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The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

26th April 2024

'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.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

It is hard to believe that we are already two weeks into Term 5! You should have all received your class bulletin for the term, outlining what the children will be learning. Thank you for all the work and research that you have been doing with them at home already and do your best to participate in other events and activities related to the learning.

Bicentenary events

Children across the school will dress up as Victorians on 24th May—the last day of term. As part of our bicentenary celebrations we will be hosting an after school events for adults who were former pupils at the school. Please see the invitation on page 8 and email Barbara Churchward on bchurchward@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk if you plan to attend.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SUMMER TERM

Due to low intake in some of the clubs, we had to cancelled some of them. Please see below those clubs running next week. Re-funds will be made during next week for cancelled clubs.

MONDAY— Cooking club (Full)

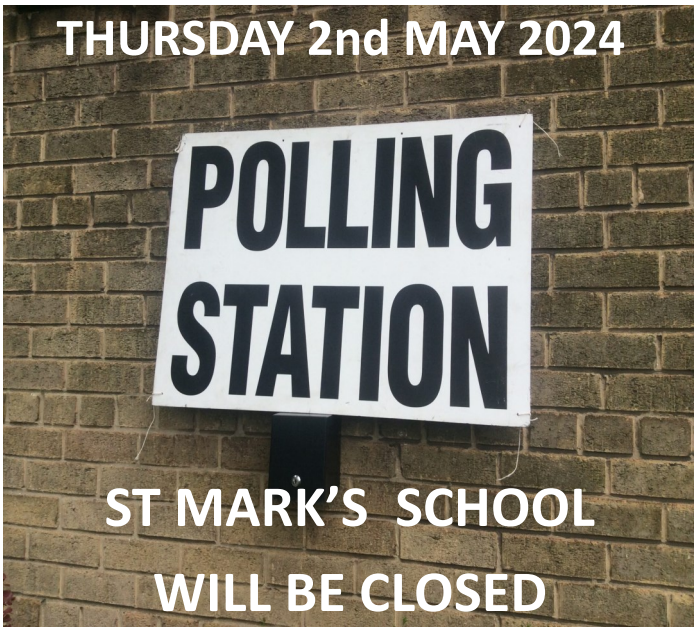
TUESDAY— Art Club (5 spaces available)

THURSDAY—GYMNASTICS (Full)

THURSDAY—CHESS (7 spaces available)

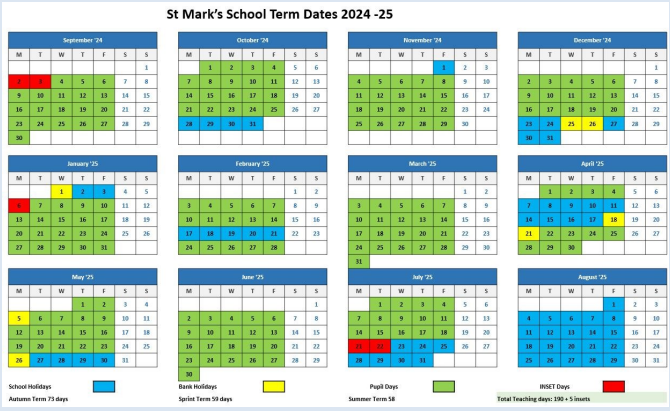
FRIDAY—Homework Club (Full)

FRIDAY—Football Club (8 spaces available)



ST MARK'S SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Term dates for next school academic are available on the website. Click here for pdf document.



VALUE OF THE WEEK

Flourishing in society

Making a difference

BIBLE VERSE

'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds an glorify your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5.16

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Nursery -
Reception—
Y1 -
Y2—
Y3 -
Y4 -
Y5 -
Y6–
Whole School—

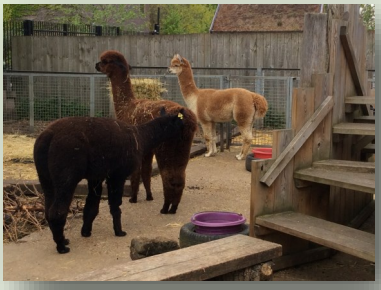
Data not able to be completed this week

What it is happening at St Mark's

JUNIPER CLASS

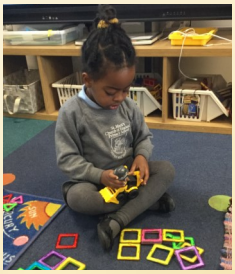
Year 1 took a trip to Vauxhall City Farm to consolidate their learning of last term's Geography topic: Land to Lunchbox.

They participated in a workshop where they learned about where our food comes from and how different food types make their journey from the earth, seas and trees, to be part of our balanced diet. They then explored the farm garden , identifying some common foods and what they look like as they start life as a plant.



After this, they explored all the farm animals and enjoyed feeding the goats, sheep and alpacas.

