



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



Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week began with a fantastic Crazy Hair Day—it was a joy to see so many imaginative and creative hairstyles across the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success. Our KS1 and KS2 discos were equally successful. We extend our thanks to DJ Cool for leading these events and ensuring the children had such an enjoyable experience.

Last week, we also saw a positive improvement in attendance, with the whole school reaching 96.3%. To celebrate, the children enjoyed some well-deserved Golden Time this afternoon. While we fully understand that children need to stay home when unwell, every day in school is important for their learning. This improvement in whole-school attendance is excellent news—thank you for your continued support.

In this week's Gospel, we hear the powerful story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. When Jesus learned that his friend had died, he did not remain distant; instead, he went to be with Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha, in their grief. Moved by his love for his friend, Jesus wept alongside them. This reminds us that Jesus understands our sorrow and is always close to us in times of sadness and loss. As we approach Easter, this story also reminds us that Jesus' death isn't the end of the story—he has the power to bring life.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Woodruff

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We are aiming to use Studybugs more in our messages to parents, including sending out the newsletter. If you have not yet downloaded the Studybugs App, you may not receive these messages.

If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the school office.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Class	Attendance
N	90%
R	94%
Y1	93.9%
Y2	90%
Y3	93.2%
Y4	98.6%
Y5	93%
Y6	94.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.1%

Important Dates for next week

Wednesday 25th March

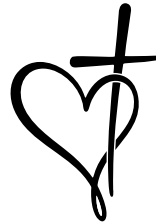
- Parents' meetings for Reception, Year One and Year Four.

Thursday 26th March

- Parents' meetings for Nursery, Year Two, Year Three and Year Six.

Friday 27th March

- Y3 will be attending 10am Mass at St Mark's
- Own clothes day for Y4 for best attendance this week



A reminder that our special Liturgies for Holy Week will take place on **Monday 30th** and **Tuesday 31st of March**.

Palm Sunday, led by Years 3 and 4 on Monday. Y3 and Y4 parents are welcome join us. The Passion, led by Y6 on Tuesday. Y6 parents are welcome to join us.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Y5 parent's meetings will take place after the Easter break

Family Mass at St Mark's is on the 22nd of March at 9.30am. It would be lovely to see you all there.

To help us safeguard all our children, could we remind parents, carers and children to please refrain from riding bikes and scooters etc on the school playground. Thank you.

