

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We are incredibly proud of our children who took part in the London Mini Marathon! The atmosphere was electric, with all the supporters and excitement along the way, and to be able to cross the actual finish line of the London marathon was such an amazing opportunity. Running past Buckingham Palace and receiving a medal from a Gladiator was a real highlight. The children showed fantastic determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship as they challenged themselves to complete the course, all while representing our school with pride. It was wonderful to see their smiles, perseverance and support for one another throughout the event. Well done to everyone involved — you were amazing! 🏆👏 Mrs Davies


[2026 TCS London Mini Marathon](#)

# The London mini-marathon

Penelope  
George  
Eliza  
Cayden  
Niamh

Maisie  
Emerson  
Max  
Bobby  
Ethan

With times from 6 minutes 33, to 13 minutes – AMAZING!





## Cricket

Years 5 & 6 girls, spent a lovely afternoon in the sunshine on Friday in a fun and energetic cricket skills session. The children practised key skills such as batting, bowling and throwing through a range of exciting games and activities, set-up by the Millais sports leads. Everyone took part with great enthusiasm, showed excellent listening skills and supported one another throughout. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, and the session certainly inspired a love of cricket and staying active.

Year 1 had a lovely time taking part in a cricket skills session this week. The children enjoyed learning how to hold a bat, roll and throw a ball, and aim at targets through simple, playful games. They listened carefully, tried their best, and had lots of fun moving their bodies and working together with their friends. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow and their big smiles as they joined in.



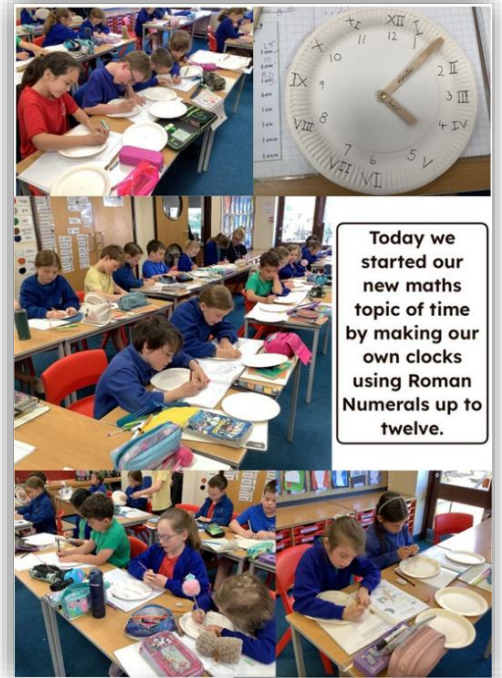
## Curriculum

This week's photos include;

Reception children drawing dinosaur shadows,

Year 2 sketching sunflowers and then mixing colours to paint them,

Year 3 learning about Roman numerals



## Visitors

We thoroughly enjoy having visitors to school and this week the whole school had an assembly workshop from Julie from The Book Nook. She talked about the wonderful world of books and the benefits and joys of reading for pleasure. Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair at the end of the day and helped raise funds for new books for the library.



Network Rail visited Year 6 for a Rail Safety workshop linked to our PSHE curriculum. The children learnt about safe behaviours, hazard spotting and how to keep safe on and around the railway.

Years 4 and 5 enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities provided by Woods for Learning, a local company that works closely with Primary schools to deliver a tasks and activities that foster resilience, teamwork and friendships.



## WOW Walk to School



Don't forget you can help your children to achieve their badges by joining in with *Walk to school Wednesday*. Members of staff will be at both of our park and stride locations (Tythe Barn & St Marks Church) every Wednesday, during the summer term., where the staff will the join the children on their walk to school. Please remember children from St Marks will need accompanying by an adult if they do not usually walk to school on their own, although children at Tythe barn can walk on into school with the member of staff

due to the access to school grounds. We would love to see you join us on our walk to school.

Mrs Filson

## St Mark's church events

Please find a couple of posters advertising events organised by St. Mark's Church that might be of interest to our families.



Watch a promo video



## Left to their own devices

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE

This event is not just for parents but for anyone involved with children and young people as they navigate technology. Katharine's wisdom and experience will equip you with confidence in this challenging digital age. Whilst the event is free, you must reserve a ticket.

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/4h3wdcv8>

or scan the QR Code: 

8TH JUNE 2026

ST MARK'S CHURCH  
HOLBROOK, RH12 5PU

7:30-  
9:30pm



GUEST SPEAKER

KATHARINE HILL

CEO of Care for the Family, and Author.

St Mark's Church

### Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
7 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May
21 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June
28 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> June
4 <sup>th</sup> June	15 <sup>th</sup> June
11 <sup>th</sup> June	22 <sup>nd</sup> June

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Swimming starts
W/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term- school closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Happy Holbrook session
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>YR trip to Washbrooks Farm</b>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y2 trip to Drusillas</b>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes- Headteacher