

# ST MARK'S CE SCHOOL NEWS

**Friday 7th July 2023**



**ST. MARK'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



# WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had an eventful week! with our Year 6 students enjoying a fantastic trip to Paultons Park. The laughter, excitement, and shared memories created during this trip will be cherished by our students for years to come.

We are also proud to announce that the new Bishop of Winchester paid us a visit and had the opportunity to tour our school building and meet our wonderful children. It was an inspiring experience for everyone involved, reinforcing our commitment to spiritual growth and nurturing our students' faith.

In addition, we have some exceptional news to share. St Mark's CE School, in collaboration with Morgan Sindall, received a prestigious award at the Central South Business Awards. Our school was honoured as the 'Construction Project of the Year,' recognising the outstanding efforts and achievements of the dedicated team.

Furthermore, we recently held our Transition Day on 5th July, which was a resounding success. It was a joyous occasion as we welcomed new Year 7 students, as well as Primary students transitioning to new classes and meeting their new teachers. We are excited to embark on this new chapter with them and support their growth and development.

Lastly, our Year 7 Sports Day was an incredible event! The sun shone brightly as our students showcased their athletic abilities in various activities such as shotput, discuss, sprinting, running, and javelin. It was a true display of teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination. Look out for next week's newsletter for photos and winners from our Primary and Secondary Sports Festivals!

Warmest regards, Mrs Bryant, Executive Headteacher

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# Bishop of Winchester Visit



Year 6 Paultons Trip





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**11th July:** Year 6 Rounders Tournament

**12th July:** Parents Coffee Morning (8:30am)

**12th July:** Primary Sports Festival

**13th July:** Dance Festival (3:30pm - 6pm)

**17th July:** Year 6 Graduation

**21st July:** Break up for Summer & St Mark's First Birthday Celebration!

## **KOOL SKOOLS UNIFORM**

### **DISCOUNT DAYS:**

Kool Skools will be running two further Summer '23 10% discount windows.

These are from 13th - 16th July inclusive.



On Thursday, Noah represented the entirety of Y7 at the city wide spelling bee. After seemingly endless rounds of intense competition and after one minuscule mistake on the word 'escarpment' in the final, Noah took home the second place prize for the whole city! An amazing achievement! Well done, Noah!



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RP	Rayan	For his wealth of knowledge. When learning about sea creatures he saw a submarine and told me that "the real submarine was lost and the people died".
RW	Whole of RW	Well done to the whole class for being superstars on transition morning and being their best selves meeting their new teacher.
1P	Ibrahim	Wonderful writing, including and expanding new ideas. Fantastic!
1R	Henry	Great imaginative ideas in writing this week. Well done Henry!
2ES	Herbert	For increasingly applying his phonic knowledge to his writing. Great job!
2B	Theo	For always going above and beyond in everything he does. He should be so proud of himself! Well done Theo!
3D	Harvey	For writing some amazing instructions in writing. Well done Harvey!
3CB	Eisa	For showing our school values outside of the classroom and taking a mature approach in our PSHE lessons.
4S	Emily	Monumental improvement in her consistency in writing and maths. It doesn't look like anything is going to stop.
4H	Zack	Zack is always working incredibly hard and shows great enthusiasm for all of his work. He also continues to be incredibly helpful around the classroom and has demonstrated excellent manners around the school!
5S	Andrei	You were well and truly in your element on our river trip this week! Enthusiastic and a shining example for behaviour.
5OB	Majus	For showing great enthusiasm on our trip to the river!
6HG	Jarmal	For being brave and overcoming his fears on our trip to Paulton's Park this week!
6H	Jessica	For showing great bravery and determination when faced with activities that took her out of her comfort zone. Great job Jessica!



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English	Kaif (7O)	For responding so well to feedback to help write fantastic responses!
Maths	Cerys (7L)	For making great progress and showing this in her assessment.
Science	Adam (7B)	For having improved his homework scores during the year to now being one of the highest scorers for the Summer term.
Humanities	Filip C (7E)	For making a marked improvement in your application in history and geography this week! Keep it up Filip.
Overall Year 7	Jib (7G)	When times are hard, and we get tough news, how we deal with it shows what sort of person we really are. Well done, Jib.



