



# Newsletter

## MARCH 2024



Please let us know anything your child has been diagnosed with by the doctor e.g. Scarlet Fever, Chicken Pox, Measles – we have a duty to communicate with the area health teams when pupils have infectious illnesses .



## WORLD BOOK DAY



**When?**  
Thursday 7th March

### What do I need to do?

If you would like to dress up as your favourite book character, please do!  
We will be celebrating books and reading all day with lots of fun activities.

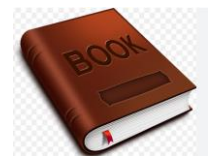
### COMPETITION

If you would like to enter our competition, please:

1. Find a box (shoebox size).
2. Choose a book.
3. Decorate the box like a scene from the book.
4. Decorate 1 or more hard boiled eggs for the characters.
5. Bring to school on World Book Day!



Come in costume or wear your pyjamas to school. Bring a cuddly toy and snuggle up with a book on World Book Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 😊



Online Safety is so important! Please read the

**new** Online Safety Newsletter every month


(all previous newsletters are on the website)






Are you going the wrong way?  
Keep the school on your **left**, in order to follow the one-way system

# Attendance update



**The good news:** We did so well last term we won an award!

**The bad news:** This term is not looking as good. I appreciate that we have had a lot of unavoidable sickness, but please try and avoid taking your children out of school for holidays and appointments.



## Have you missed something?



All our newsletters are on our website: [www.stmarksschoolnatland.co.uk](http://www.stmarksschoolnatland.co.uk)



## Want to support our school?



### How It Works

-  When you buy any book from LoveReading.co.uk or LoveReading4Kids.co.uk, 25% of the cover price is donated to schools, to spend on books.
-  When you purchase a book, at checkout you can choose our school name for the donation to be allocated to, and our school can then purchase books with the funds.

Buy books, change lives

## Donate a book to our library!

Please click this link for a list of books we would dearly love to provide for our pupils:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/3dcd4bec24f3441d7bf81fa48b73100b>

To our wonderful PTA

*Thank you!*

For organising the disco extravaganza - pupils had the time of their lives, and we really appreciate how hard you all worked.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Dental Survey for 5 year olds	1 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 3 to Concert in Kendal Town Hall	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Wonderdome planetarium visits St Mark's for the day	6 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	7 <sup>th</sup> March
PTA meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm



Year 4 Collective Worship	11 <sup>th</sup> March <b>change of date</b> 3pm
Comic relief - Red Nose Day 	15 <sup>th</sup> March
Feet First Active Travel Week	18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Brewery Dance Platform performance (Year 5)	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 planting trees with South Cumbria Rivers Trust 	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Author Visit for KS1	21 <sup>st</sup> March
Nursery Open Afternoon 	21 <sup>st</sup> March 4-5pm
Kirkbie Kendal moving up evening for Year 5	21 <sup>st</sup> March
Performing Arts showcase – Choir, Speech and Drama and musical instruments 	21 <sup>st</sup> March 4-5pm
Years 4 and 5 planting trees with the South Cumbria Rivers Trust 	25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 walk up the Helm 	27 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Celebration in Natland Church 	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm
Chocolate Bingo	27 <sup>th</sup> March
Mufti day (bring in chocolate)	27 <sup>th</sup> March
End of Term	28 <sup>th</sup> March

# Do you need a bit of extra help?

## Click here to see if you are eligible

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

- where possible all parents and guardians should [apply online](#) - you will receive an immediate response advising you whether you are eligible or not
- if you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **01228 606060**

## Pupil premium and free school meals

**If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.**

With this money, St Mark's can provide the following for your child:

- additional staff to teach your child in smaller groups to focus closely on their learning needs;
- subsidise your child's extracurricular activities;
- subsidise peripatetic music lessons for your child;
- subsidise the purchase of additional resources or equipment for your child;
- subsidise educational and residential visits organised as part of the school curriculum

your child would also be eligible for a clothing grant of £25.00 per school year.

### More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Louise Hinton

**No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**