



St Mark and All Saints C of E Primary School and Nursery



TRANSFORMING SCHOOLS – TRANSFORMING LIVES
in the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd.

'Together we care, learn and achieve'

Thursday 8th February 2024

Our value this half term is PERSEVERANCE

This week has been **Children's Mental Health Week** and your children have been reflecting on what strategies they use in school and at home to help them feel better when they are sad, anxious or worried. Each class chose activities for the week that would boost their mental health, such as Forest School, cooking and dodgeball, and these additional sessions, alongside activities such as drama for Years R-4 on 'Our Voice Matters', have ensured that the children understand how highly we rate our pupils mental wellbeing.

We also celebrate this week that two additional Thrive Lead Practitioners have finished their training! Mrs Shepherd (Nursery/KS1) and Ms Gosden (EYFS-KS2) are both newly qualified and joining our ranks of Thrive Practitioners who are able to provide 1-1 support for children and assist during our Family Thrive courses as well. Congratulations to both of them for the diligence they have shown in achieving this qualification over the course of the last five months and thanks to the Dan Eley Foundation for funding their training.



**BOUNCE
FOR BOOKS!**

On the first Friday back after half term (23rd Feb) we will be holding our second Bounce for Books event! The first was very popular with the children and very successful in raising money to buy new books, both for class phonics use and for our libraries. As you can imagine there is an ongoing need for such funds to replace and replenish or buy new fiction and non-fiction books so we would ask you to support the event generously and raise sponsorship for your child where possible over the half term.

Thank you in advance.

Eco Council Update

Hello and happy 2024 from the Eco-Council

Eco-Councillors this year are Edward, Matei, Sammy, Johan, Jonathan, Farisa, Henry, Amelia, Max, Willow, Bailey, Nabeel and Frankie.

Lots of work has already been done with the children having completed an Environmental Review of the school, assessing where our strengths and areas for improvement are. In the most recent meeting the children decided to focus on three specific areas this year: litter, citizenship and biodiversity.

The Eco-Council will be heading out after February half-term to litter pick at the local park and we hope to get the whole school involved in litter picking in the local community over the Easter holidays.

Biodiversity is one of our school's great strengths and this is something the children would like to spread into the wider community. Ideas include making bird feeders and seed bombs.

Citizenship will involve fundraising for a chosen local environmental charity (Surrey Wildlife Trust has been suggested) and making efforts to connect our environmental efforts with the wider world.

Rowan Class Blog



Year 5 have had a fantastic term immersed in all things Ancient Greece. We have enjoyed reading around and writing our own Greek Myths with a focus on 'defeating the monster' stories. Our term culminated in showing off our learning during our class assembly and then enjoying a 'Greek Day', where we made vases, learned some Greek language and tasted some foods traditionally eaten by the Ancient Greeks.

We have also enjoyed going to Charterhouse every Wednesday afternoon this term as part of an enrichment programme. We have been taking part in PE activities, trying sports such as basketball, cricket and hockey as well as drama and performance.



**Free lunch
at St Mark's
Church
Wednesday in
half term
12:45-2:00!
Come along and
join in :-)**

YOUR LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORE!

FULL GROCERY & CONVENIENCE STORE;

- Off license
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8am - 5pm

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SCAN TO FIND A LESSON



Children's Choir Workshop

Led by Ben de Souza and Karen Beamer

Join our rehearsal workshops!

Sing in our first public performance on
22nd June 2024

Sign up
Now!

£10 per child
(£5 for siblings)

Ages 7-11

Thursday 15th February

2pm-4pm

Oglethorpe Hall, Wilfred Noyce Centre

"Emilia had a fantastic morning.
Thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank
you for arranging it"

"I liked the warm up
counting group game"

"I especially liked
Bumblebee Tuna!"