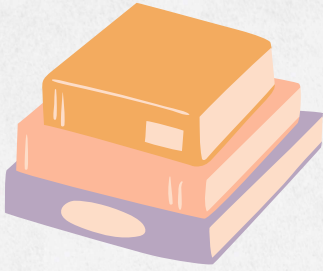
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## SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

PE Infs	Leo (1P)	Giving his all in PE so he is sports day ready!
PE Juns	Maddox (3CB)	For his energy in his dance performance.
PE (Year 7)	All of Year 7	For your attitude, effort, team-work skills and commitment to your colour teams for sports day-well done everyone!!







# READING NEWS

## Accelerated Reader Competition Summer 2

Here are the current leaders for the individual and class accelerated reader competitions for this half term.

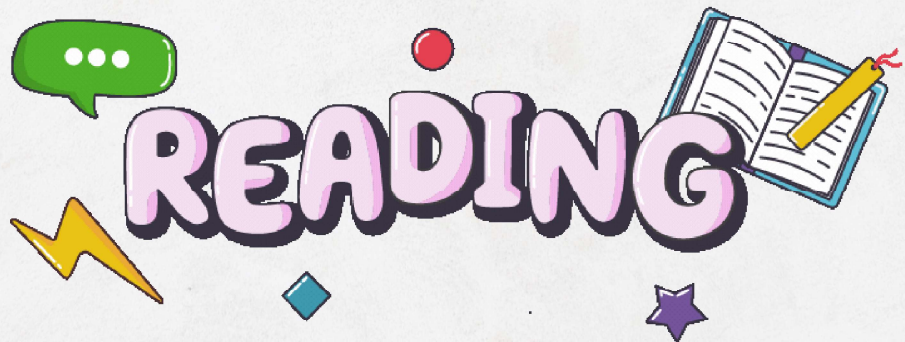
The children can take quizzes from paper books, as well as books on MyOn, so if they complete a book, make sure they take an accelerated reader quiz to earn the points!

## Current Top 5 Individuals

- Maria (5OB) - 158.2 points
- Shalom (5OB) - 114.1 points
- Ali (5OB) - 111.5 points
- Milan (4S) - 71.5 points
- Naren (4S) - 66.3 points

## Current Top 5 Classes

- 5OB - 466.9 points
- 4S - 281.8 points
- 6HG - 129.0 points
- 3D - 104.5 points
- 4H - 77.5 points





# SPARX CHAMPIONS

View our video on our website of all of our Year 7  
Sparx Reading and Maths Champions this week!

## Sparx Champions

Being the best versions  
of ourselves!



