



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, I hope those of you who celebrated Eid yesterday had a wonderful day! The week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> May is Multicultural Week in school for us, and so your children will be learning about other religions in our society. It is important to us to ensure that we prepare children with the values, skills and positive attitudes needed to equip children to love, live and learn alongside other children and people in our multicultural community. I hope you will support your child by asking questions about what religion they are learning about and exploring this further with them at home.

Finally, good manners are something that money can't buy and we pride ourselves at St. Mark's on using good manners all the time - saying 'good morning' on arrival at school, using 'please' and 'thank you', holding doors open for others and showing kindness can go a long way. This week Mr. Thompson told me about a very polite and well-mannered member of our Year 6 class who always stops to ask how Mr. Thompson is. It may not seem like much, but taking time to stop and ask how someone is can make a huge difference to someone's day. Thank you, Harry, for making Mr. Thompson's day! 😊

Have a great weekend!

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!!

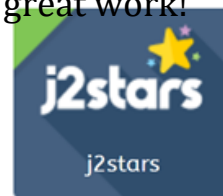
Kaiyanah(YR)	Mahira(YR)	Zayyan(Y1)	Josiah(Y1)	Alex(Y1)
Delphi(Y2)	Aaryan(Y2)	Rose-Alicia(Y2)	Lyla(Y3)	Nishika(Y3)
Zara(Y3)	Raman(Y4)	Raiyaana(Y4)	Destiny(Y4)	Amani (Y5)
Aadam(Y5)	Kimaya(Y5)	Zayaan(Y6)	Sara-Maria(Y6)	Afrefya(Y6)

## Congratulations & 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:** Tianne & Timi  
**Year 1:** De'Jaurne & Sophie  
**Year 2:** Skye & Ivelin  
**Year 3:** Elisia & Adam  
**Year 4:** Raman & Holly  
**Year 5:** Patrycja & Claudia  
**Year 6:** Aran & Desire



How many stars can you earn online with j2stars?

## Wednesday Word - Sharing the Gospel

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/care?pid=MTA101634&v=27.8>

## Attendance Awards

We are happy to announce that we will be holding our termly attendance awards for this summer term. Children who have been in school every day during this term, for both the morning and afternoon session, will be awarded with a Gold award. There will also be a Silver and Bronze award. Please see the table below to show the percentage mark they require to achieve these awards:

AWARD	ATTENDANCE %
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>100%</b>
SILVER	98 - 99.9%
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>96 - 97.9%</b>



Any children who are off due to medical appointments, religious observance or for any other exceptional circumstances, will be marked as an authorised absence, but as they were not in school, they will not receive 100%.

It is important that your child attends school every day and is punctual. Attending school every day will give your child the best chances in life and evidence suggests that regular attendance equals greater opportunity. Teaching starts when school starts, therefore, your child will never miss out on important lessons if they are on time. The start of the school day is an opportunity to further develop important social skills with each other, children and adults. It is important to establish good habits now. It all adds up!

We do request that you try and make any appointments outside of school hours, but we know sometimes, this cannot be avoided. We therefore request that you provide the school with evidence of any such appointments.

# Bike Ability

## Year 5 & Year 6

Bike Ability is a scheme provided for Primary School children to develop the important life skill of riding a bike. It allows children, of whatever ability, to learn about how a bike works, bike safety, riding sensibly and developing awareness of others. It will run alongside the normal school day on the following weeks:

**Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Year 5 (Monday - Friday)**

**Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Year 6 (Monday - Thursday)**



## LIVING STREETS



As promised, we have signed up to a scheme to help promote travelling to and from school in more eco-friendly and safer ways. This scheme has two aims:

- To encourage active lifestyles.
- To reduce the dangers and risks caused by congestion around school at drop off and pick up times.

Please take a look at the website using the link. It explains what the scheme is about and the rewards the children can earn if they travel to school in a more environmentally friendly way.

