



# St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was disappointing that, despite achieving the second-highest points total in Premier League history, Arsenal did not secure victory on the day. I know many of the children in school were looking forward to attending the parade.

Resilience is important because we cannot avoid difficult situations in life. There will always be challenges to overcome, and if we are resilient, we can face these challenges effectively. Resilience helps us cope with difficulties and assures us that we can make it through to the other side.

Each week in school, we discuss our Christian values and their impact on our lives. Resilience is particularly important as it allows children to learn and grow in all situations—two skills that are crucial to well-being and development. Resilience will also help children approach new situations, people, or experiences with confidence and a positive mindset, increasing their likelihood of success.

Wishing you a lovely half-term break, Ms. Braithwaite

**PS. Don't forget we are closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> for INSET.**

## Save the date and book a baby sitter.

We will be holding a parents' quiz night on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall at 7pm. Teams of no more than 6. Fish and chips available on the night, bring your own bottle and let's have some fun. [More info to follow on School PING.](#)

## Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents and carers that completed our online survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive with lots of very useful suggestions for us to consider. As always, your feedback is important to us.

## Reception Parents and Carers Invitation to Lunch

We are very pleased to invite our Rec Parents and Carers to lunch on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you wish to have lunch, please sign up at the school office. The cost is £2.90 per adult. You will need to arrive at 12.00pm so that you can walk into the dining hall with your child.

## Y4 Swimming Lessons-Reminder

This term, it is the turn of Y4 to have their two week block of swimming lessons. From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Y4 children will be going to the Cally Pool every morning for a 1-hour swimming lesson. They will need to bring in their swimwear, a towel and a swimming cap every day during that period.

## Sneaker Ball

You will have seen posters up, in and around the school advertising our Sneaker Balls. Both events will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is £3.00 per child; children do not need to be accompanied by an adult.

## Supporting transition from nursery to school

### St Marks Hall Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9am

There are many skills that children may need with transitioning from nursery to school, such as self-care, toileting, dressing, listening, sharing and taking part in daily routines (it's a lot!). Kelly Lynch, Occupational Therapist from the Family Hubs, Evelyn Tyler, clinical lead, Bright Start Speech and Language team, and a representative from Bright Start North is hosting a short parent workshop at St Marks on sharing ideas, tips, information and strategies to support families with the transition to school. This will include activities and support during the long summer break.

## Lost property

We are building up lots of items of uniform and clothing. We will put them out in the playground on the first Tuesday back after school. If uncollected they will be used for uniform sales or disposed of. Children can check for lost items throughout the week in the classrooms and cloakrooms too.

Non Uniform Day

## Deanery Schools Fundraising

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. All children are asked to bring £1. All proceeds will go to SAVE THE CHILDREN. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Important Dates For Your Diary	
Phonics Check	10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Multiplication Check	10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Class photos	19 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Fair	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July

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