



ST. MARK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for the wonderful start we have made to the school year. At the beginning of term, we reflected on Jesus' words: "You are the light of the world."

We challenged ourselves to shine our light — through kindness, hard work, and love for others. As we look back over these past weeks, it is clear that our children have truly lived out these words.

We have seen children settling into new year groups, making new friends, and helping one another to feel welcome. We have witnessed acts of kindness, moments of determination, and plenty of happiness around school each day.

This half term, we have achieved so much together:

- We have worked hard in our lessons and celebrated our learning with pride.
- We gathered food and raised funds for our Harvest collection, helping those most in need.
- We enjoyed Poetry Week, using our words to inspire, create, and bring joy.
- We learned from our Virtue Heroes – Oscar Romero, Rosa Parks, Helen Keller, and Maximilian Kolbe – who showed courage and faith by shining their light even when life was difficult.
- We came together in prayer and thanksgiving during Masses both in school and at church.
- We shared class assemblies and school discos, celebrating friendship and being a school family.

In so many ways, our children have let their lights shine brightly — in their learning, their laughter, and their care for one another. As we head into the half term break, we hope you all have a chance to rest and enjoy family time together. Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Woodruff.



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Important Dates for First Week Back

17 Monday 3rd November 2025

- School reopens after half-term. The school gates will be open between 8.40 – 8.50am. We look forward to welcoming all our children back!

17 Thursday 6th November 2025

- Year 3 Class Assembly in the school hall at 9.30am for Year 3's assembly. Parents and carers of Year 3 children are invited to attend.

17 Friday 7th November 2025

- Year 2 and Year 3 will attend Mass at St. Mark's Church at 10.00am. Parents are very welcome to join us in church for this special celebration.
- Year 5 own clothes day for highest attendance.
- Year 5 golden time for highest half term attendance.