



ST. MARK'S R.C PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Message

It has been an incredibly busy, yet fulfilling week at St. Mark's, and I am excited to share some highlights with you! On Monday, our Year 5 children embarked on the Bikeability programme, a fantastic initiative designed to enhance their cycling skills. Throughout the week, they have been honing their abilities on the playground before taking to the open road. I am pleased to report that our Year 5 children were a credit to both their families and our school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and many successfully completing the course. Well done, Year 5!

On Tuesday, we held a transition morning for the entire school. It was wonderful to see our children in their new classrooms, meeting their new teachers and looking eager to learn in their new environments. We have two more transition mornings scheduled for next week on Monday and Tuesday. For this, the children should enter through their new entrance and proceed directly to their new classrooms. Year 6 are to enter via the main office, where they will be registered in the hall.

As the week drew to a close, we celebrated our remarkable Year 6 with several memorable events. On Wednesday, we held a Leavers' Mass led by Fr. Ernest in the school hall. This emotional occasion allowed us to reflect on the children's time at St. Mark's. They read and sang beautifully, and it was lovely to have parents join us afterwards for a cup of tea and to finally enjoy the video presentation, despite the minor technical hiccup we encountered during the Mass. A heartfelt thank you to Fr. Ernest for guiding us through such a special celebration for our Year 6 children.

The festivities continued with our Leavers' 'Dine and Dance' last night. The children were treated to a delicious meal prepared by our kitchen staff, followed by a dance with friends in the school hall. To cap off the evening, Year 6 enjoyed a camping experience on the school field, with the fantastic 'We Are Adventurers' club leaders helping them set up tents and a campfire. The highlight was undoubtedly roasting marshmallows, followed by a game of cricket in the sunshine. I want to extend a massive thank you to all staff members who worked so hard to make this event possible; it truly was a remarkable team effort!

Looking ahead, our Festival Day is scheduled for next Thursday, 17th July. While we are hoping for sunshine, I assure you that the festival will go ahead, rain or shine. If you have yet to purchase your adult tickets, please do so by the end of Monday, 14th July, as we need to allocate staff to supervise any children attending without a parent or carer. Additionally, please remember to email the support email if you wish to collect your child at 1:30 PM, so staff can be made aware. We acknowledge that some challenges with Scopay and apologise for this. Please see Miss Allen in the office who will be happy to help you if you are struggling.

  

Class	Attendance this week
N	92.9%
R	93.4%
Y1	97.7%
Y2	97.3%
Y3	99.3%
Y4	98.0%
Y5	97.7%
Y6	97.1%
Whole school	96.7%

Important Dates for Next week



- **Monday 14th July** – Transition morning, children will enter school through their new year group entrance.
- Nursery Group 1 stay and play – 9.15 – 10.00am
- Reception stay and play – 9.30 – 10.30am
- Nursery Group 2 stay and play – 10.30 – 11.15am
- **Tuesday 15th July** – Transition morning and stay and plays as above.
- **Wednesday 16th July** – Own clothes day for the whole school in return for a cake donation for our Festival Day.
- 100% Attendance Reward Trip (details for the children involved to follow early next week).
- **Thursday 17th July** – Swintonbury! Parents with tickets are welcome to join us from 1.30pm.
- **Friday 18th July** – Current Year 4 children, who wish to attend our Lledr Hall Residential Trip in Year 5, to have paid £20 deposit on Scopay to secure a place. If you are struggling to do this please speak to us so we can see how we can help.
- Own clothes day for Y3 for having the highest attendance this week.



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