Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

14th February 2025

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

We finished the term with a series of exciting special days and events across the school—Number Day, Superhero Day, Ancient Greece Day, Safer Internet Day, Ancient China Day and Toddlers Stay and Play coffee morning. In addition to this, most classes have been out on an educational visit during this term. I would like to say a big thank you to teachers and all staff across the school who go above and beyond to inspire our young learners and make the learning fun and exciting across the curriculum. Thank you also to all parents who support us in this.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Listening and thinking

BIBLE VERSE

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are [b] of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, [c]think on these things."

Philippians 4:8

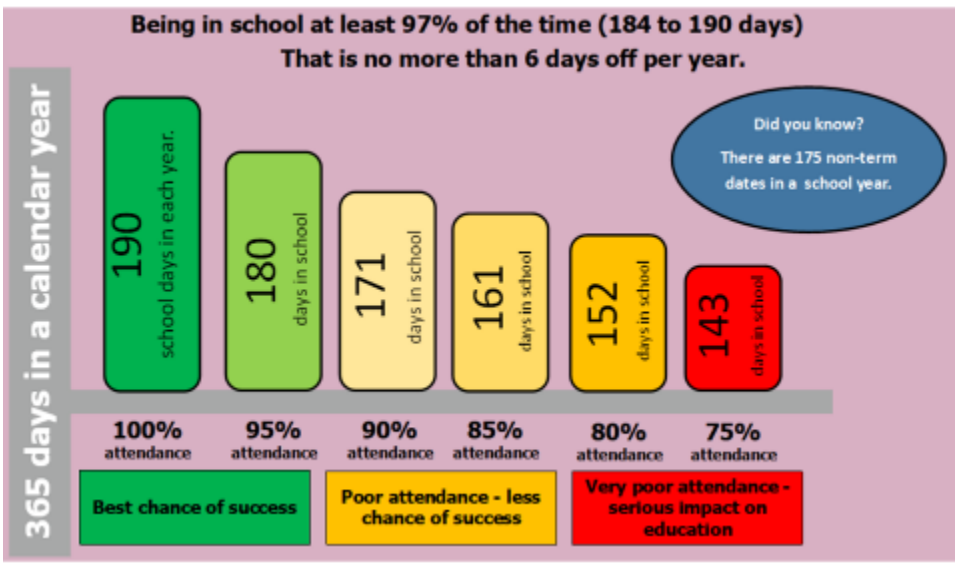
PARENTS EVENING

Over 90% of parents attended our Parents' Evening, which is our best attendance ever! Parents obtained feedback on how well their child is doing, received their child's targets for the rest of the year and were able to see their workbooks and learning environments. When we resume, details will be provided for Reception Parents' Evening. Thank you for all of your continued support.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Nursery -
Reception— 98.5%
Y1 - 97.5 %
Y2— 97.3%
Y3—92%
Y4 - 94%
Y5 - 99.2%
Y6– 94.2
Whole school: 95.7%

Much better attendance this week! Well done Years R,1, 2, and 5..



Outstanding learning at St Mark's

Ancient Greece day in Year 4 Palm Class

We baked our own Greek bread from scratch, using our maths skills to calculate the measurements and weigh the correct amount of ingredients. We then held a mini Olympics after lunch where we competed in activities such as javelin, discus, long jump and relay races just like the Ancient Greeks did. Once we had finished our Olympic tournament we had a Greek feast as a class, where we tried our bread along with, humus, grapes, olives, ham and feta cheese, all washed down with red wine (grape juice) just like the Greeks.

During our collective worship this week the children learned about staying safe whilst using the internet. They considered how some people attempt to influence us online with 'Fake News' and some people try to deceive us through scams. They were encouraged not to share any personal information with people online who they do not know and not to be taken in through offers of fee gifts and benefits.

In an ever changing and uncertain world, with a range of influences around them, we are pleased that we can remind the children that they can put their trust in God and in His Word. There are so many people out there wanting us to follow them, but Jesus said Follow me.

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

3—8 February

Las week St Mark's celebrated Children's mental health week. During school assembly we looked at what mental health is and we explore this year theme: ' Know yourself, Grow yourself'. Please click here for Power Point presentation.

Year 5 explored the different things that make us happy, sad and investigated how are feelings may affect are actions and others around us. As we use The 'Inside Out' characters for our zones of regulation, it was a great opportunity to explore the emotions use in from the movie.

