



WELCOME TO EMERALD CLASS





All About the Emerald Class Team



Mrs Smith is the class teacher, supported by Mrs Collinson our LSA.

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.



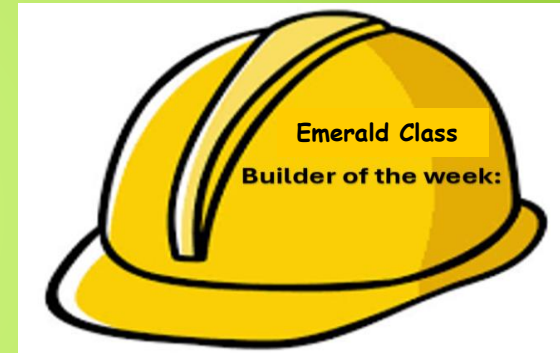


Vision

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



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.)
- Phonics/Spelling/Maths - a set of games to share will be sent home at the beginning of each term.

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, Reading and SPAG 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
8 th October 2.15pm	Harvest Festival
14 th October 3.20pm	Early Reading Meeting
24 th October 2.30pm	We're All Going to the Zoo Outcome
27 th -31 st October	Half Term
Tuesday 11 th November 3.30-5pm Wednesday 12 th November 4-7pm	Parent Consultations
11 th December 2.15pm	The Nativity
17 th December 5pm	Carols round the Campfire
19 th December 1.30pm	End of term

INSET DAYS for 2025-26

Friday 3rd October

Monday 5th January, Friday 22nd May,

Monday 22nd June



Fun and learning in Emerald Class

