Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

3rd October 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.'

Dear Pupils, parents, governors and staff,

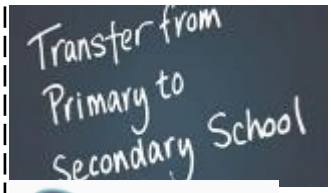
Another week down! Children across the school are working so well and making good progress. We are grateful to all school monitors for taking on positions of responsibility and for helping the school to improve.

Parents, please note that there are a range of events and learning and development opportunities within the newsletter on pages 5-11, which covers training, well-being, support for work and events for the whole family.

Please continue to tell your friends and neighbours about the school and share p12 with them

Next two weeks at St Mark's—Term 1

Monday 6th October	Autumn walk Reception Class PARENTS NEEDED
Friday 10th October 2025	Year 3 Olive Class Roman Banquet
Friday 10th October	Year 4 visit to the Science Museum
Monday 13th October 2025	Focus Week IntoUniversity YR 6 including trips
Friday 17th October 2025	Girls Football competition Years 4 to 6
Thursday 23rd October	Parent and Staff Football
Friday 24th October 2025	Culture Day Culture Day Children to wear cultural clothing or the national flag colours.
w/c 27th - 31st October	Half Term
TUESDAY 4th November	Term 2 Begins



Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 6, you MUST apply for a secondary place. The deadline for applications is midnight on FRIDAY 31st October 2025. Applications are made online on the EAdmissions website.

Click here for Lambeth information on applying for a secondary school

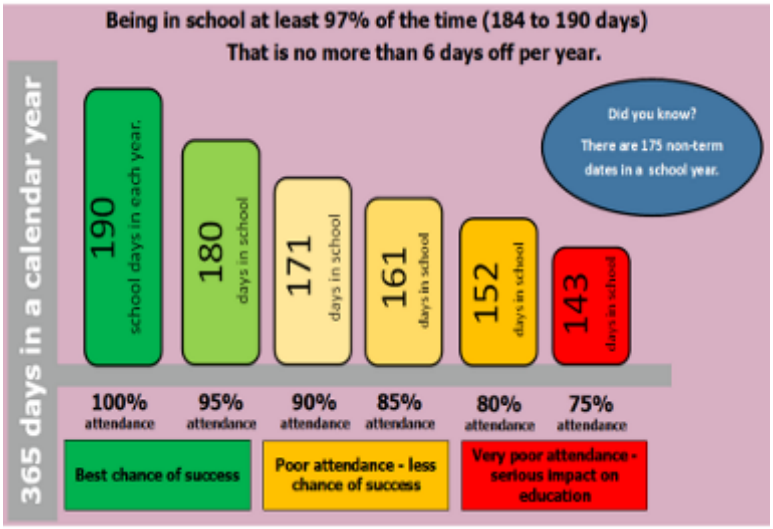
VALUE OF THE WEEK

School Values CHART— Respect

BIBLE VERSE

"Allow the children to come to me and do not forbid them, for such is the kingdom of God ."

Matthew 19.14



ATTENDANCE %	
Nursery	94.95
Reception Class	89.67
Class 1	93.97
Class 2	90.24
Class 3	96.18
Class 4	88.28
Class 5	92.42
Class 6	95.36
Whole School	**92.63**

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

Willow Class

Year 6 were very grateful to have Kingsley Nebechi visit us and answer lots of questions about being an illustrator - he taught us how to create characters when illustrating, and everyone created some amazing art work.

HARVEST WEEK AT ST MARK'S

Children visited St Mark's Church to take part in the Harvest Celebration. Families generously donated food items to support those in need. Contributions were warmly received and helped to highlight the importance of sharing and showing gratitude for what we have. Thank you to all