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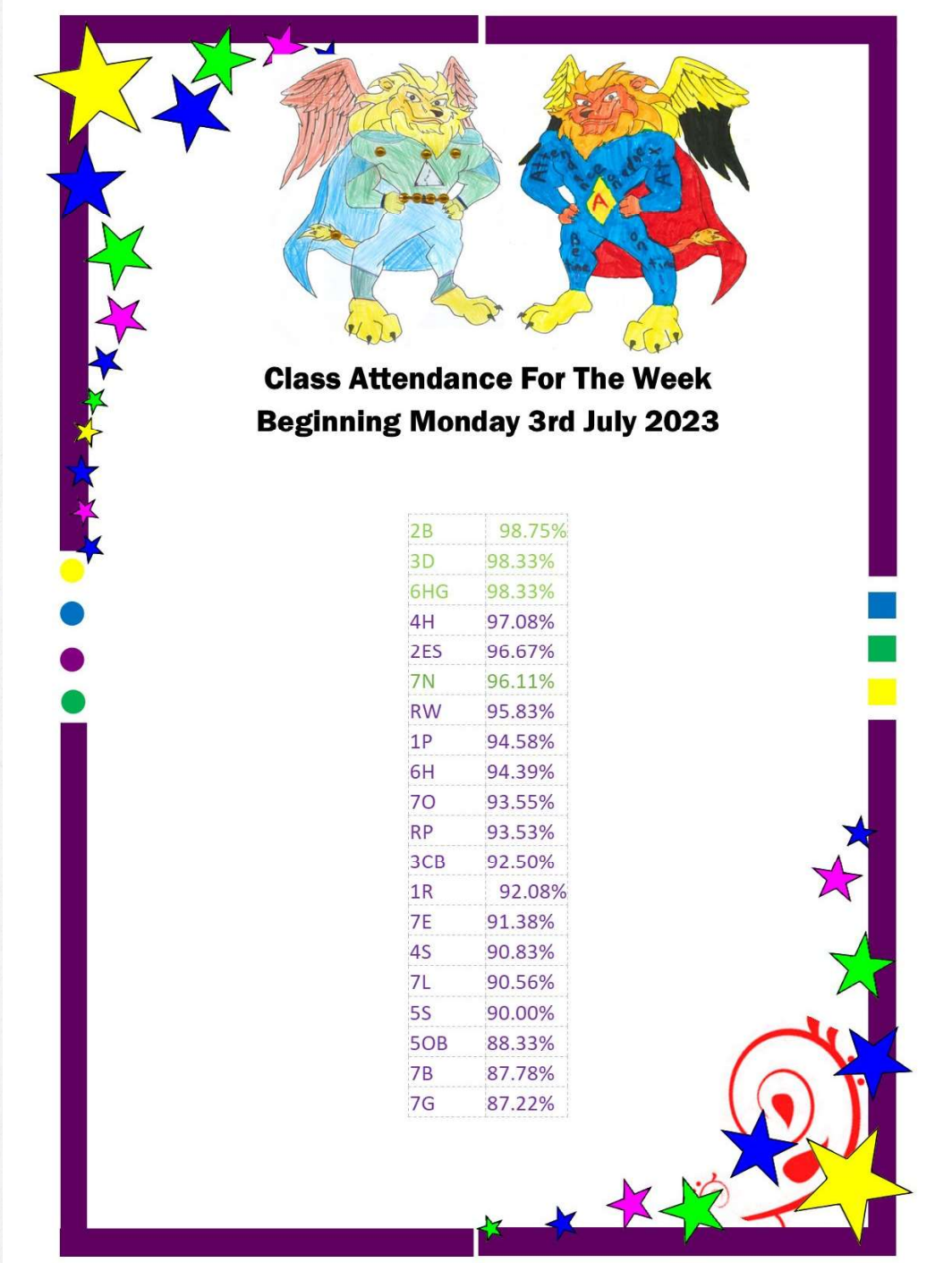


# ATTENDANCE

During the last week of term there will be an opportunity for children to find some sticker packs hidden around the school.


Over the next two weeks we will be sending out attendance reviews, certificates and prizes for good attendance.

We will draw the attendance lucky draw on Wednesday 19th July.



**Class Attendance For The Week  
Beginning Monday 3rd July 2023**

2B	98.75%
3D	98.33%
6HG	98.33%
4H	97.08%
2ES	96.67%
7N	96.11%
RW	95.83%
1P	94.58%
6H	94.39%
7O	93.55%
RP	93.53%
3CB	92.50%
1R	92.08%
7E	91.38%
4S	90.83%
7L	90.56%
5S	90.00%
5OB	88.33%
7B	87.78%
7G	87.22%





# COMMUNITY/MENTAL HEALTH

## Car Seats

### Did you know?

Seat belts did not become a legal requirement for rear passengers until 1987?

Even more remarkably the use of children's car seats wasn't made a legal requirement until 2006!

Since then, all infants from birth until a certain age or height must be in a specially designed car seat. This is a legal requirement and failure to do so will likely result in you receiving a £500 fine but, of course, the threat of a cash fine pales into insignificance when compared to the realities and outcomes of an accident.

Main points of the law:

- 1) Height based seats are required to used REAR FACING for a minimum of 15 months.
- 2) A suitable\* child car seat must be used until the child reaches a height of 135cms or 12 years old, whichever is reached first. \*suitable = a seat that is intended for the child's height, weight and the vehicle it is to be used in.

The purpose of the regulations and the law is to improve levels of safety for children in vehicles. It is our responsibility to ensure our children are protected to the best of our ability.

#### **What are the legal requirements for rear-facing car seats?**

New laws dictate that children must travel in rear-facing car seats until they are 15 months old. Furthermore, you must never fit a rear-facing car seat in the front of your car where there is an active passenger airbag.

