



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Friday 8 May 2026

FIVE DAY WALKING CHALLENGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to invite you and your family to take part in National Walk to School Week, running from 18–22 May 2026. This national initiative, delivered by Living Streets, encourages families to choose walking for the school journey where possible. It supports our school vision – “Loving God, Serving others and Flourishing together” – and links directly to our values of Respect, Aspire and Rejoice.

Why take part?

- Health and wellbeing – regular walking helps pupils arrive more alert, reduces stress and supports physical fitness.
- Better learning readiness – active travel before school improves concentration in lessons.
- Community and safety – more families walking creates safer streets around school and strengthens neighbourhood connections.
- Environment – fewer car journeys reduce pollution and traffic outside the school gate.

Living Streets run the WOW – the walk to school challenge.

How you can join in (18–22 May)

When we refer to "walking", we include cycling, scooting and public transport.

- Walk the whole way if you can, or park a short distance away and walk the final part.
- Aim for at least one walking journey to school each day that week.
- Talk to your child about road safety and use the safest route to school.
- Please let us know if you're planning a walking group or "walking bus" so we can support and promote it.

We hope many of our families will join in – it's a simple way to support pupil wellbeing, reduce traffic and live out our values together.

Thank you to those that have actioned the Travel survey. It would be really appreciated if Parents/Carers could complete the link for the Parent / Carer Travel survey which closes on 22 May. Parent/ Carer Travel Survey: [Project: St Mark's School Parent Travel Survey | BCP Council](#)

Kind regards,

Jon Cooke

School Business Manager