



News from St Mark's



Welcome!

A big welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our Year 3 children and their families. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and were able to spend valuable, restorative time with your loved ones. It was so great to see everyone again after what proved to be a very successful UK summer, weather wise!

Healthy Snacks

From Year 3 onwards, schools no longer provide fruit for children at breaktimes. As a school, we encourage children to bring in healthy snacks from home to enjoy at breaktime. This can be a piece of fruit, a packet of raisins, carrot sticks or similar. We do not permit chocolate, crisps or any sweets at breaktime. A reminder that we are a nut-free school so please check carefully when you pack a snack!

A message of thanks from Shannon, Jordan and Charlie, Lily-Eva's family

To every child who wore their wonderful colours for Lily-Eva, spoke about her, remembered her, bought cake or simply joined in with the day — thank you. You made the day so very special by being the wonderful children you are.

And to all of the parents, thank you for helping your children celebrate Lily-Eva and for allowing her name and her memory to continue to be part of their lives. There is something incredibly special about knowing that the children she grew up alongside are still carrying a little piece of her with them.

Seeing so much love for our girl yesterday reminded us that she left a mark on so many little hearts.

Thank you all for remembering her, for saying her name and for helping us make sure that Lily-Eva continues to be loved, remembered and celebrated. It means more to our family than words could ever say.

Thank you.

I would also like to add my thanks for your support of the day. As you can see, it meant an awful lot to Lily-Eva's family. The proceeds of the day and cake sale are now being counted up by the Stars Appeal and we will let you know how much we were able to raise soon.

Uniform

I am delighted to see all children looking so smartly dressed in school uniform this week. It makes a huge difference to our school community and develops a sense of pride and belonging.

Morning/Afternoon routine

Thank you all for your support with our new morning routine of lining the children up and being taken into class by their teacher. It really is making a difference in school.



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Meet the teacher dates

We will be holding our annual 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week at the following times:

Monday 3.30pm – Year 4

Tuesday 3.30pm – Year 5

Thursday 3.30pm – Year 6

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and visit their child/ren's class/es to hear about all the exciting learning that we have planned and to meet your child/ren's teacher. Sessions will finish at 4.00pm

Please collect your child/ren as usual and then arrive via the front reception. Any accompanying children will be able to sit quietly in a neighbouring classroom with a member of staff.

Headteacher Coffee Morning

I will be holding my first coffee morning of the new year on **Wednesday 30th September at 9.15am**. This will be an opportunity for me to meet you, if I haven't already and discuss school priorities as well as developing future thinking.

Please look out for a Microsoft form via Arbor which will give you the opportunity to pose questions prior to the morning (whether you can attend or not). These will be answered at the coffee morning but also in feedback via email after the event. It will also help to know numbers and the size of room I will need available. Looking forward to seeing as many as can make this.

Fidget 'Toys' - IMPORTANT

While we understand that some children use these to alleviate anxiety in the classroom and maintain focus. There must be some boundaries on their use in school, for everyone's sake. We ask that only ONE fidget is brought into school at any one time, that it is small and serves the specific purpose described above.

If your child does not require one in the classroom then please keep them at home. If they become a distraction to learning we will ask for them to remain at home. All fidgets brought into school are at the owners own risk.

And final point..... this is under constant review, if the learning environment our teachers work so hard to establish, becomes distracted by fidgets we will move to provide them from school only. Thank you for your co-operation.



**Congratulations to our
Lion Award Winners**



Ash

Mollie-Mae and Patrick

Beech

Izzy and Carter

Chestnut

Saskia and Levi

Elm

Max and Oscar

Fir

Tobi and Philinga

Holly

Harvey and Charlotte

Maple

Toby and Charlotte

Oak

Max and Alice

Pine

Noah and Cora

Spruce

Ralphie and Seren

Willow

Leon and Leo

Term 1 Academic Year 2026/27	
Monday 14 th September	Meet the Teacher for Year 4 parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 15 th September	Meet the Teacher for Year 5 parents 3.30pm
Thursday 17 th September	Meet the Teacher for Year 6 parents 3.30pm
Friday 18 th September	Cauliflower Cards Day Wear your Christmas jumper to school!
Wednesday 30 th September	Headteacher coffee morning in school 9.15am
Thursday 1 st October	Year 3 Drama for all visit to school
Tuesday 6 th October	WASP Wyndham and St. Mark's Parents association AGM 6.30pm Wyndham Park Hall
Wednesday 21 st October	Last day of term 1 OPEN CLASSROOMS 2.30pm

Attendance

Attendance figures for the first 7 days back are:

Year 3 – 98%

Year 4 – 97%

Year 5 – 96%

Year 6 – 94%

Our aim is to maintain 96% across the year.

A reminder to please ensure that routine eye and dentist appointments are booked outside of school hours.
Thank you

Be an attendance
H.E.R.O
Here, Every day,
Ready, On time

Wyndham Park Lunchtime Support Assistant

Wyndham Park are looking for a lunchtime Support Assistant to oversee and care for the children during their lunch hour every day. Duties include serving lunches to tables, pouring drinks, cutting up food and managing safe play on the playground. This is a very rewarding and important role in our schools. If you are interested, please use the QR code to find out more.



**Have a lovely weekend
everyone**

Behold the turtle, he makes progress only
when he sticks his neck out.
- James B. Conant



**FRIDAY 18TH
SEPTEMBER**

CAULIFLOWER CARDS

**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



THE CHILDREN WILL BE DESIGNING THIS
YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

PLEASE WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER, T-
SHIRT OR HEADBAND FOR THE DAY



Community Messages

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be seven years old before September 2027?

You must apply for a junior school place

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Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2027

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
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Online Course

Understanding School Anxiety

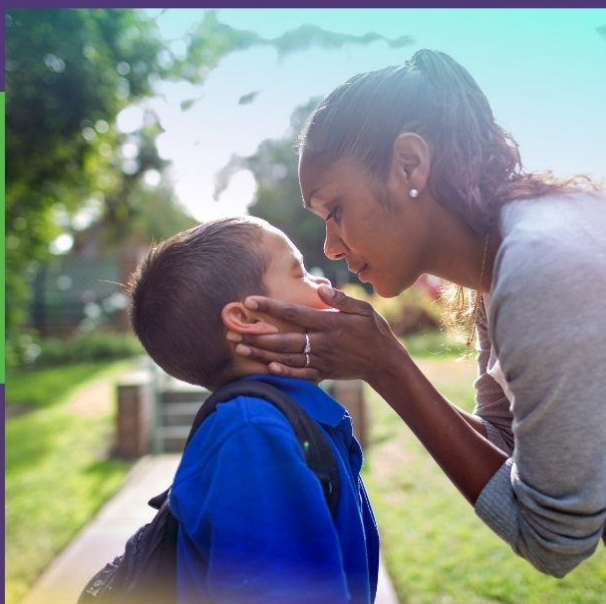
Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Two Dates Available:

Monday 12 October 10:00-12:00

Thursday 26 November 10:00-12:00

**Booking
closes 7
days before
course start
date**



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with school based anxiety and worry
- Practical ways to support school attendance
- Educational Psychologist available to answer questions

**For bookings and enquiries: scan the QR code,
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk**

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

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