Separating Materials in Year 5

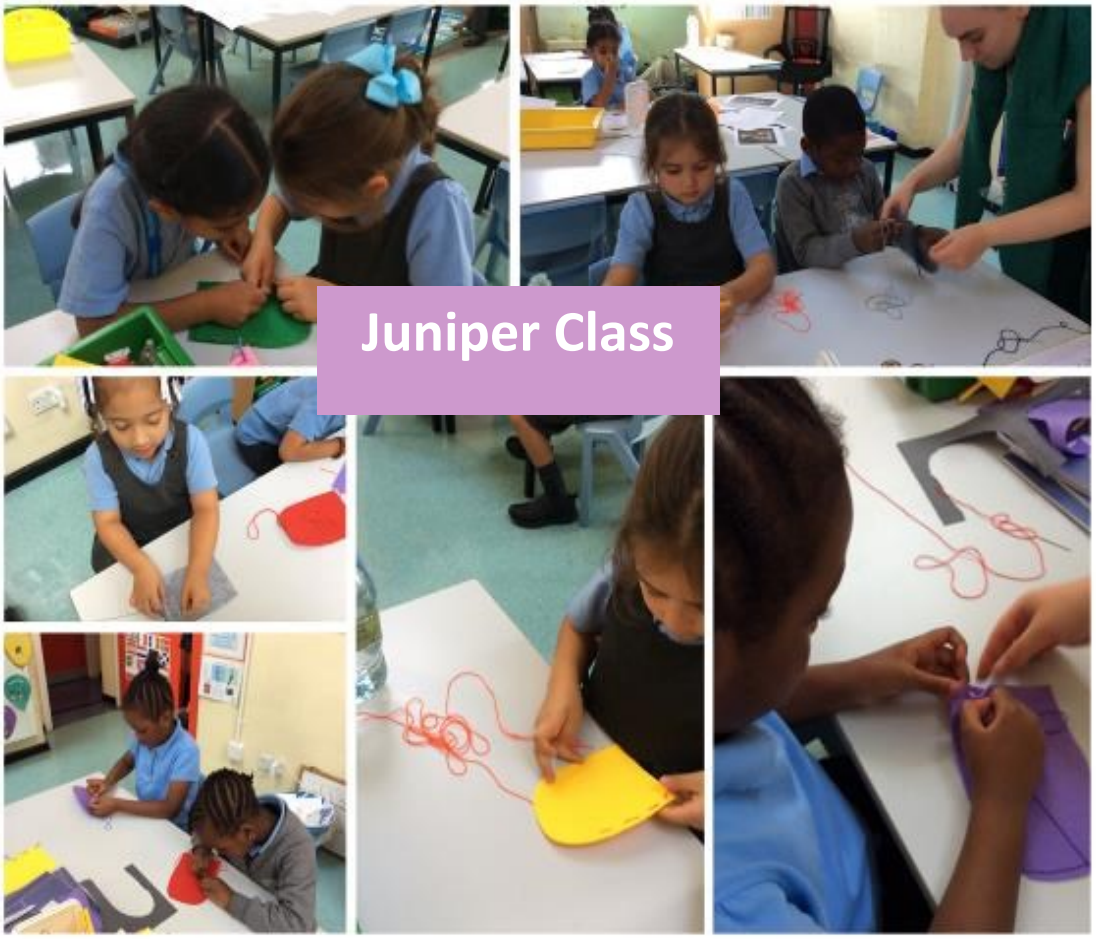
Sycamore Class

In science this week, Year 5 pupils created their own water filters. Well done to Lilian who managed to get the clearest water in the class.

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

Juniper Class

This week in Year 1, we worked really hard with our teacher to design and sew our very own puppets! First, we drew our ideas and chose the colours and materials we wanted. Then, we learned how to use a needle and thread safely and practiced our stitching every day. It was a bit tricky at first, but we got better and better! We are so proud of our puppets – they are all starting to look different and special, just like our drawings. It was so much fun seeing them come to life!



Ebony Class

Reception have been busy taking part in learning which focused on our key text this term 'So Much' by Trish Cooke. We have been designing our own handbags for Nannie and Gran Gran, as well as having a birthday party to celebrate Daddy's birthday!

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

TAG RUGBY COMPETITION YEARS 5 & 6

A team of 11 talented Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a local tag rugby competition—and came home victorious! Congratulations to all the players for representing the school with such effort and enthusiasm and energy! Well done to Eli, John , Santiago, Lola, Suraiya-Rose, Sophia and Paapa in Year 6 and also to Lewi, Eliana, Ezra and Sammy in Year 5 and of course to Coach Emmanuel.

School council 2025-2026

During the past two weeks, Year 2-6 pupils democratically elected their school council representatives for the year. The children have already been involved in meetings and have made decisions for the school

