



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

We are very much excited to welcome the children back to school on Monday 8th March - we have missed them greatly! I am sure the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday will have left you wondering about what school will look like on the 8th March when children will return. Thankfully, schools have been given more time than before to prepare and plan for this. I can assure you that risk assessments will be completed as they have been, and Government and Local Authority guidance will be adhered to. We must not become complacent, and we must ALL play our part in keeping ourselves and others safe. Thank you to those parents who ensure that children enter through the correct gate in the morning and wear a mask on school site. I, alongside the senior leadership team will be monitoring this much more closely in preparation for the 8th March. You will receive documentation next week about what the return to school will look like as we want to ensure we continue to keep the children, staff and community as safe as possible.

Have a good weekend - stay safe!
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for earning the most stars this week!!

Sofia(YR)	Dottie(YR)	Caitlin(YR)	Josiah(Y1)	Harpreet(Y1)	Rajveer(Y1)
Adam(Y2)	Jasdeep(Y2)	Taon(Y2)	Anah-Lia(Y3)	Diya(Y3)	Joshua(Y3)
			Destiny(Y4)		
Victoria(Y4)	Rohan(Y4)	Shanice(Y5)	Preeti(Y5)	Claudia(Y5)	Rhia(Y6)
		Arya(Y6)	Tiya(Y6)		

Congratulations and Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week. Keep up the great work!



Reception: Manha & Sofia

Year 1: Julia & Mia

Year 2: Jason & Kaiden

Year 3: Joseph & Adam

Year 4: Riayaana & Daniel

Year 5: Claudia & Ayva

Year 6: Angela & Vishal



How many stars can you earn online with j2stars?

Wednesday Word

Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday?pid=MTA101634&v=18.9>

Staffing News



Retirement Farewell to Mrs Smith

Today we say a farewell to a much-loved member of the St Mark's family, Mrs. Smith, who has worked at St. Mark's for 27 years. Today she embarks on the next chapter of her life - retirement. During her 27 years at St Mark's she has touched the lives of more than 800 children and families. Working predominantly in the Early Years throughout her career, she was the first smile that greeted many pupils on their first day at St Mark's, and I know that this friendly face was always so reassuring to the children and to you as parents. We would like to give thanks to Mrs Smith for going above and beyond throughout her time here, bringing out the best in so many pupils. We know that so many pupils and families will remember the lessons she taught and will pass them on to the next generation.

I know that you will join me and the rest of the St Mark's Team in wishing Mrs Smith all the best on the next chapter of her life.

Farewell to Mr. Hemmingway

It is also with sadness that we say goodbye to our Deputy Head Teacher - Mr. Hemmingway. Mr. Hemmingway has been Deputy Headteacher since September 2019. We thank him for his contribution to St. Mark's and we wish him well for the future!

We will be welcoming Mr. Ellicott (a senior leader from St. John Bosco Catholic Primary School) to take on the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher while we recruit a new Deputy Headteacher for St. Mark's.

We also say farewell to **Mrs Bangar and Mrs. Chander** who have been lunchtime supervisors at St. Mark's for 5 years. We thank them for their hard work and wish them well for the future!



World Book Day



World Book Day THURSDAY 4th March 2021

This year, just as last year, for World Book Day we would like the children to dress up as a WORD. Children should be as creative as they can and choose ambitious vocabulary! We would love the children to display their word and dress up as the word where possible. Here's a few examples of possible costumes for the words antibiotics and spellbinding.

Please send your child's class teacher photos and we will share them on Twitter. There will be prizes for the best words and costumes!



As part of the celebrations, there are many Share a Story Live events.

Wednesday 3rd March, 10.30am - Books that Make you LOL!

Thursday 4th March, 10.30am - World Book Day special - Bringing Reading to Life

Friday 5th March, 10.30am - Books and the Real World

Each event will last approximately 30 minutes. You can find out more about each event at the links below.

[Events \(worldbookday.com\)](https://www.worldbookday.com)

When your child returns to school on Monday 8th March, they will be given a £1 book token.

St David's Day

Monday 1st March is St David's Day, children are invited to wear an item of yellow clothing or accessory to celebrate this special feast day.



What to expect from Home Learning next week...

Whilst preparations are being made for full re-opening on 8th March, please note there will be no Live learning sessions week beginning 1st March. Home learning activities will still be provided on BGfL and activities will still be marked by school staff.