



# St Mark's News

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Issue 6

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the Advent season, I am reminded of the hope, joy, and peace it brings as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the King. This special time invites us to reflect on the light in the darkness, filling our hearts with anticipation and gratitude. At St. Mark's, we embrace Advent as a time to grow together, nurturing kindness, compassion, and love.

I am proud to see the incredible learning happening across the school. Classrooms are buzzing with curiosity and creativity as pupils engage in exciting challenges. It's inspiring to witness the dedication of parents, pupils, and staff, who work together to make St. Mark's a thriving, joyful community.

Best wishes, Ms. Braithwaite

### ... Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Attendance</b>	92.7	95.8	89.9	98.4	94.4	92.6
<b>Lates</b>	7	2	9	7	9	4

### Friday Open Mornings

Don't forget that every Friday (8:50 –9am), you are more than welcome to come into school, with your child: You can see their learning, talk to their teacher or just enjoy the atmosphere in class!

### A Few Christmas Crackers!

This year in St Mark's we have been preparing a lot for Christmas. Recently we have put a star on top of our Christmas tree, practicing our songs for the nativity (you will hear about it in later the newsletter) and planning our Christmas fair. Speaking of Christmas, we will be holding our Christingle on Monday 2nd of December. We require you to bring your own orange. If you can, may you bring 2,3 or a whole bag for others to use. Continuing on, are you ready to see some little angels? At our nativity,we invite you to come to our school to watch and gain some memories! We have been strongly practising our songs,so we can all do our best! The parents of year 1, year 2, and year 6, are the ones who have their children acting, singing and reading out loud, as older children did previously before. As well as the nativity, there is another singing event,for the EYFS (early years and foundation stage) sing-along.We hope to see you at these

activities, please ask Mr McEleney for more details. **By: Sylvie and Paris**

### Year 6 (Wisdom Class) Swimming

As you know 3 weeks ago, Year 6 went swimming and had lots of fun (for 2 weeks) we were put in different groups than last time because this time they were in different stages. This Thursday, on the 28/12/2024, Mr Peacock handed Wisdom Class their certificates: amber, green, blue, bronze, silver and gold. If you would like to see the pictures, the teachers kindly posted it on the website. **By: Aryen**

### St Mark's Christmas Fair

As everyone from St Mark's knows, whether you're a parent or carer, older brother or sister, or a family member coming to visit, we hold a Christmas fair every year. Make sure to come to St Mark's on the 13th of December 2024 (3:30 – 5pm) for a wonderful evening packed with lots of fun activities and delicious food. If you love games, want to meet Santa or stuffing your face with all sorts of yummy food the fair is the place to be! **Ps. If you have any good condition old toys or donations, please bring them in** 😊

### Thank you for assemblies

We would also thank all the staff for all of their efforts in all their efforts in creating wonderful assemblies. For anti-bullying week we had someone come in to make posters with years 1 & 2, he taught years 3 & 4 to make a video using an app called clips and years 5 & 6 make a short story using green screen and I believe that we have all the teachers to thank for organising that. Another cool assembly we were fortunate enough to attend was due to Ms Evans. We had two people come in and explained to us what it is like to be an architect and show us a bit of their work. At the end we even had a Q&A! We would like to show our appreciation to the teachers through writing this piece in the newsletter so all the parents and carers can see how fortunate we are here at St Mark's! **By: Alicia**

### ...Dates For Your Diary...

Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch Day	Wednesday 11th Dec
Winter Fair	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 3:30 – 5:30
Nativity in the school hall	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm (parents and carers welcome)
End of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm

*Psalm 119 Vs 105: Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*