



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's gospel assembly, Hiskiel lit the first candle on the Advent wreath, and this symbolises 'hope'. We have hope for the future and for the second coming. Children on Monday shared some wonderful thoughts on what it means to 'be ready' and 'hopeful' in Advent. Below are some of the responses children braved to share about how we can all be ready!

"We can stop playing on our game consoles and instead of watching TV or playing games at the table, we could sit together and talk with our family."

"We can pray more to God."

"We should spend more time doing things for other people."

If you would like to join us for Monday's Gospel assembly (9-9.30am), you would be most welcome. The children help plan, prepare and lead these assemblies and they really do help us all to recognise that the gospel has many important messages that help us to, '**proudly and joyfully, love, live and learn as God's children**'.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's family

## Tae Kwondo Achievements



A big well done to all the children in Tae Kwondo club this week.

This week all the children in Tae Kwondo club completed their grading and it was lovely to see so many parents join us for this. Certificates and new belts were given to all the children—WELL

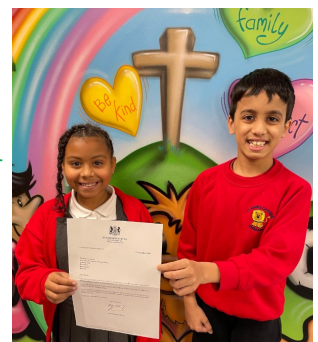


## Future Changemakers

This week, Year 5 received a response from Downing Street after they wrote to the Prime Minister about the education system in some countries. It is great to see pupils taking action and exercising their right to campaign for a just cause in the hope they can be a change-makers of the future. Well done all!

### Food for thought...

When was the last time you took action to change something for the better? Or the last time you helped a vulnerable person or group of people?



## ATTENDANCE UPDATE


Well done to **Year 4** for their attendance this term and to **Year 3** for having the least amount of lates.

Please can **Reception** ensure they attend school everyday and that they arrive to school on time.

Gates open between **8.30 and 8.45am**.

Registers closes at **8.55am**.

Our target is **97%** we are currently at **94.8%**.

	So Far This Term	So Far This Term
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	1.4%	93.8%
<b>YEAR 2</b>	0.8%	96.2%
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	95.0%
<b>YEAR 4</b>	0.8%	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>YEAR 5</b>	1.3%	93.5%
<b>YEAR 6</b>	1.6%	96.0%

### Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 10th December 2024 –9:15am and 2:15pm—EYFS and KS1 Christmas around the World production (more information on Class Dojo)

Thursday 12th December 2024—2:15—3:00pm—KS2 Carols From Around The World (more information on Class Dojo)

Thursday 12th December 2024—Reception trip to Warwick Castle

Friday 13th December 2024—Christmas Disco during school hours (Children to come to school in party clothes)

Tuesday 17th December 2024—9:00am—KS1 Attendance Assembly

Wednesday 18th December 2024—9:00am—KS2 Attendance Assembly

Friday 20th December 2024—School closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 6th January 2025—Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)**

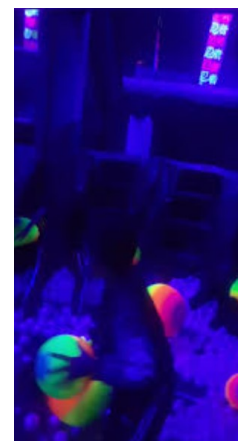
Tuesday 7th January 2025—School re-opens for pupils

## INFLATATION TRIP

On Monday, children in Years 5 and 6 went to Inflatable Ninja Glow In The Dark Inflatable Park. This is because we want children to experience and enjoy a range of activities that enable them to use a range of skills and to also build their character.

The children had a great time and lots of fun was had by all!

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers that enabled this trip. There will be more trips like this on offer in the new year!



## LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

This Friday we will be opening our doors for our annual Christmas fayre and whilst we are all excited to welcome you to this very festive event, I must inform you that it almost did not go ahead. This is because we only have a very small number of parent volunteers. I am so grateful for the few parents we have, but with more volunteers we can lighten the work and make events bigger and better!

Please message Mrs. Linley on class dojo if you would like to support this very important parent and teacher group.