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

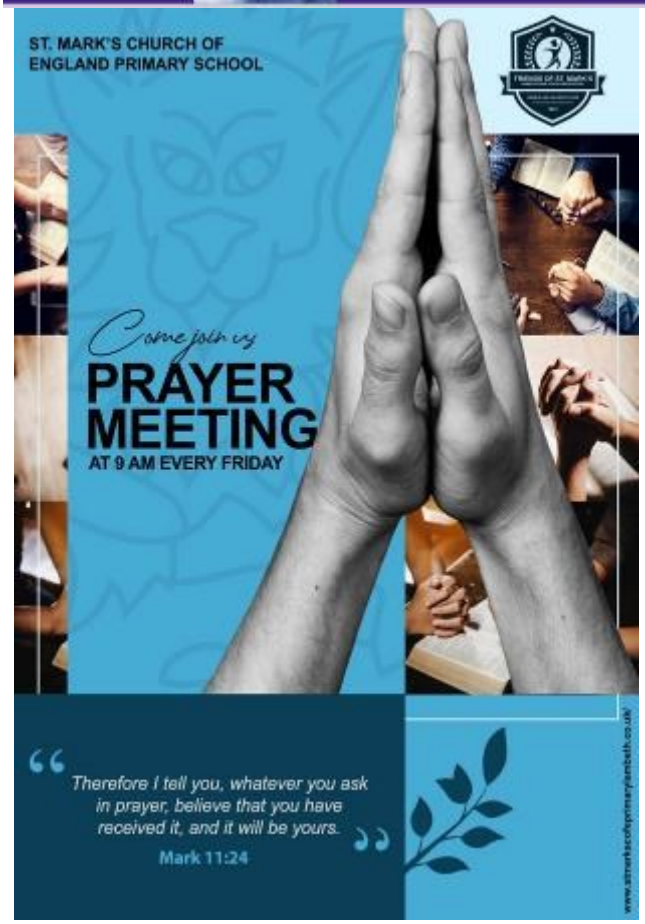
Today Year 4 and Year 2 were invited to Henry Fawcett Primary School to take part in an assembly for BHM. They had a story teller named Alim Kamara who told the children African tales. It was really interactive and the children were all encouraged to get involved.

Oak Class

St Mark's C of E Primary School Term Dates for Autumn Term 2025/26

Monday 6th October 2025	Autumn walk Reception Class	9.15 am
Friday 10th October 2025	Year 3 Olive Class Roman Banquet	Dress as Romans for the day
Friday 10th October 2025	Year 4 visit to the Science Museum	
Monday 13th October 2025	Focus Week IntoUniversity YR 6 including trips	9.30 – 2.30 all week
Monday 20th October 2025	Girls Football competition Years 4 to 6	Kennington Park new date updated
Thursday 23rd October 2025	Parent and Staff Football	9.00 am at the school gate
Friday 24th October 2025	Culture Day Culture Day Children to wear cultural clothing or the national flag colours.	After school event involving food and music from around the world– see poster
w/c 27th October – 31st October 2025	Half Term	
Monday 3rd November 2025	Term 2 Begins	
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November	Parents' evening	Form to go out electronically
Friday 14th November 2025	Football Competition Years 5& 6	Kennington Park new date updated
Friday 28th November 2025	Football Competition Years 3 & 4	Kennington Park
Thursday 11th December 2025	Fire Safety workshop for Year 2 and Year 5	AM – based in classes

NOTICES & EVENTS



Join Us for Prayer Every Friday

We warmly invite you to our weekly **Friday Prayer Meeting** at St Mark's school. Time to reflect and pray together as a community.

Every Friday at 9:00 AM

School hall

All are welcome—Come as you are!

MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON
Community Learning
Free*
Level 1 Teaching Assistant Course
Learn the key skills & gain confidence needed to support learning in the classroom.
Start date: Wednesday 8th October
Finish date: Wednesday 11th March
Time: 09:00am till 12:00pm
KPCC@Magee, 1-2 Alverstone House, Magee Street, SE11 5TS
Tel: 0207 450 1809
Email: community@morleycollege.ac.uk
* Morley College Community Learning courses are free of charge to adults living in London who receive Universal Credit, other state benefits or earn less than £27,000 a year.
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Creative Support Sessions

Discover exciting opportunities for further training and education.
With Gemma and Charlene.

Included: Refreshments and an Art Activity.

Take some time to reflect on your desires!

Some of the key areas we will address include:

1. **Applications:** Get help completing training and learning applications.
2. **Referrals:** Learn about resources and networks for valuable opportunities.
3. **Identifying Courses:** Explore courses that align with your goals and interest. Huge choice through GLA Skills Learning.
4. **Barriers to Learning:** Address obstacles in pursuing education or training.
5. **Personalised Support:** Receive tailored advice and support with our Community Connector.

We'd love for you to join us - There is a course suited for everyone!

Come to as many sessions as you like. Just turn up!

WHERE: St Mark's Primary, Harleyford Rd, London, SE11 5S
WHEN: 9 am - 11 am on 5th November 2025

For more information please email:
community@art4space.co.uk.