#### **What are the legal requirements for forward-facing car seats?**

From 15 months old onwards, it is believed that your child's neck will be strong enough to more reasonable handle the impact of an accident and, therefore, forward-facing car seats may be used. However, it is recommended that rear-facing seats are used for as long as possible.

#### **What car seat is legally required for my child?**

There are two categories of seats: those that are manufactured to the latest EU standard ECE R129, known as i-Size and are based on a child's height; and those manufactured under the EU standard ECE R44-04 which are weight-based.



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NEW NHS  
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Limited Availability: Register by July 21st to secure your spot



# COMMUNITY/MENTAL HEALTH

## When can a child legally travel without a car seat?

In the UK, children must be restrained in a car seat until they are 12 years old or at least 135cm tall. From that point onwards, they must use a seat belt like all adults.

There are a few exceptions to this:

- A child can travel in a taxi or mini-cab without a car seat if the driver doesn't provide one however, they must wear a seat belt.
- The same rule applies for coaches and minibuses – children must travel in rear seats and use seat belts.
- If you have to make a short, unexpected journey as an emergency, it is legally acceptable to restrain your child with just a seatbelt instead of a car seat providing your child is 3 years or older.
- Children with special or additional needs or medical conditions will have bespoke requirements outside of normal laws. Usually, they are required to be restrained by means designed for their needs.

While these exceptions exist, it is advisable not to take any unnecessary risks. Accidents happen in buses and taxis too.

Categories	Height Based	Weight Based	Approximate Age
Infant Carriers	Birth to 75 or 87cm	Birth to 13kg	Birth - 15mths
Toddler Seats	76 to 105cm	9kg to 18kg	15mths - 3 1/2
Combination Seats (Infant and toddler combined)	Birth to 105cm	Birth to 18kg	Birth - 3 1/2
Child Seats	100 to 150cm	15kg to 36kg	3 1/2 - 12 years
Combination Seats (Toddler and child combined)	n/a	9kg to 36kg	3 1/2 - 12 years





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<p>If you are concerned that a child <u>has</u> or <u>will</u> experience significant harm</p>	<p><b>Children's Resource Service (C.R.S): 02380 832300</b> <b>Out of hours: 02380 233344</b></p>	<p>To raise concerns or obtain advice re someone at risk of extremism and or radicalisation</p>	<p><b>PREVENT DUTY</b> Child or young person: <b>C.R.S 02380 832300</b> PREVENT Gateway Team: 0186555618 You will need to complete a Nationwide referral</p>
<p>There is a <b><u>mandatory personal duty</u></b> for professionals to report <b>F.G.M</b></p>	<p>If you are concerned that a child or young person is at <u>immediate</u> risk of F.G.M <b>POLICE 999</b> If you are concerned that a child or young person has undergone or is at risk of <b>F.G.M POLICE 101</b> always follow this with a call to <b>C.R.S</b> and inform them that you have called Police (If in school inform a DSL also)</p>	<p>If you have safeguarding /wellbeing concerns about an adult</p>	<p><b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE</b> <b>02380 833003</b></p>
<p>To raise a <u>non-urgent</u> concern or to obtain advice regarding making a referral</p>	<p><b>Children's Resource Service:</b> <b>02380 833004</b></p>	<p>To raise concerns related to any child attending St Mark's or for information, advice and guidance in relation to the school's Safeguarding Policy and procedures</p>	<p><b>St Mark's D.S.LS:</b> Stephanie Bryant, Amir Fakhoury &amp; Sam McDonald <b><u>NB: Do not leave us a voicemail or note. Ensure that you have reported your concern personally.</u></b></p>
<p><b>Children and Families First</b> (previously Early Help)</p>	<p><b>02380 833311</b> (For support around employment, debt, attendance anti-social behaviour and family health)</p>	<p>To raise concerns and ask for guidance in relation to conduct of someone working with children</p>	<p><b>In school:</b> Stephanie Bryant Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Jemma Swann: 02380 915535/07789616092</p>

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# LOCAL EVENTS THIS WEEKEND



Shirley Infant and Junior Schools

**SUMMER FAIR**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
11 - 2pm

Adults £1, Children FREE!

Entrance on Bellemoor Road, SO15 5XE

Live performances, inflatables, BBQ, crafts, stalls, games & lots, lots more!  
Plus, the chance to WIN loads of amazing prizes!

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