



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

Friday 19th December 2025

We have been very blessed this festive season with wonderful nativities, a festive pantomime and theatre performance in the last two weeks and this week a delicious Christmas Lunch and fantastic Carol Service from KS2. We hope all of these things have put your children - and you - in the festive mood.

We have also been contending with a lot of sickness in both children and staff and we hope that we all get a good break over the holiday and come back healthy and well-rested.

In the first weeks of the New Year we hope our playground markings will be being installed - this is weather dependent but definitely something to look forward to. In addition, January sees update First Aid training and Healthy Playtime training for staff and the beginning of this year's Y5 Charterhouse Carousel too. Lots to look forward to.

We hope that this Christmas time sees a period of rest and peace for all of us amongst the fun and mayhem so we all get the opportunity to reflect on what is important to us before the launch of a brand New Year.

From all the staff of St Mark and All Saints a big thank you for all the cards, well wishes and treats you have shared with us this week but most of all for trusting your lovely children to us who have filled our days with Christmas magic and will hopefully do the same for you over the next two weeks!

We have an INSET day on the First Monday back when all staff will be learning more about the Pedagogy of teaching with 5 other schools from the Trust led by the Trust Curriculum Lead. We look forward to seeing you all back at 8:45 on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

Our value this half term is Service

Dates for the Diary

January 5th INSET DAY
January 6th First day back for all
January 12th Year 5 Swimming catch up group this week
January 14th Y5 Charterhouse Carousel starts this week
January 29th Y1 Phonics information session: Mrs Wilson and Miss Cooper
January 30th FOSMAS Bounce For Books event
February 3rd Y3 Trip to Haslemere Museum
February 4th YR visit to Godalming library
February 9th Y3 swimming week
Children's Mental Health Week

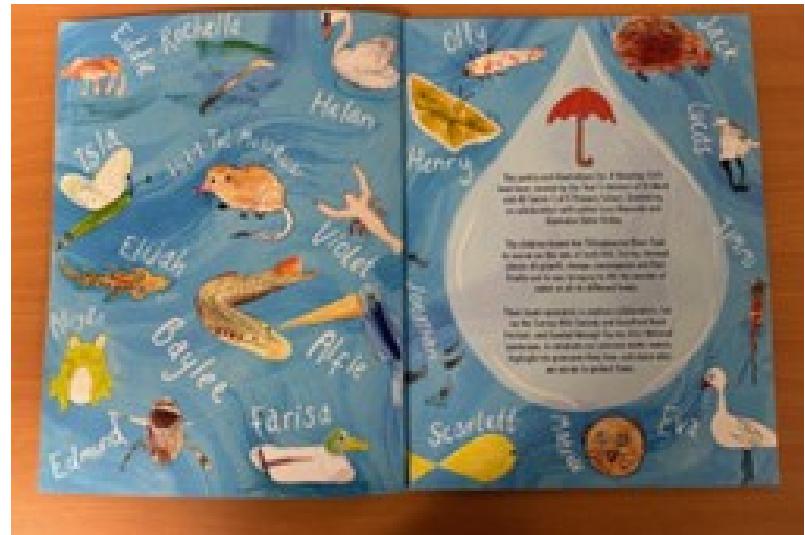
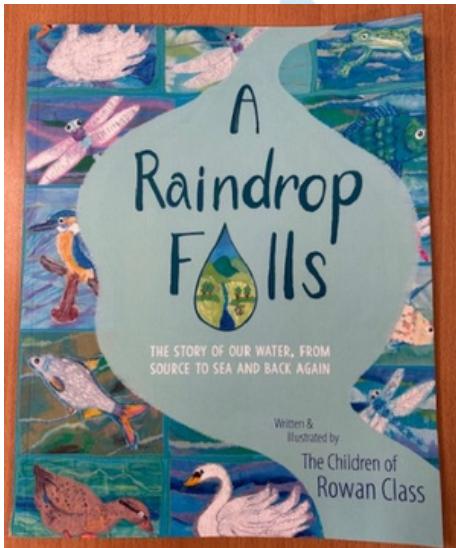
February 16th - 20th HALF TERM

February 23rd INSET DAY
February 24th First day back for all
March 2nd BOOK WEEK
Year 6 Try a Bike/ Learn to Ride courses this week
March 4th - 6th Y4 Residential to PGL Marchants Hill
March 10th YR trip to Bocketts Farm
March 11th Y4 Class Assembly 09:00
March 12th Y6 Science Made Simple Show @ Charterhouse
FOSMAS Movie Night YR-2 3:30-5pm
March 17th Easter Service 9:15
March 19th FOSMAS MOvie Night Y3-6 £:30-5pm
March 23rd Y6 Level 2 Cycle Training this week
March 27th FOSMAS Easter Egg Hunt
End of term 1pm Nursery, 1:15 main school

Inset Dates 2025-26

Mon 5th January
Mon 23rd February
Fri 22nd May
Mon 1st June

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026
Year to Date 95.5%
Week to Date 93.3%
Previous Week 94.2%



A Raindrop Falls

Last summer, our Year 6 pupils took part in an inspiring project with children's author Lucy Reynolds and illustrator Katie Hickey to co-create a stunning book, *A Raindrop Falls*. The book follows the journey of a drop of water from its source to the sea, exploring human impact on waterways and ways to protect them for the future.