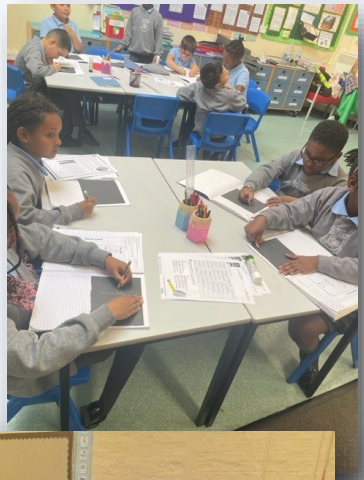
LEARNING THROUGH PLAY IN EARLY YEARS

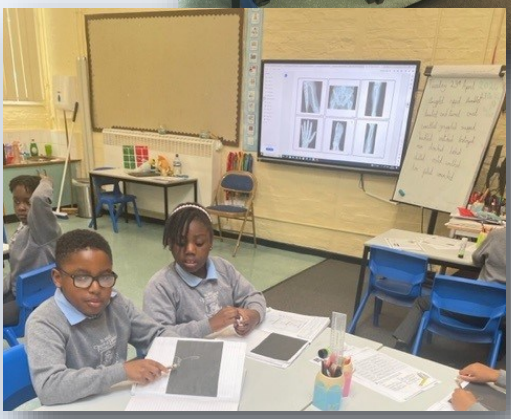


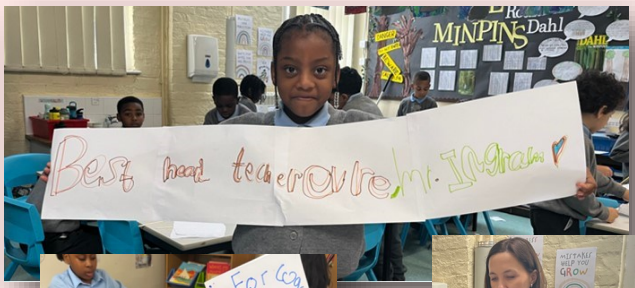
What it is happening at St Mark's

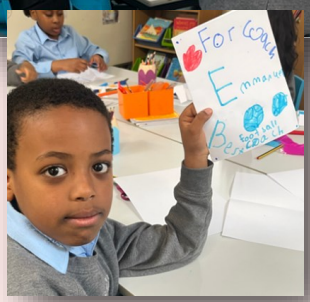
OLIVE CLASS

In Year 3 our science topic is scientists and inventors. On Tuesday this week we learnt about Marie Curie and her work with radiation. We learnt that she changed the way X-rays were used in medicine which was a huge contribution to science. We drew our own X-rays on black card using white crayons to highlight the bones just like an X-ray does.





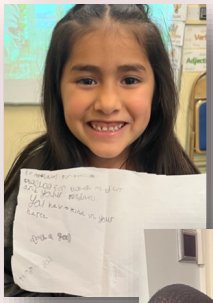


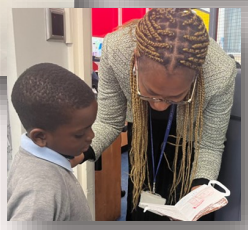


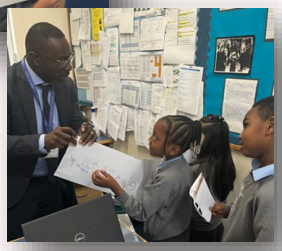
OAK CLASS—Year 2

In PSHE this term, we have been learning about all of the communities we are a part of and how these communities help us and benefit us in many ways.

This week, we learnt about gratitude. We discussed why it is so important to show gratitude to the people who help us and we talked about the different ways you can show gratitude.







For our activity today, we each chose someone in our school community to show gratitude towards and we showed these individuals gratitude, in our own unique way. Some of us drew special pictures, made banners, wrote thank you notes and created thank you cards. We then delivered our creations to our chosen member of the school community! We talked about how it feels good to show appreciation for others and let them know they are valued.

ST MARK'S TALENT SHOW

1ST PRIZE

ERICA & NALIYAH
DANCING

2ND PRIZE

NASYA
SINGING

3RD PRIZE

MASON - PIANO
MALACHI - DANCING

Notices & Events

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 4 – 6?

Would they be willing to participate in a research study together with their parent?

We are exploring how parents talk with their children about school subjects and occupations based on a picture book.

Join our online study and earn 15£!

How long will it take? 30 minutes

Scan the QR code to get more information!

Or email a.kocis@surrey.ac.uk

This study was reviewed and given a favourable ethical opinion by the University of Surrey Ethics Committee Ref. FHMS 22-23 029 EGA.

Free Breakfast bagels from Magic breakfast

To help with the distribution:

We need parent volunteers

1 morning per week

between 8.30-9.00 am

Speak to Miss Natasha if you can help

Greenhouse Schools 4+
School news for parents
Green Schools Online
Free

Code 1467

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St Mark's CE Bicentenary 1824-2024

Look out for the dates of the series of events that will take place during the rest of the year, to commemorate our bicentenary.

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CELEBRATING OUR BICENTENARY YEAR

ST MARK'S

1824-2024

Thursday 28th March 2024
Partnership Lunch

Friday May 24th May 2024
Victorian Day. Children and staff to dress up as Victorians

Friday May 24th May 2024
Afternoon Tea in the school Hall for former pupils (over 18) and staff 5-6.30pm

June/July 2024
Bi-Centenary Summer Fair

w/c July 15th 2024
Whole School Tea Party at the Kia Oval

15th November 2024
Official unveiling of school portacabin

We will also be creating a time capsule and raising money for the Robes Homeless Charity and our school library.

