



Headteacher's Message



Dear parents/carers,

This week has been a very busy, exciting and memorable one in school as we celebrated our annual Key Stage 2 Dance Festival. The week began with our dress rehearsal on Tuesday, when our younger children had the opportunity to watch the performances. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing the older pupils showcase their dances and songs, and it was wonderful to see the admiration and encouragement they gave to one another.

On Wednesday and Thursday evening, we were delighted to welcome full audiences to our performances. We were especially grateful for the fantastic support shown on Wednesday evening, despite the England match taking place at the same time. Your commitment to supporting the children was greatly appreciated and helped make the event even more special.

A special thank you must go to our Year 6 children, who, alongside Miss Garner, managed to pull off a wonderful secret surprise for Mrs Mullineaux. After an incredible 27 years of service at St Mark's, Mrs Mullineaux will be retiring this summer. Year 6 wanted to celebrate her contribution by performing one of her legendary "pom pom" dances. We know that some of our parents may even have taken part in these dances themselves when they were pupils at St Mark's, and many older siblings will certainly remember them fondly!

Mrs Mullineaux has dedicated so much of her time, energy and love to the children and families of our school over the years, and her involvement in the Dance Festival has always been a huge part of its success. Thank you, Mrs Mullineaux, for your hard work, commitment and service to St Mark's. In true St Mark's style, we may well have a few more surprises up our sleeve in the coming weeks as we prepare to give her the fond farewell she deserves. The children were absolutely fantastic on both nights of the Dance Festival. They performed with confidence and enthusiasm and they should be incredibly proud of themselves. The Dance Festival is always such a wonderful experience for our pupils and it was heart-warming to see the big smiles on their faces throughout the performances. The memories they create through events such as these will stay with them for many years to come.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our staff for their hard work in preparing the children and to all of our families for your continued support. It means so much to both the children and the staff to see such encouragement from our families.

As many of you will be aware, there is a football match taking place in the early hours of Monday morning. School will be open as normal on Monday, with gates opening between 8.40am and 8.50am as usual.

To help celebrate the occasion, from registration on Monday morning, children will enjoy our special 'Watch the Football' Party. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes or a football kit of their choice. There will be alternative activities available for those who do not wish to watch the football, and a selection of treats will be available throughout the morning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,
Mrs Woodruff

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance
N	90.3%
R	89.6%
Y1	95.3%
Y2	93.1%
Y3	87.1%
Y4	97.4%
Y5	93.1%
Y6	98.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL	93%



Important Dates for Next Week

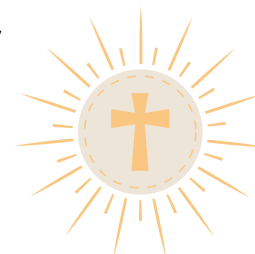
Monday 6th July

- **'Watch the Football' Party** - From registration on Monday morning, children can enjoy our special 'Watch the Football' Party. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes or a football kit of their choice. There will be alternative activities available for those who do not wish to watch the football, and a selection of treats will be available throughout the morning.
- All children in **Year 3**, together with the additional children who took part in this year's **Sacramental Programme**, will celebrate at a **First Holy Communion Party** in school. The children will enjoy a picnic party on our school field and may wear party clothes for this very special occasion. Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear for school.



Tuesday 7th July

- **Year 5** will be visiting **St Ambrose Barlow High School** during the morning to take part in an Art Workshop. The children will walk to and from the school. Please ensure your child attends in **full school uniform, including school shoes**.



Wednesday 8th July

- **Year 6 Leavers' Mass and Assembly** – Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us in the school hall at **9.30am**. Due to capacity, a maximum of **two adults per child** may attend. The celebration will last approximately **90 minutes**.
- **Year 6 to wear UNIFORM for Mass**. They may bring their PE kits to change into afterwards if they choose.
- **Key Stage 1 Disco** – **3.15pm–4.15pm** in school. Tickets are available to purchase via **SCOPAY**. All children must have a ticket to attend. Children should be collected promptly at 4.15pm from their usual exit.



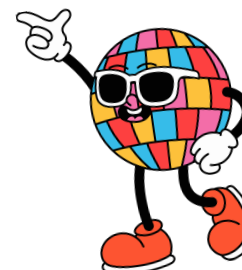
Thursday 9th July

- **Own clothes day for whole school** in exchange for a share bag of sweets (no chocolate please).
- **Year 6 Leavers' Dine, Dance and Movie Night** – Children should return to school at **4.30pm**. The evening will finish at **9.00pm**.
- **Key Stage 2 Disco** – Years 3–6 are invited to celebrate with Year 6 at a disco in the school hall from **5.45pm–6.45pm**. Tickets are available to purchase via **SCOPAY**. All children must have a ticket to attend. Children in **Years 3–5** should be collected promptly at **6.45pm** from their usual exit.



Friday 10th July

- **Year 5 Swimming**
- **School Reports** will be sent home to parents and carers.
- Own clothes for Year 6 for highest attendance.



We look forward to another busy and exciting week in school!

**REMINDER: ALL CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL FOR THE FULL WEEK IN THEIR PE KIT:
PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT, NAVY BLUE SHORTS, TRAINERS,
NO SANDALS OR CROCS.**