The children enjoyed a number of creative writing and illustration workshops, as well as field trips to, Tillingbourne, Gomshall Mill, Abinger Hammer and Chilworth Gunpowder Mills, where they learned about rivers, water treatment, and conservation. They also carried out water quality monitoring on the River Wey with the River Wey Trust.

The finished book was launched last month at Wotton House, where the children enjoyed a special celebration of the book and were presented with their own copies.

It is now also available to buy at Waterstones.



JOB VACANCY

At the end of term our school caretaker, Mr Clegg, will be leaving us due to an injury to his arm which makes it difficult for him to carry on doing such a physical job. We will therefore be looking for someone special to fill this vacancy.

If you, or someone you know , would like to apply all details can be found here:

[Live-in Caretaker Vacancy St Mark and All Saints](#)

LOCAL COMMITTEE VACANCY

Our Local Committee at SMAS meets once every half term on a Tuesday from 3:30-5. They support the school in our future plans and provide assurance to the Trust and parents that all areas of the school are being properly monitored and that Sports Premium and Pupil Premium grants are being used to improve opportunities for children each year.

We are currently looking for a new COMMUNITY MEMBER to join our team. On this occasion this cannot be a parent as we already have our quota of parent representatives. If you know of someone within our community who would be a good addition to our team please do mention it to a member of school staff or ask them to email directly on info@stmarkallsaints.uk

Attendance Matters

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



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. If you have 10 unauthorised sessions within a 10 week period you will be issued a penalty notice.

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.

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

Parents and carers coffee and
information sessions

Friday, January 23 at 9am – drop in welcome

Come along to a coffee morning to promote inclusion of children at St Mark and All Saints. There will be an update from the Senco, Jill Mills, with a chance to ask questions and make suggestions for how parents and the school could work together to strengthen inclusion.

Why Join Us?

Our group is open to everyone, with a special focus on supporting children with additional needs. No matter where you are on your journey - wondering if your child might need extra support, working with school to explore their needs, awaiting an assessment, or already navigating a diagnosis or EHCP - you are welcome here.

Every voice and every experience matters. Join the conversation!

Meeting Details

 Date & Time: Friday, January 23 from 9am onwards

 Refreshments available

How to join

- You are welcome to drop in on the day
- Or let us know you're coming by emailing Jill Mills on senco@stmarkallsaints.uk

This session will be facilitated by Sara Draycott from Family Voice Surrey, the parent carer forum for Surrey. <https://familyvoicesurrey.org/your-voice-matters/>

If you have any questions or comments, please email Sara, from Family Voice Surrey, on sara.d@familyvoicesurrey.org

Christmas at Godalming Baptist
Church
15 Queen Street
You are invited to!!!

Messy Church:

Sat 20th 10am-12 noon

Aimed at children age between 4-11
years old

(Parents/guardians to supervise children)

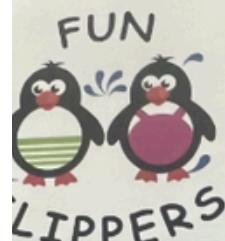
Contemporary Carol Service:
Sun 21st 10am – 11:15am

Carols by Candlelight
Sun 21st 5pm-6pm

Christmas Day
25th 10am – 11am

Fun Flippers
Splash Camp

Undershaw
Portsmouth Road
Hindhead
GU26 6AQ



Holiday Splash Camps running
in Easter, Summer & Half Term

Multi Sports to include:

- Girls & Boys Football
- Rugby
- Netball
- Cricket
- and SWIMMING!

(Birthday Parties also catered for)

Contact:

Jules: 07855 582 775

jules@funflippers.co.uk www.funflippers.co.uk
facebook.com/funflippers

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Messy Church!

What is it?

It's a time to come and get involved in a
variety of activities such as

Christmas treasure hunt

- Art
- Crafts
- Games
- Snacks
- Christmas quiz

Come and enjoy doing church slightly
different at the start of your Christmas
Hols! Aimed at children between 4 and 10
years old but all welcome!

See you there

Sat 20th 10am – 12 noon
Godalming Baptist Church
15 Queen Street Godalming.
Parents/guardians to remain with children

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are the expert of your child

You Are Not Alone - Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply hang back and listen in.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the last year'*

Jo (parent)

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back'*

Louise (parent)

*'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been **really helpful** and I don't feel so alone'*

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 6th January**, please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the **Zoom** link.



PENALTY NOTICES

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carers per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carers per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carers per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.