St Mark's Diary Dates—Term 5

Monday 29th April 2024	Year 1 trip to Garden Museum	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Monday 29th April 2024	EYFS Duckling Eggs arriving	
Tuesday 30th April 2024	Year 4 children begin attending the Kia Oval for ICT and Cricket Training every Tuesday	Yr 4 Children to come to school in their PE kits on their
Wednesday 1st May 2024	EYFS Stay and Play 9-10am	
Thursday 2nd May 2024	**School Closed to Students**	**school is used as a Polling Station**
w/c 6th May 2024	Year 2 children involved in End of KS 1 Optional Assessment Tests during the month of May	
Thursday 9th May 2024	Maths Master Class for 7 Year 5 children	Children going to Kings Maths School
Friday 10th May 2024	Year 5 out at Into University	9.30-2.30pm
Monday 13th May 2024	End of Key Stage 2 SATs 14th – 17th May	Year 6 involved in national testing during the week
Monday 20th May 2024	Year 6 Gangs workshop	
Thursday 16th May 2024	EYFS Welcome event for new Nursery and Re-ception parents starting in September 2024	
Wednesday 22th May 2024	Action tutoring for Year 5	
Wednesday 22th May 2024	Year 6 Trip to see the Lion King	
Thursday 23rd May 2024	Nursery visiting the Science Museum	
Friday 24th May 2024	Victorian Day to celebrate our 200th Anniversary	Children to dress up as Victorians
Friday 24th May 2024	Bicentenary tea party 5-00-6.30pm for former pupils and staff	This event is for over 18 year olds
Friday 24th May 2024	Last day of term 5	
Monday 3rd June 2024	1st Day of Term 6	

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 ad-here 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.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Hampton Court Gardens Open Days FREE
Free access to gardens 27-28 April 2024 (Paid ticket required for the palace, Maze and Magic Garden)
Hampton Ct Way, Molesey, East Molesey KT8 9AU
www.hrp.org.uk

Tate Modern FREE
TATE DRAW
See your drawings come to life using our digital sketch pads at Tate Modern
Monday to Sunday 10.00–18.00
Tate Modern, Clore Studio, Bankside, London, SE1 9TG
https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern/tate-draw

Young V&A FREE
Spark your creativity at Young V&A – a museum where children, young people & families can imagine, play & design.
Monday to Sunday 10.00–17.45
Cromwell Road, London SW7 2RL
https://www.vam.ac.uk/young

Free Python Course for 14 yrs plus FREE
Every Monday 4.00-6.00pm
Registration necessary www.southwyck.co.uk
Southwyck Coding and Arts Centre SW9 BUR (Off Moreland Rd)
https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events/free-python-courses

West Norwood Library GCSE Revision Club FREE
Every Tuesday term time, until 21 May 2024, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
Help and advice from our team of volunteers and teachers who specialise in English, Maths and Science.
14+ Refreshments provided.
1-5 Norwood High Street, London, SE27 9JX,
https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events/gcse-revision-club

Clapham Library KS1 and KS2 Homework Club FREE
Every Thursday Term time only. 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Help with homework for children. Come along to the library from 4pm where our homework helpers can assist. KS1 and KS2.
Mary Seacole Centre, 91 Clapham High Street, London, SW4 7DB
https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events/homework-club-3

The Kids Playhouse FREE
Free Stay & Play After-school Sessions for 5-7 year olds & their parents/carer. Limited spaces please register in advance.
Thursday 4pm - 5.30pm during termtime
Station Hall Herne Hill, Railton Rd, London SE24 0JW, UK
https://www.stationhallhernehill.org/events/the-kids-playhouse-2023-06-22-16-00

Isla, Brixton Learning Collaborative (brixtonlearningassistant@gmail.com)

Rachel Thomas, Windmill Cluster (rthomas@sudbourne.com)

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Dear local friends, former students (over 18s) and staff of St Mark's C of E Primary school,

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 1824-2024

Afternoon Tea will be held in the School Hall on Friday 24th May, 5:00-6:30pm Harleyford Road SE11 5SL

Come along for the chance to :

- Tour the school site
- Catch up with old friends and contacts
- Enjoy refreshments
- See old memorabilia relating to the history of the school

Please confirm attendance with our receptionist Mrs Barbara Churchward on: bchurchward@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk ASAP

If you have any old school photos, reports or other details you would like to share, please email them to Barbara using the email address above.

St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2023-24

Term Dates for 2023-24

Please find the term dates for the academic year. Please avoid taking holidays during term time as it can impact on children's progress.

	September 2023				
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

	October 2023					
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	November 2023				
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	December 2023				
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	January 2024				
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Sun	7	14	21	28	

	February 2024				
Mon		5	12	19	26
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Wed		7	14	21	28
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Fri	2	9	16	23	
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	March 2024				
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	April 2024				
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	May 2024				
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	June 2024				
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	July 2024				
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	August 2024				
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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days