



WELCOME TO EMERALD CLASS





All About the Emerald Class Team



Mrs Hagan and Mrs Smith are the class teachers,
supported by Mrs Collinson our LSA.
Mrs Sheen, Mrs Berger and Mrs Armstrong also
support children in our class.

We are here to help so please
ask if there is anything you
need to know.





The **CIRCLE Values** underpin and embed all we do at St Mark's. They permeate throughout the school, creating a harmonious, enabling and empowering school community.





Vision

Living and Learning Together- Building Firm Foundations

Our vision is for all children to develop a lifelong love of learning and sense of belonging, within a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive Christian community. All children have the opportunity to become free thinking, responsible citizens, whilst understanding and appreciating the wonder of our world.

Children leave St Mark's with the confidence to live fulfilling lives, based on the teachings and example of Jesus.



Builder of the week

for



BUILDING RESILIENCE



Our focus this year is developing **resilient learners** who are **confident** when they face a **mistake** or a **challenge**. In school we will be using the following phrases/approaches please support us by doing the same at home:

- **3 before me**
- The power of **yet**
- **Have a Go Heroes**



SEND Team



SEND- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENCo- Mrs Williams

SEND Leader- Mrs Hagan

They will work together to support the children at St Mark's with Mrs Hagan being your point of contact for any SEND queries at St Mark's.

If you would like to get in contact with either Mrs Williams or Mrs Hagan please email into the school office: adminoffice@st-marks.hants.sch.uk





At St Mark's we strive to communicate with you in the best possible way. We have decided to change how we send out communications this year.

If you have any feedback about communication please email in to adminoffice@st-marks.hants.sch.uk

Reminders on a Friday

Letters on a Thursday



Send out table each Friday

Weekly Reminders week beginning *****

Monday 7th	
Tuesday 8th	Year 1/2 to FAST museum (hyperlink letter)
Wednesday 9th	
Thursday 10th	



Trips and Visits

At St Mark's we plan trips and visits to enhance learning and to bring it alive.

*Please do **read letters** about trips and visits carefully and give **permission** by the date on the letter, if permission is not given your child will not be able to go on the trip.*

We ask for **voluntary contributions** (payment) for trips. If we do not receive enough money, trips may be unable to go ahead.

We understand the cost of living has made paying for things like trips more challenging, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Jones if this is ever a concern.



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT & PERMISSIONS

You will be emailed a link to fill in a form on Scopay.

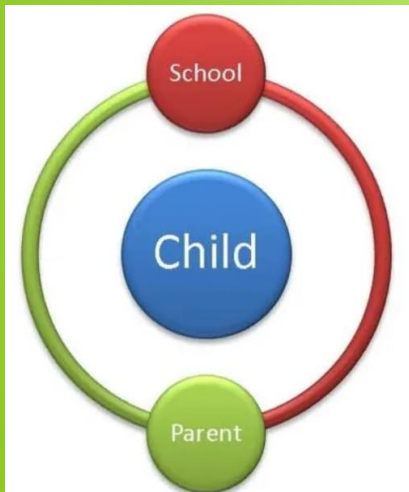
It will ask for **permission** for:

- Photographs and videos (school, website, WMAT marketing etc)
- Local visits
- Watching clips from films
- Food tasting/cookery

Please read and select your preferences.

Please note that if you do not fill in the form your child will not be in photos/videos and may not be able to take part in certain activities.

Please can you also look at the **Home School Agreement** with your child/children and complete the form to say you have looked at it with your child.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to support in school (listening to readers, coming on school trips, helping with Tea Set etc) please can you contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with Mrs Jones and to discuss volunteering further.

The WMAT HR Team will then be in contact to make sure that all of the necessary compliance checks and training is in place.

Thank you- your support makes such a difference at St Mark's.



What do the children need to bring to school?



- A school bag
- Reading book and reading record
- Water bottle
- Snack
- Coat/Sun hat
- PE kit and trainers
- Project related items to share with the class

Key times during the week



- PE sessions are Monday and Wednesday.
- Reading books must come to school **everyday**. The books will be changed when needed.
- Friday - Celebration Worship, Library books returned/renewed, 50p for T-Set



Homework

- Reading together every night. Please record all reading and discussion in your child's reading record. Talking about the book is just as important as the reading! The children will bring home a reading book matched to their reading level and each week an online book matched to our phonics sessions will be posted to share. (More details of our new ELS phonics and log in details will be issued at the Early Reading Meeting in October.)
- Spelling/Maths - discussion!

Homelearning

Each Integrated Project will have a piece of home learning for your child to enjoy doing at home with their family. These range from posters to 3D creations to games and challenges. All are designed for the children to complete with you! A date for returning the home learning to school is given at the beginning of the project.



Expectations

Year 1 - Independence
Year 2 - Responsibility

Year 1

- Neat and tidy school uniform
- Prompt arrival at school
- Excellent attendance
- Daily reading at home
- Sharing maths/phonics/spelling games
- Awareness of own behaviour
- Being able to work with a partner
- A big smile every morning!

Year 2

- Neat and tidy school uniform
- Prompt arrival at school
- Excellent attendance
- Daily reading at home
- Sharing maths/phonics/spelling games
- Good role models of behaviour
- Being able to work independently and in a group
- A big smile every morning!



Assessment Year 1

In Year 1 the children are monitored by Teacher Assessment through out the year and take the Phonics Screening Test. This is undertaken in June and it is a simple booklet with real and nonsense words for them to sound out and decode. It is very informal and the children enjoy the funny alien pictures!!



Assessment Year 2

In Year 2 the children are monitored by Teacher Assessment through out the year. KS1 SATs have now become optional. Papers may be used to inform teacher assessment if appropriate. These are Maths and Reading tests.

Other assessment tools are also used such as reading tests and termly assessments.



What can you do to help your child?



- Encourage them to pack their own school bag.
- Go through the school dinner menu at home and talk about the meal options.
- Read with them every night.
- Play board games.
- Support them with home learning projects.
- Talk to them about anything and everything!
- Visit the local library.

Important Dates

Date	Event
7 th October 2.30pm	Harvest Festival
TBC	Early Reading Meeting
26 th -30 th October	Half Term
Tuesday 10th November 3.30-6pm Wednesday 11th November 4.30-7pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November	School closed- WMAT Well-being Weekend
16 th December 2.15pm	The Nativity
18 th December 1.30pm	End of term

INSET DAYS for 2026-27

- Friday 19th March 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027





Fun and learning in Emerald Class