ART4SPACE

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This promises to be a fun, engaging and helpful event. We will provide more details soon and we hope that many will sign up to participate on 5th November from 9-11am. More details to follow.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARK'S PSA PRESENTS
CULTURE DAY
CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY, CELEBRATE OUR UNITY.
INFO
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025
CULTURAL FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD | PERFORMANCE | ARTS AND CRAFTS | LIVE DJ
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AND SUPERVISED BY ADULTS

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Brixton Windmill – Wellbeing Day – FREE

Brixton Windmill – Tuesday 30th September, 10am to 3:30pm

Free activities (supported by Age Friendly Lambeth) for local residents aged 60+
A chance to meet your neighbours, try a new activity and have a healthy lunch.
Stay for the full day or drop in for a specific activity
https://www.brixtonwindmill.org/events/windmill-wellbeing-day/
Brixton Windmill and Education Centre
100 Blenheim Gardens Brixton Hill, London, SW2 5DA

Space to Dream Gallery – FREE

Brixton Village – Tuesdays to Sundays, 11am to 6pm

Space to Dream Gallery is a free, accessible creative space for young people aged **5–16**, offering hands-on artistic experiences that spark imagination and innovation. It's a supportive platform designed to nurture creativity in a fast-changing digital world. Email infor@spacetodreamgallery.org
Unit 33 Granville Arcade, Brixton Village, Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8PR

The Rapping Princess – FREE

Southbank Centre – Saturday 4th October, 1:30pm to 2:45pm

Award-winning author Hannah Lee will be at the **Southbank** sharing empowering stories for children aged **5–11**, accompanied by **live illustrations** from **Allen Fatimaharan**, a celebrated illustrator and animator. The event will also feature a **family 'ballroom boogie'** session. Hannah's books, *My Hair* and *The Rapping Princess*, celebrate identity and self-expression, while Allen has illustrated over 20 books and was the **World Book Day illustrator** in 2022 and 2023.
The Chore Room, Level 2, Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London, SE1 8XX.

Free Family Fun Day – FREE

Half Moon Theatre – Saturday 4th October, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Celebrating its 10th year, this community event transforms the venue into a vibrant **Fun Palace** with a full day of **free activities** for all ages. Expect **storytelling performances**, **music and movement workshops**, and **arts and crafts**. There will also be **tea, cake**, and a few surprises. No booking required—just drop in and enjoy as much or as little as you like. Refreshments are available to purchase.
Half Moon Theatre, 43 White Horse Road, E1 0ND
Parents and carers are welcome to attend, and refreshments are provided.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Regular activities at the Windmill Centre
100 Blenheim Gardens Brixton Hill, London, SW2 5DA

Tuesdays to Thursdays 10.30am to 3pm- GreenHut hosts a pre-school stay and play programme for families with children aged 0 – 5.
Wednesdays 10.30am - Beginners' Tai Chi for 50+ (Drop in - no booking required). Free.
Thursdays 10am to 2pm - Community Club for people aged 60+. Activities include chair exercise, arts and crafts and cooking. Lunch is provided. We are always happy to welcome new members!

Fridays 9am to 10am - Yoga Class with Wild Balance . Contact Natasha at hello@wild-balance.co.uk for more info and to book a slot.

Fridays 12 to 1pm - Pilates(drop in). Beginners' class. Mats provided.
Suggested donation £5 per class.
Fridays 2.30pm to 3.30pm - Joy of Sound - inclusive seated Tai Chi and music session.
Saturdays 11.30am - Tai Chi in Windmill Gardens (pay what you can)
First Saturday of the month - 1pm to 3.30pm - Gardening Group. Join our volunteer gardeners to help Windmill Gardens stay beautiful.

St Vincent's Brixton Community Centre **offers free weekly clubs in a safe, inclusive setting.**
The SEND Youth Group (ages 11–18) runs Saturdays, 11am – 12pm, with arts, crafts, games and books available. Parents and carers are welcome to attend, and refreshments are provided.

The Drama Club (ages 11–16) runs Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6pm, with a focus on fun, inclusive theatre practice. No auditions are required, and performances are youth-led. Both programmes are free and provide an important outlet for creativity and social connection.
All activities take place at Talma Road, SW2 1AS. Places are limited

👨👩👧 **Co-Parenting Support That Works**
Together or apart, we've got you covered
We offer digital tools and free programmes designed to help co-parents communicate better, reduce conflict, and build positive connections. Learn more and register here:
📎 Healthy Relationships Matter | Lambeth Council
📎 Stronger Relationships | Lambeth Council

ST MARK'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting school in 2026?