PORTUGUESE SCIENCE SESSION IN HENRY FAWCETT PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDED BY 10 OF OUR PORTUGUESE SPEAKING PUPILS IN KEY STAGE 2

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

Vauxhall City Farm
Nursery trip

WILLOW CLASS

Year 6 went to an Anderson shelter that was used in WW2 to protect Londoners from being bombed. We also got to wear some artefacts and saw gas masks that people would have worn. It was a great end to our WW2 topic!

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

The children at St Mark's are fantastic learners! They are enthusiastic, they work hard and are fully engaged during their lessons. A big well done to everyone, especially our stars of the terms mentioned below

TERM 3	Joyful and Positive	Self-control and collabo-ration	Leadership and Accountability	Effort and Hard Work	Kindness and Compassion	STARS OF THE TERM
Juniper Class	Jacob	Sefein	Micah	Ephraim	Isabella	
Oak Class	Anthony	Abdias	Naila	Kevin	Alberta	
Olive Class	Heirmela	Kimarni	Lily	Gadiel	Jason	
Palm Class	Sammy J	Adelani	Lillian	Josiah	Sadia	
Sycamore Class	Alicia	Kelly	Amy	Johan	Lisa	
Willow Class	Ameerah	Melek	Erick	Alejandro	Sofia	
	Making Links	Having a go	Being a good friend	Having their own ideas	Being involved	Trying their best
Cedar Class	Luke	Arianna Clara	Aniya	Jesse	Abigail Redondo	Mike
Ebony Class	Noah	Valentina	Seema	Ira	Soraia	Jibril

On Thursday, Oak Class celebrated Superhero Day!

For our class pebble treat, we dressed up as all kinds of heroes - from Spiderman and Thor to Lillian Bader and Mary Seacole! We also celebrated ourselves as heroes by finishing off our incredible self-portraits and making our own superhero masks. Some of the children built superhero cities and superhero houses out of lego. We all had a wonderful day!

NOTICES

HEALTHY Packed lunch

To support your child's growth and learning, we encourage you to provide a balanced packed lunch. Please include a variety of fruits, vegetables, proteins, and whole grains. Together, we can foster healthy eating habits and ensure the well-being of our students. Click here for the school packed lunch policy.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

MEAT & ALTERNATIVES

OILY FISH

STARCHY FOOD

Bread, pasta, rice, couscous, potatoes

MILK & DIARY FOOD

Cheese, yogurt fromage frais

HEALTHY DRINK – WATER

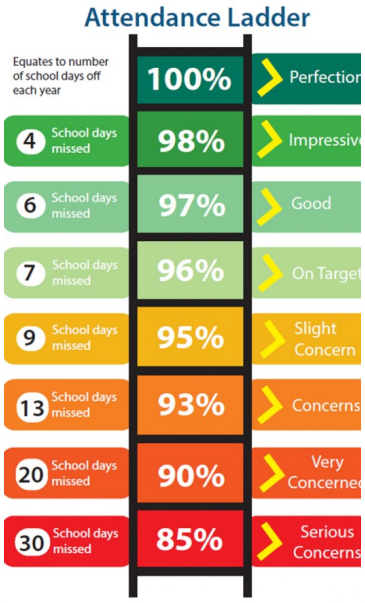
Reminder: Please Park Carefully Near the School

Dear Parents,

We kindly remind you to park carefully and considerately near the school premises. Your cooperation ensures the safety of all our students and helps maintain a smooth traffic flow during drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your understanding and support.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance and punctuality play a crucial role in your child's academic success and overall development. Consistent attendance ensures that your child does not miss out on valuable learning opportunities and experiences. Punctuality helps your child start their day smoothly, ready to engage and participate actively in classroom activities. By working together, we can create a supportive environment where every student thrives. Please help us in encouraging your child to attend school every day and arrive on time.



Click here for Lambeth guide on school attendance and penalty notices.

