



ST. MARK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents/carers,

This week has been full of exciting learning and wonderful moments! On Monday, our Key Stage 2 children participated in a carousel activity where they explored the stories of our Virtue Heroes. Each house is named after a remarkable individual: Rosa Parks, Oscar Romero, Helen Keller, and Maximilian Kolbe. The children enjoyed learning about their heroes' incredible lives and the virtues they exemplified. In addition, they presented information about their respective Virtue Hero during assembly—what a fantastic way to honour these inspiring figures.

Meanwhile, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes focused on deepening their understanding of our Patron Saint, Saint Mark. They learned more about his life and how his teachings guide us as a school community.

On Tuesday, our football team took part in the League Cup games. While we didn't come away with a win, I couldn't be prouder of how the children represented the school—showing excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination.

A big thank you to Year 5, who led our assembly so beautifully yesterday. Your confidence and thoughtful presentation impressed us all.

Today, those children who had consent for the flu vaccine received their dose here at school. Thank you to everyone who supported this process.

Year 3 and Year 4 children attended Mass at church this morning. We received lovely feedback from the parishioners, who praised the children for their wonderful participation.

Thank you to all our families who joined us for the Family Mass on Sunday. It was so lovely to see so many of you there, showing support and being part of our church community.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome back Sam Barlow! Many of you may remember Sam from her time working with Place2Be. We're thrilled she has now joined our staff team as our Pastoral and Behaviour Lead. Sam will be with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, supporting children and families across the school.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Woodruff.



Harvest Celebration Week

Monday 13th October

- Own Clothes Day for the Whole School in exchange for an item for our harvest collection.

Tuesday 14th October

- 4.00 – 5.30pm - If you have a child who is due to start Nursery in September 2026, we warmly invite you to join us for our **Open Evening**. This is a great opportunity to visit our wonderful school, meet staff, and see the learning environment we offer. Please also help us spread the word! If you know any families who don't currently have children at St. Mark's but are interested in Nursery or Reception places for September 2026, please let them know about this event and encourage them to come along!

Wednesday 15th October

- Mass in school at 9.30am in the school hall. Parents of children in KS2 are welcome to join us.

Thursday 16th October

- Y4 Assembly 9.30am in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
- Y6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum.

Friday 17th October

- Year 3 will attend Mass at St. Mark's Church at 10am. Parents are welcome to join us.

Attendance

Class	Attendance
N	84.7%
R	87.8%
Y1	95%
Y2	92.9%
Y3	91.9%
Y4	93.3%
Y5	97%
Y6	95.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.4%

