thursday 22nd May 2025 - Confirmation at Holy Name Parish – 7:00pm

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June 2025 – Y6 Bikeability (all week) ****NEW DATE****

Thursday 5th June 2025 – Culture Dress Day – children to come to school in their own cultural/traditional dress.

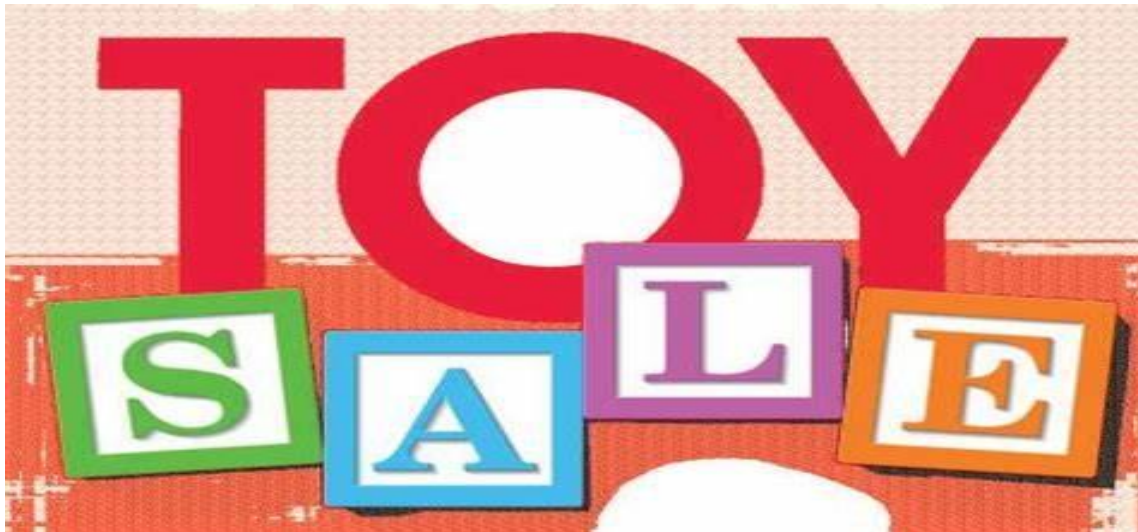
Sunday 8th June 2025– Family Mass at Holy Name Church for Pentecost at 10:30am – children and families are invited to wear their own cultural/traditional dress.

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025 – HALF TERM (School closed to pupils)

PENTECOST SCHOOL & FAMILY MASS AT HOLY NAME CHURCH



We welcome our school families to attend this Mass in their traditional dress. The mass is taking place at Holy Name Catholic Church on Sunday 6th June at 10:30am. Please make every effort to attend. School staff will be present to lead children in a children's liturgy.



DATE: FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025

WHERE: ST. Mark's Catholic Primary School Playground

Time: After school - 3:15pm

Please come and support our toy sale on this day - all monies raised will go towards future purchases for children at school!



SCHOOL MEALS

Can I remind all parent who pay for their child's school meals that payment is required in advance. Therefore, can you please ensure your child's account has been topped up on Arbor, before your child has a school meal.

Failure to do this may result in your child having to bring in a packed lunch from home, until the debt has been paid.

This is in line with procedures outlined in our MAC policy and must be adhered to.

If you have any queries regarding your arrears, please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.



MULTICULTURAL SHOWCASE TICKETS

Children will be showcasing their learning by holding a multicultural showcase event. This will take place at school on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 2pm. This is a whole school event supported by our Friends of St. Mark's (parent volunteer group).

Tickets for this event will cost £1 each and there will be 2 tickets available per family – look out for this on the Parent Arbor App. The money raised from the ticket sale will go towards providing children in school with further opportunities to recognise and celebrate diversity in our school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

