



Mark First C of E Academy

Creating a Love of Learning

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wells Cathedral & Bishops Palace

Our Year 4 Woodpecker class have been invited by the diocese to take part in a moving up celebration alongside other local schools at Wells Cathedral on Wednesday 24th June. This event is to celebrate the children moving up to the next part of their educational journey. The service starts at 10:30am, we will travel to Wells by coach for the celebration, leaving promptly after morning registration.

Following the Celebration the diocese has given us complementary visit to the Bishops Palace, where we will be able to eat lunch in the medieval hall, visit the gallery, chapel and play on the play area.

Please can children wear school uniform (school jumpers rather than leavers hoodies), school shoes and an appropriate coat or sun hat. Children will need to take a packed lunch, a small snack and a water bottle. These will need to be brought in a small rucksack that the children can carry as there is nowhere for the children to store their belongings during the trip. We will return to school in time for the usual pick up.

Swimming Gala

Year 4 have been invited to attend the Kings Fitness Swimming Gala on Thursday 9th July 2026, 12 – 2:30pm. The gala will be fun based, giving all children in the class a chance to swim alongside children from other schools; putting into practice the skills they have learned during their swimming lessons this academic year.

There will also be a small section for competitive races where individual children will be selected to swim to represent Mark First & Preschool Academy. Details of these races will be shared with the school prior to the events and Mrs Smyth will discuss with the class these opportunities and choose who will swim each race.

As we will be leaving early to attend the swimming gala, please provide a packed lunch which will be eaten in school before we leave on the coach to travel to Kings Fitness. In addition, please provide a snack to be eaten upon our return to school. The coach will leave school around 11:30am and return before the end of the school day.

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Voluntary Contributions

We kindly request voluntary contribution of £9.50 to cover the coach costs for the above trips. Payment can be made through My Child At School, this has been setup as a one-off payment due by Friday 12th June 2026. Thanks to our wonderful PTFA who have contributed towards to cost of the coaches for these two trips.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smyth
Woodpecker Class Teacher