

St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Season's Greetings

As we approach the festive season, we wish all our pupils, parents, and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is a time to reflect on the year gone by, celebrate our achievements, and embrace moments of peace and joy with loved ones.

Thank you for your incredible support, which has made this year so special for our school community. May the New Year bring fresh opportunities, renewed energy, and continued success for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 for another exciting chapter at St. Mark's!

Best wishes, Ms. Braithwaite

... Attendance Report ...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
Attendance	87%	98%	96%	93%	98%	88%	
Lates	4	2	5	5	8	5	

Nativity!

A heartfelt thank you to the children of St. Mark's and our dedicated staff, especially Mr. Gurry, Ms. Pala, and Mr. Allinson, for delivering a spectacular Nativity performance. The event truly highlighted our wonderful singers and the beautiful story of Jesus's birth. We are also grateful to Rev. Clutterbuck for attending and offering a blessing, which made the occasion even more special. Our sincere thanks go to the parents who joined us and supported the event with such enthusiasm. Your presence and encouragement mean so much to our school community.

EYFS Sing-a-Long!

Well done to all our wonderful children who performed the EYFS Sing-a-Long with staff support. This cherished annual tradition truly gets us into the festive mood. A big thank you to the parents who attended and supported the event with such warmth and joy. Your involvement adds so much to these special moments. We are so proud of our youngest performers for their energy and enthusiasm!

Christmas Dinner!

Thank you to our wonderful catering team for preparing a delicious Christmas dinner. Both staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the meal, which brought everyone together to celebrate in festive style. It was heartwarming to see so many bright and cheerful Christmas jumpers adding to the joyous atmosphere. We are very grateful to everyone who participated and made the day so special. Moments like these truly capture the spirit of the season at St. Mark's!

Parent Survey

Thank you to those who participated in our Parent Survey. With over 150 respondents, it was the most successful survey we have ever conducted. We are thrilled to share that 100% of respondents reported their child is happy at St. Mark's and feels safe. We are incredibly proud of these statistics. Sustaining these outcomes requires strong collaboration between parents and the school, so thank you once again for your invaluable support.

Winter Fair

The Winter Fair was a raving success and a joyful festive gathering. A huge thank you to the St. Mark's PTA for organising this wonderful event and to the staff who helped manage the stalls. It was delightful to see Santa in his grotto, preparing for his big day ahead. The fair brought so much joy to our community, and we are grateful to everyone who attended and contributed. Your support made this event truly memorable!

St Mark's and Duncombe Partnership

As we move into 2025, we are pleased to continue with our partnership with Duncombe. We are excited about all the potential opportunities this collaboration will bring in the new year, as well as the fun and enriching learning experiences that will inevitably arise. Together, we aim to create even more exciting opportunities for our children and foster a love for learning. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

...Dates For Your Diary...

End of term	Friday 20th Dec at 2pm				
Inset	Monday 6 th January – No Children				
Children Return	Tuesday 7 th January – 8:50				