



St Mark's C of E Academy

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Attendance Matters...



90% is the threshold set by the government for persistent absence

Our whole school attendance **target** is 96%

	Attendance last week	Attendance since Sept'22
Duckpool (3)	89%	94%
Sandymouth (2)	91%	93%
Summerleaze (1)	99%	94%
Well done Summerleaze for the highest % this week!		
Whole school	92.6%	93.8%

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please text the office via the app by 9.15am so that it can be marked in the register. Please do not send a message via siblings. Thank you

Dear Parents and families,

It was really wonderful to receive lots of positive feedback whilst chatting with the parents who came along to our "Coffee, cake and conversation" drop in yesterday. Conversation included school meals, our school values, the library, school trips and residentials and the upcoming Easter service in the chapel. Please see the diary dates for the next Coffee, cake and conversation drop in.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for submitting your school uniform colour preferences. We also asked the children and the staff for their views. Some people did not have a preference - here are the results from those who voted.

	Red	Blue
Parents	15	26
Children	26	35
Staff	0	2
	41	63

Therefore I am pleased to announce that **blue** will be our single colour from September 2023.

MORNING DROP OFF

I'd like to thank you for all the positive feedback regarding our earlier morning drop off time. I'm very pleased to say that the amount of children we have arriving late (after 8.45am) is getting less and less which is very positive. Just a reminder that classroom doors do not open until 8.40am and therefore children will not be supervised if they enter the school grounds before this time.

ATTENDANCE

We continue to have regular attendance meetings in school. Our attendance policy states that we write to parents of pupils whose attendance drops below 92%. While we understand that illness cannot be helped, and sometimes it is necessary for a child to stay away from school,

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we encourage regular attendance and discourage all unauthorised absences such as holidays to be taken in term time.

Did you know that you can view and monitor your child's attendance in MICAS?

If you have any queries regarding your child's absence please ask.

Present		Authorised Absent		UnAuthorised Absent	
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	Late		Not Taken		Not Required
	Future Date				

2022 - 2023																																
September							October							November							December											
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PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Patronal Festival day is the day our school and parish celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist at our local church. Festival Day is on Saturday 24th June so I urge you all to save the date in your diaries as I've been told it is a great day! I went along to the Patronal Committee meeting last week; they are very keen for the school to be involved as usual although it does not fall on a school day. For those of you who do not know the tradition, St Mark's children play an important part in the church service and take part in afternoon sports and games. I really hope with the support of our staff and families we will be able to continue the festival traditions. Further information will be communicated nearer the time but please save the date!

READING

It has been great to see so many children being awarded reading raffle tickets and the increased buzz of reading around the school. We are looking forward to the Scholastic book fair coming soon. Did you know that there are recommended reading lists for children from EYFS to Y6 on our website. Follow the reading tab to find them.

PE KITS

All children should have their PE kits in school. Unfortunately, they will not be allowed to take part in their PE lessons without the correct clothing and footwear.

Kind thanks

Tanya Clark

This Week's Commendations and School Value Awards

Duckpool	Sandymouth	Summerleaze
Cecily Tommy Oscar Jessica	Whole Class Harvey Jake	Elsie Honey James Joseph



The Kind and Helpful Cup
is awarded to Max in Sandymouth

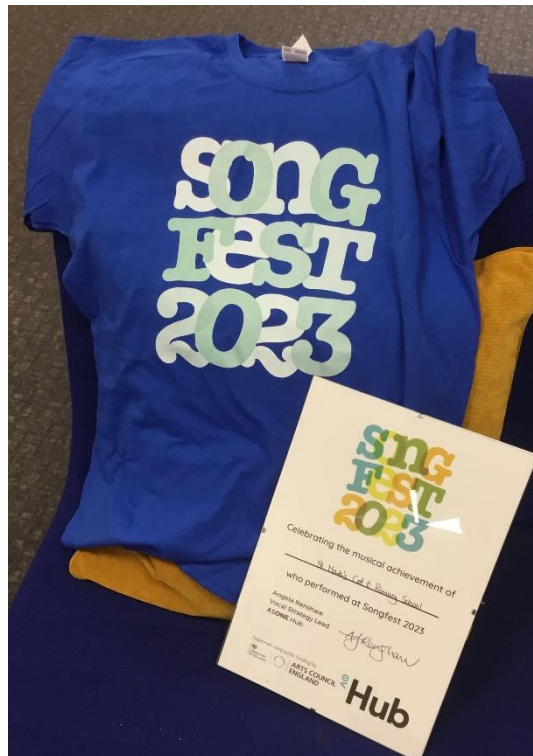
WELL DONE!