[WOW Activity Tracker - Everything you need | Living Streets](#)

We understand that some of you live too far away to walk, but we would encourage you to park and walk instead, parking a few minutes away and walking the rest. This will still help us to achieve our aims of improving physical wellbeing and helping to keep our children safe.

We are currently looking to form partnerships with local businesses in order to use their car parks at drop off and pick up times, to assist with the park and walk initiative. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

# Multi-Cultural Week

**24<sup>th</sup> MAY - 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

On the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, St. Mark's will be celebrating multi-cultural week. During this week, all classes will be learning about a different faith and taking part in several activities linked to this. We are hoping to book a virtual tour/talk for them, so that

they may gain more knowledge and information about the faith, their place of worship, their holy book and their key teachings. We will update you on any workshops/tour taking place very soon.

Please see the table below to find out which faith your child will be learning about:

YEAR	FAITH	PLACE OF WORSHIP
Reception	Catholicism	Catholic Church
Year 1	Christianity	Anglican Church
Year 2	Hinduism	Temple
Year 3	Judaism	Synagogue
Year 4	Islam	Mosque
Year 5	Sikhism	Gurdwara
Year 6	Catholicism/Sikhism	Catholic Church/Gurdwara



## May Procession

As we celebrate the month of Mary, the children of St Mark's will be taking part in the May procession which will be taking place on **Monday 17th May at 2.30pm**. We invite children to bring in some flowers on Monday which will then be placed at the feet of Mary our mother as we honour her and give thanks to her for being a special part of our lives.



# Grammar Schools



## Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

Parents of year 5 children can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The test will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

To register, parents need to visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)



## Diary Dates

For your  
Diary



### Dates for Diary: -

w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Y5 Bikeability Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	May Procession 2pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Y3 Reconciliation 9:00am-10:00am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Y6 Theatre Workshop 'Matilda the Musical' 1:30-4:30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	Y6 Confirmation Enrolment Mass
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Multi-Cultural Week
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Y6 Bikeability Week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Teachers Training Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021	SPaG Workshop for whole school
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Internet Safer Workshop Day Key Stage 2 classes
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Y6 Confirmation Mass 7:00pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential to Upton Warren
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Y4 First Holy Communion 3.30pm
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Y3 First Holy Communion 3.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Y6 Enterprise Event (after school)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	End of year reports will be provided to parents
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Y6 Treat day

Term Dates

## School Term Dates

**INSET DAY – School will be closed to pupils on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

### Summer Term 2021

**Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Term Ends: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

### Autumn Term 2021

**Term Starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



# EUROPEAN UNION SETTLEMENT SCHEME

Are you a European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss Citizen? If so, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK.

Applications are free and the deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. Settled status for EU citizens will guarantee access to:

- The right to remain in the UK
- Public services, such as healthcare and education
- Public funds and pensions
- British citizenship (which can be applied for at a later date)

If you need support with your application, there is FREE advice and guidance available from a number of organisations including:

CENTRALA	<b>Tel: 0121 5130240</b> Email: <a href="mailto:info@centrala-space.org.uk">info@centrala-space.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.centrala-space.org.uk">www.centrala-space.org.uk</a>
ASIRT	<b>Tel: 0121 213 5893</b> Email: <a href="mailto:koshi@asirt.org.uk">koshi@asirt.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://asirt.org.uk/">https://asirt.org.uk/</a>
CENTRAL ENGLAND LAW CENTRE	<b>0121 227 6540</b> Email: <a href="mailto:Denisa.Gannon@centralenglandlc.org.uk">Denisa.Gannon@centralenglandlc.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.Centralenglandlc.org.uk">www.Centralenglandlc.org.uk</a>



A full list of organisations can be found at our website [www.Birmingham.gov.uk/eussbirm](http://www.Birmingham.gov.uk/eussbirm)

We can also scan and verify your ID documents <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/EUSS-IDservice>



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