



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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FRIDAY 20th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we welcomed our MAC pilgrimage boat for the Jubilee Year of Hope. The children are learning about how they can help migrants in our community. The boat was welcomed by all children at St. Mark's and KS1 performed a dance.

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching Principles, it has been heart-warming to hear their responses on how they are going to help others in need.

We invite you to next week's assembly where the children will showcase all of their wonderful work on refugees. This will be held on Friday 27th June at 9-10am

As we enjoy the warm weather that we are experiencing at the moment, please can you remember the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

Ensure that your child comes to school with a freshly filled water bottle each day. Also remember to provide him/ her with a sun hat and sun cream.

Whilst we appreciate that the weather is hot, portable fans are NOT allowed in school.

Finally, we wish all the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all the very best as they continue their spiritual journey.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Linley and the St. Mark's Family



Smile for Joel

A huge thank you for sending in cakes and for the donations for non-uniform. The cake sale was a huge success and we raise a grand total of £249.46 for the charity Smile for Joel.


Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

Please can **Reception** ensure they attend school everyday and **Year 1** ensure they arrive to school on time.

Gates open between **8:30am and 8:45am**.
Our target is **97%** we are currently at **95.0%**

	So Far This Term	So Far This Term
	No. Of Lates %	Attendance %
RECEPTION	1.1%	90.1%
YEAR 1	2.6%	94.5%
YEAR 2	1.1%	95.5%
YEAR 3	1.2%	91.4%
YEAR 4	1.1%	94.8%
YEAR 5	1.8%	91.3%
YEAR 6	2.1%	95.1%

Important Notice Regarding Term-Time Leave Requests

We have recently received a high number of requests for leave during term time. As a school, we are only able to authorise absences in exceptional circumstances, in line with government and local authority guidelines.

Unfortunately, where leave is taken without authorisation, we are required to issue penalty notices. So far, this academic year, we have issued **9 penalty notices** due to unauthorised term-time holidays.

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring regular school attendance, which is vital for every child's learning and progress.

If you have any questions or need further information about attendance guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact us.

DATES FOR DIARY

Sunday 22nd June 2025 – First Holy Communion for Y3 children at Holy Name Church – 10:30-11:30am

Monday 23rd June 2025 – The Great Big Dance Off FINAL in Oxford – all day

Thursday 26th June 2025 – Y5 Walk to Holy Name Church to attend Migrants Mass – 9:30am

Thursday 26th June 2025 – Y6 transition workshop with Compass

Friday 27th June 2025 – Non-Uniform Day

Friday 27th June 2025 – Whole School Assembly on Refugee Week – 9:00-10:00am

Friday 27th June 2025 – St. Mark's Indian Summer Fayre – 3:30 – 17:30pm

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July 2025 – Scholastic Book Fair in School

Monday 7th July – KS1 Sports Day – 1:00-3:00pm

Friday 11th July 2025 – KS2 Sports Day – 1:00-3:00pm

Tuesday 15th July 2025 – KS1 Attendance Assembly – 9:00am

Wednesday 16th July 2025 – KS2 Attendance Assembly – 9:00am

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS



Can parents please ensure that any outstanding payments for meals, trips and clubs are all paid for in a timely manner.

All club payments for the summer term should have been paid for, and emails and phone calls will be made by the school office staff to chase those who have any outstanding club payments.

Once again, I would like to remind parents that all school meals are required to be paid a week in advance. If payments are not made, and you have more than a £2.40 debt, then we may contact you to request you send your child to school with a packed lunch until the debt has been paid.

All trips have now taken place, please can you make payment for any trips you have not paid for.

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.