SCHOOL TOURS
EVERY FRIDAY 9:30 AM

CENTRAL LOCATION

St Mark's C of E Primary School is located on the Oval/Kennington borders (just behind the Oval cricket ground).

INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATION

We are a friendly, family-based school that provides our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education

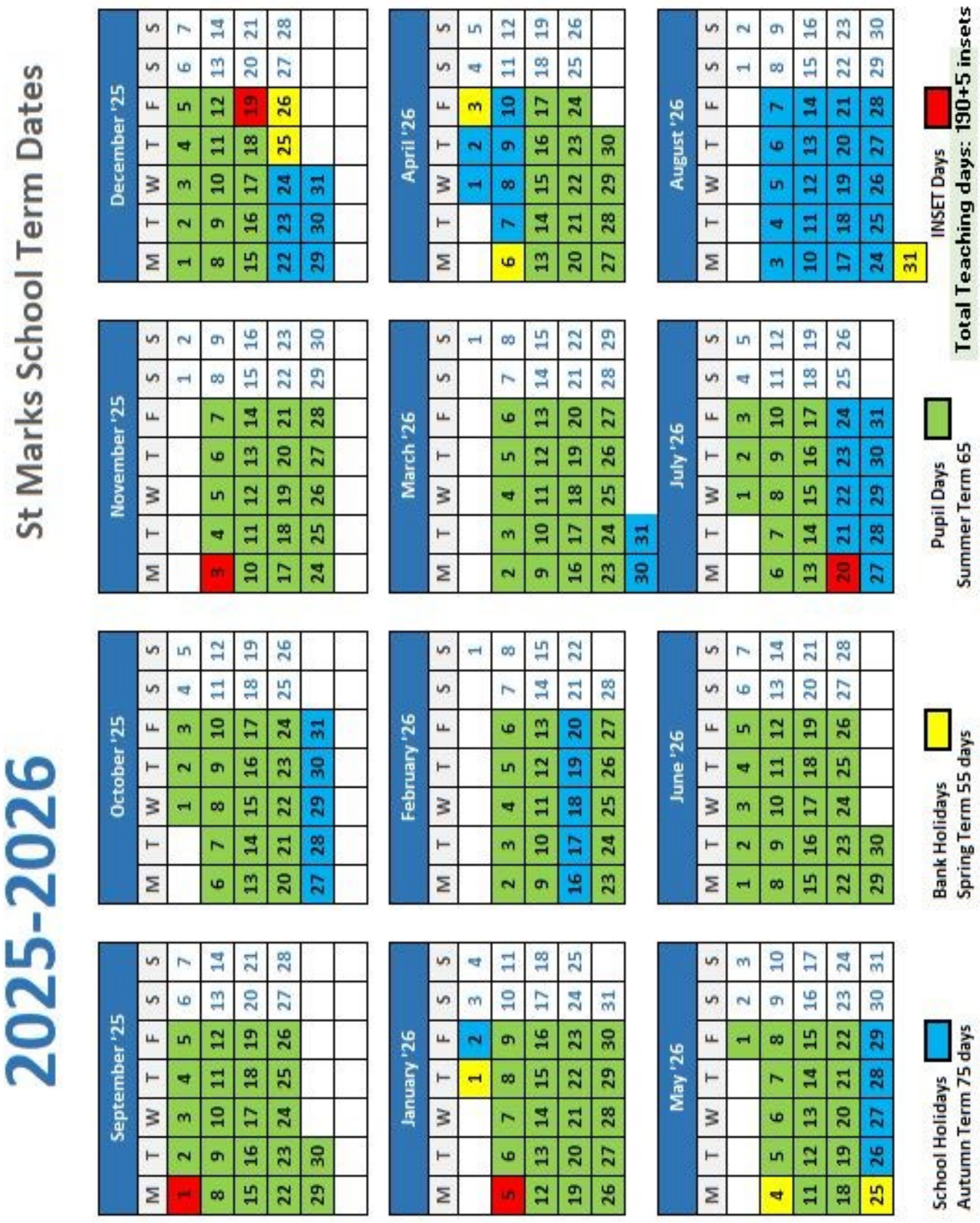
CHRISTIAN ETHOS

Our size, alongside our strong Christian ethos, also enables us to place an equal emphasis on nurturing each individual child's growth, development and character.

JOIN THE ST MARK'S FAMILY!

BOOK A TOUR AT:

www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Term Dates for 2025-26

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