We are St Mark's learning HEROES

16TH NOVEMBER 2026

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,
I am just writing to reassure you all following the recent article in the Brighton and Hove news. I understand how unsettling it can be to hear speculation about our school community. Please be assured that St Mark's remains fully committed to providing a high-quality, supportive, and stable learning environment for all our pupils, both now and in the years to come. We are looking to expand our provision and provide wrap around care. If you would be interested in a place in our up and coming after school club, please let the office know.
Thank you for your continued trust, support and partnership.
Best wishes,
Michelle Lord

WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

As always, there has been lots of learning and creativity to celebrate this week.

Armadillos had great fun at Roedean playing netball and became fashion designers for the morning!

Our 'Shining Lights' in Koala class put their training to good use and led Worship on Wednesday all about Diwali.

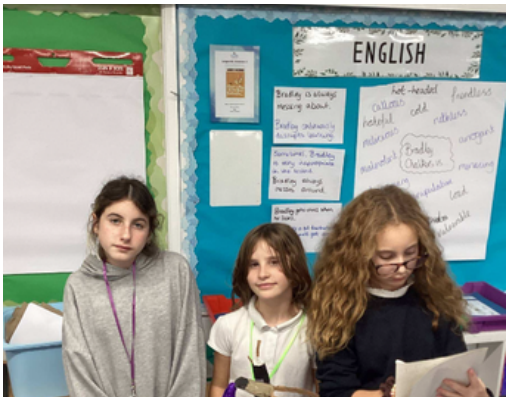
Thank you to all those that attended parent's evening. It was really great to see so many of you and hear the good news stories about how well the children are doing with their learning. Please get in touch if you could not make it and would like to meet with your child's teacher.

We hope to see you at our community event on Friday 20th to celebrate culture and food!





Leopard and Armadillo classes had a “ROARSOME” time creating inventions that could change the world! The ROAR project was sponsored and judged by Brighton Lions charity. As well as the project being fun and inspirational it helps children to learn how to work as part of a team plus, develop their communication and team skills.







REMINDERS

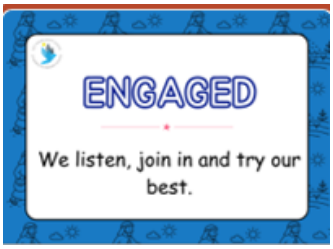
Please add to your calendars the following:

Friday 20th November at 3:15 - 4:45pm - Family Food and Culture Celebration in the Hall

CELEBRATING SUCCESS - DEMONSTRATING SHINE BEHAVIOURS , DEMONSTRATING HERO VALUES AND GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

18% OF ALL PUPILS WERE AT SCHOOL AND ON TIME EVERYDAY (100%) LAST WEEK.

Attendance

Reception lateness

↓ 3.5%

Down from 12.0% last period.

Key insights

There are clear positives this week, with notable improvements in several cohorts. **Year 4** rose to 94.8% attendance (up from 92.9%) and **Year 2** increased to 93.8% (up from 93.0%). Punctuality improved markedly in **Reception**, with lateness down to 8.5% (from 12.0%). Overall whole-school attendance fell to 90.9%, which should be watched alongside these improvements.

To watch

- **Year 5** attendance dropped from 94.0% to 87.4%.
- **Reception** attendance dropped from 85.2% to 81.0%.
- **Year 6** lateness rose from 3.0% to 7.0%.

WEEK 9

REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE

BIBLE VERSE:

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

— Matthew 5:9

CHRISTIAN THEME:

Peace

PRAYER:

God of peace,
today we remember people who have given their lives serving and protecting others.

We remember those who have suffered because of war and those who continue to live with conflict and fear.

Help us to be peacemakers in our own lives.

Help us choose words instead of arguments, kindness instead of anger and understanding instead of judgement.

May your light of peace shine through our school and our world.