Songfest 2023



Children in Year 6 sang their hearts out on Tuesday evening at Launceston Town Hall for Songfest. Miss Clark is extremely proud of all who took part, singing songs with other Cornwall school children to a packed audience.



The children sang songs from and about the past. Themes included:
Egyptians
Romans
The World War
And they also watched other bands from secondary schools for some inspiration and came away with their own Songfest T-shirts to keep!

Dates for your Diary

Every Week	Coming up	
<p>SANDYMOUTH (CLASS 2)</p> <p>Outdoor Learning – Fridays</p>	Fri 17 th March	Red Nose Day
	Week beg Mon 20 th March	Scholastic Book Fair
	Tues 28 th March 2.45-3.15pm	Easter Service at Shop Chapel
	Wed 29 th March	Newquay Zoo Trip (whole school)
	Mon 3 rd April - Fri 14 th	April Easter Holidays
	Wed 26 th April	Coffee, cake and conversation parent drop in
	Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
	Mon 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
	Friday 26 th May	Inset Day
	Tue 9 th – Fri 12 th May	SATS week (KS2 Yr 6)
	Mon 29 th May - Fri 2 nd June	May Half term
	Sat 24 th June	Patronal festival
	Wed 26 th July	Summer Holidays

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March

The school councillors have decided upon a non-uniform day and a competition to design a red nose.

Please can we ask for a £1 voluntary donation for wearing non-uniform and an additional 50p donation if your child would like to enter the design competition. The office will set up a donation tab in School Gateway for your donations.

Please note that we cannot accept physical cash.

Please see the attached printable pdf for your child to design on, or paper copies are available at school, so please ask if you can't access a printer.

There will be a malteser prize for the winner in each class.

Please make sure design entries are named.

All donations will go to Comic Relief.



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

SAVE THE DATE! BOOK FAIR! WEEK BEGINNING 20th MARCH!

SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE Book Fair

FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR*

FIND HUNDREDS OF THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

NEW

David Walliams

GANGSTA GRANNY STRIKES AGAIN!

£7.99

NEW

This is ME!

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NEW

ROALD DAHL GEORGE'S MARVELOUS MEDALS

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NEW

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NEW

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DIARY of a Wimpy Kid

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NEW

GAME OVER

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NEW

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NEW

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NEW

WISH YOU ANYWHERE

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NEW

SKANDAR UNICORN

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THE DAY WE SAVED THE FUTURE

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If you're unable to visit the Book Fair, your child will be sent home with a debit card and you can top up their chosen books using our online payment system. Please make sure the Wish List is returned to your child's school.

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SCHOOL MEALS – PLEASE PRE-BOOK

All school dinners need to be booked a calendar week in advance to ensure we can place your orders. For example dinners for week commencing 20th March needed to be booked by Thursday 16th March.

Orders are emailed first thing on a Friday, for the following week and cannot be accepted after the cut off. Thank you to all parents who have been booking in advance, we are grateful to you all.

Thank you also for your feedback, which has been very positive and useful. Louise is doing a fantastic job in the school kitchen and we appreciate her hard work.

NURSERY NEWS

This week we celebrated Holi with a fun art session.

We also talked a lot about the weather and enjoyed putting on our wellies, waterproofs, hats and gloves, then enjoyed splashing in the puddles!



Our School Lottery – Support and Win!



We wanted to remind everyone about our school lottery

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children and improve the school environment.

Please spread the word to friends and family about the initiative using the following link

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marks-c-of-e-primary-school>

Thank you