The importance of arriving at school on time

If your child is ***5 minutes*** late they lose	25 minutes a week	1 hour 40 minutes a month	2 hours 30 minutes a half term	5 hours a term This is equivalent to over 1 full day	16 hours 15 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 3 days
If your child is ***10 minutes*** late they lose	50 minutes a week	3 hours 20 minutes a month	5 hours a half term This is equivalent to 1 full day	10 hours a term This is equivalent to 2 full days	32 hours 30 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 6 full days
If your child is ***15 minutes*** late they lose	1 hour 15 minutes a week	5 hours a month This is equivalent to 1 full day	7 hours 30 minutes a half term This is equivalent to over 1 full day	15 hours a term This is equivalent to 3 full days	48 hours 45 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 9 full days
If your child is ***20 minutes*** late they lose	1 hour 40 minutes a week	6 hours 40 minutes a month This is equivalent to over 1 full day	10 hours a half term This is equivalent to over 2 full days	20 hours a term This is equivalent to over 4 full days	65 hours a school year This is equivalent to 13 full days

NOTICES AND EVENTS

Longfield Hall - FREE Half- term Musical Theatre Workshops:

Learn a song, a dance and a scene from a musical and share your work with a small audience of family and friends at the end of the day! To register your young person, please fill out this form: Longfield Hall Musical Theatre Workshop - February Half Term

Workshop dates:

Thursday 20th February (6-9's) – 10:00 – 14:30

Friday 21st February (10+) – 10:00 – 15:30

Please note that priority will be given to young people who live and/or go to school in Lambeth or Southwark, and come from a household in receipt of state benefits. Call 07988629697 or email youthmanager@longfieldhall.org.uk for more information.

Stay up to date with exciting cultural events, creative learning opportunities, and activities for students and families in Lambeth. This edition of the ELEVATE school's newsletter features fantastic workshops, performances, and resources designed to inspire young minds and support their wellbeing.

Click the link to access to the newsletter

ELEVATE February Schools Newsletter

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who are the Community Learning?
We believe that it's important for people to be kind to themselves and try to make the time to do things that are educational, rewarding and fun. Especially after going through a challenging time. Morley Community Learning offers a wide range of free courses in community venues across Lambeth, Waterloo and Stockwell.
Who do I contact if I have any questions?
If you have any questions about any of the courses above you can drop-in to the Community Learning team at **1 Studley Road, London, SW4 6RA.** You can call us on **0207 450 1809** or e-mail community@morleycollege.ac.uk.

Spring Term—Term 4—2024-25

Monday 24th February 2025	Term 4 Begins	
Monday 3rd March 2025	Secondary School offer day	
Wednesday 5th March	Year 1 Juniper Class visiting Vauxhall City Farm	
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day	Children to dress up as their favourite book character
Thursday 6rd March 2025	Maths Master Class 6 Year 5 children visiting King's Maths School	1.30-3.00pm
Wednesday 12th March 2025	EYFS Stay and Play	9-9.45am
Thursday 13th March 2025	Maths Master Class 6 Year 5 children visiting King's Maths School	1.30-3.00pm
Tuesday 18th March 2025	Year 5 involved in IntoUniversity	9.30-11.30am
Thursday 20th March 2025	Maths Master Class 6 Year 5 children visiting King's Maths School	
Friday 21st March 2025	Red Nose Day	Fundraising event. Children
Tuesday 25th March 2025	KS 1 singing in the Lambeth Music Festival	1.30pm at the Southbank Centre
Friday 28th March 2025	Mother's Day Breakfast	8.15-8.55am
Friday 28th March 2025	Last day of After School Clubs Spring term	
w/c 31st March 2025	RE Week	Whole school focusing on Easter
Monday 31st March 2025	Year 5&6 Futsal @ Ferndale Sports Centre	
Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Year 5 and 6 Music concert for parents	Starting at 2.55pm
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Easter Service at St Mark's Church led by YEAR 4	9.30 am – 2.30 pm
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Year 3 and 4 Music concert for parents	Starting at 2.55pm
Friday 4th April 2025	Last day of term 4	School finishes 3.25 pm

School Days

Breakfast club
8.00 am to 8.50 am

After School clubs
3.30 pm to 4.25 pm

School Starts / End:

School gates open: 8:45 am

EYFS & KS1: 8:55am - 3:20pm (Monday to Friday) KS 1 Parents are to remain with children until the bell sounds

KS2 : 8:55 - 3:25 pm (Monday to Friday) Please be on time!

Health & Safety requirement:

When dropping off and collecting your child, please do not stop at any time by the entrance gates, keep moving, as it is blocking the way to others and it is against H&S, which we all have to adhere to.

Absences & Sickness:

If your child is unwell, please notify the school via phone or email and state the reason for the child's absence.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING 2025

Monday 20th January to Friday 28th March

Clubs are 3.30pm-4.25pm,

Term Dates for 2024-25

Please find the term dates for the academic year. Please avoid taking holidays during term time as it can impact on children's progress. Dates for 2025-6 will be available soon