Amen.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

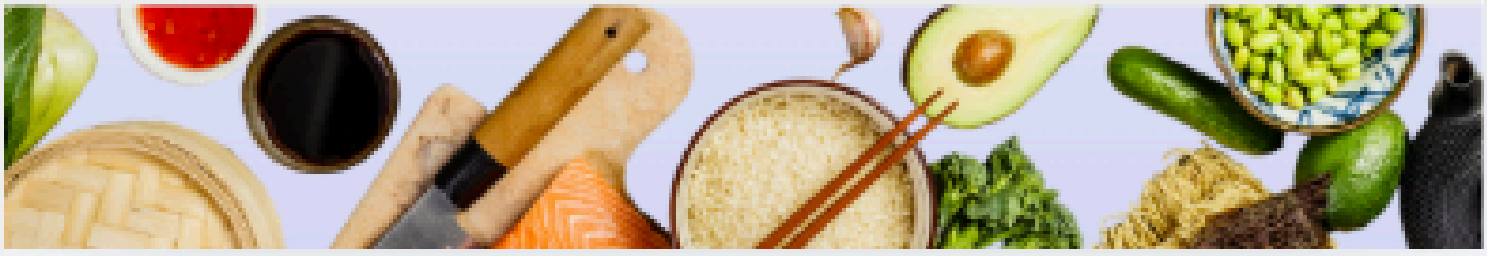
Family Food and Culture Celebration

Friday 20th November: 3.15 - 4.45 p.m. in the Hall



Families are invited to this fun food event, to celebrate different cultures, enjoy food and be together.

If you would like to attend, please give your name to reception, sign up on Arbor or email info@stmarks.brighton-hove.sch.uk



CLUBS/ Groups

Mondays - CRICKET 12:40 - 13:00

Tuesdays from 15.09.26 - Table Tennis at BTTC, Kemptown: (Y3 - 6) 3.15 - 5.15pm

Tuesday from 08.09.26 - Drama Club (YR - Y6) 3.15 - 4.45pm

Wednesdays- Prayer Group (YR - Y6) 12:40 - 12.55p.m. LEOPARD classroom

Thursdays from 10.09.26 - RMA football club: (Y3 - Y6) 3.15 - 5pm

TRIPS

Wednesday 25th November - Sea Art Gallery (LEOPARD CLASS)

Friday 27th November - University of Brighton (LEOPARD CLASS)

TUESDAYS FROM 22.09.26 - ROEDEAN (ARMADILLO CLASS)

EVENTS

Monday 2nd November - INSET DAY

9th and 11th November at 3.30 – 5.30 – Parents evening. Please book on Arbor from 23.10.26

Friday 20th November at 3:15 - 4:45pm - Family Food and Culture Celebration in the Hall

Wednesday 9th December: Christmas dinner and festive clothes

Wednesday 9th December: 3.15 - 4.30p.m. - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December: 09.00 - 09.30 a.m. - Nativity Show

Wednesday 16th December: 09:00 - 09:30 Christmas Play at St Mark's

SPORTS

Mondays - CRICKET y1/2 and The Ark

Wednesdays Table Tennis koala class (y3/4): 1.15pm - 2.30pm

Festive Fun for All the Family!

WHITEHAWK FC
Christmas Festival
& Christmas Market

20th – 23rd DECEMBER

11AM - 8PM

ACTIVITIES

- Reindeer food making
- Ice your own biscuits
- S'mores fire pit
- Letters to Santa & Christmas post box
- Santa's Grotto – a small gift from Santa
- Christmas trail & word scramble
- Prize for the most unusual costume or Christmas jumper
- Choir

FOOD & FESTIVE FUN

- Thivo Chicken Shop
- Chilli & nachos
- Burgers & hot dogs
- Hot chocolate station
- Waffles & churros
- Photo corner

Christmas Market

Would you like to set up a stall at our Christmas Market?

Please message me for more info:

Events@whitehawkfc.com

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