Book your place now!
Email: gcc@godalmingchoral.or

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 - 16 February - HALF TERM

19 February - Hawthorn/Y6 Class Level 1 Cycle Training (Group 1)

20 February - Hawthorn/Y6 Class Level 2 Cycle Training (Group 1)

21 February - Hawthorn/Y6 Class Level 2 Cycle Training (Group 1)

21 February - Rowan/Y5 and Hawthorn/Y6 Class Charterhouse Enrichment

21 February - Parent Consultation Evening

22 February - Hawthorn/Y6 Class Level 2 Cycle Training (Group 1)

23 February - Cookery Course 1:00pm - 3:15pm

23 February - FOSMAS Bounce for Books

27 February - Willow/Y4 Humanist Speaker

28 February - Rowan/Y5 and Hawthorn/Y6 Class Charterhouse Enrichment

28 February - Parent Consultation Evening

29 February - Hazel/YR Trip to Bocketts Farm

4 March - Book Week

4 March - Rowan/Y5 Trip to Temple

4 March - Open Classrooms 2:45 - 3:15

6 March - 8 March - Willow/Y4 Residential to Marchants Hill

6 March - Rowan/Y5 and Hawthorn/Y6 Class Charterhouse Enrichment

11 March - Pre-loved Uniform Sale 2:45 - 3:15

12 March - Beech/Y2 Trip to Milestones Museum

13 March - Rowan/Y5 and Hawthorn/Y6 Class Charterhouse Enrichment

15 March - Eco Council Litter Pick

ATTENDANCE 2023-2024

Year to Date 94.64%

Week to Date 93.32%

Previous Week 93.6%

Inset Dates 2023-2024

Friday 9 February 2024

Monday 15 April 2024

Friday 24 May 2024

Stars of the Week



02 February 2024

Hazel - Hayden

Cherry - Julia & Nabeel

Beech - Bella

Ash - Max

Willow - Jimmi

Rowan - Alarnah

Hawthorn - Aaliyah & Matei

09 January 2024

Hazel -

Cherry -

Beech -

Ash - INSET DAY

Willow -

Rowan -

Hawthorn -



Superstar Learners of the Week

19 January 2024

Hazel - Bruce

Cherry - Zohaán

Beech - Harry

Ash - Ralph

Willow - Olly & Eddie

Rowan -

Hawthorn - Chloe

09 January 2024

Hazel -

Cherry -

Beech -

Ash - INSET DAY

Willow -

Rowan -

Hawthorn -



Attendance Matters

Holidays (Leave of absence)

Taking holidays in term time will have a detrimental effect on your child's progress, as they miss chunks of their learning.

In line with St Mark & All Saints Attendance policy, we will not authorise any holiday in term time apart from in very specific circumstances and you must see Mrs Mallett to request leave of absence.



Penalty Fines (Unauthorised absence)

If you take your child out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days.

Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Please note the penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Punctuality Matters too!

As a school, we are aware that lateness can severely affect achievement. We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness.

The school gates are open from 8:45 am and close at 8:55 am, any child arriving after this point must report to the school office with their adult, as this is the time that registers close.

Any child who arrives after 9:30 am will be given an unauthorised absence for the morning.

Please remember it is your responsibility to call the school office (01483 422924) to report all absences before 9am or email info@stmarkallsaints.uk



Volunteers Needed

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-4 hours a week to help a local family in need? Our home visiting volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family. Full training and expert ongoing support given.

Courses starting throughout Surrey in Spring 2024, contact us today to register your interest.

homestartsurrey.org

01252 737453

volunteers@homestartsurrey.org

Home-Start Surrey
Vernon House,
28 West Street,
Farnham, GU9 7DR
Registered charity no. 1154913 Company limited by guarantee no. 8619881

**HOME
START**
Surrey

Half-Term at Godalming Library

Hot Chocolate Mornings

10th to 17th February
Every morning 10am-12 noon



Dungeons and Dragons Family Taster Session

Join the Wayfarers to learn how to
play D&D as a family



Origami Heart Craft

Monday 12th February

11am - 12 noon

Drop-in

Stephen Frye Family Author Event

Wednesday 14th February

2.30pm

Suggested donation £2 per family
Join this local author for nature themed
quizzes and activities including dissecting owl
pellets



Book in the library or email us at
Godalming.Library@surreycc.gov.uk

Flower Paper Chain Craft

Friday 16th February

11am - 12 noon

Drop-in

Science Poster Competition

Make a science themed poster for
our display



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL



Pitch Pals

Fun, Football & Friendships



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS

LIVE ●

FEB 12, 13, 14

9AM-3.30PM

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 5

St Mark & All Saints School Discount Code- **GSA352**

Full Week- *£85.50 Single Day- *£31.50 Half Day- *£18

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*Coming
Soon*

Information on the Easter
Holiday Club which will be
run at St Mark and All
Saints by PSD our PE
leaders 8-11th April