



### St Mark's C.E. Primary School

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Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Friday 3 July 2026

#### **ENGLAND FIFA WORLD CUP GAME – 6 JULY**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following England's exciting 2–1 victory on Wednesday, they have now progressed to the Round of 16 of the FIFA World Cup. Their next match, against Mexico, kicks off at **1:00am on Monday morning**.

We understand that some families may wish to stay up and watch the match together. England Manager, Thomas Tuchel, jokingly(!?) suggested that parents should "make an excuse for school on Monday", implying that watching the World Cup is more important than attending school!

While we appreciate the humour, we also place a strong value on **honesty and integrity** within our school community. With this in mind, and in recognition of the significance of the occasion for many families, we will be making a temporary adjustment to our attendance expectations on **Monday 6 July**.

On that day:

- Children arriving at school **up to 10:45am** (usually 08:50am) will be recorded with an **L code (late arrival)**.
- Children arriving **after 10:45am**, or absent for the morning session, will be recorded with a **U code (unauthorised absence)** in line with attendance regulations.

We hope parents will understand that we are trying to take a supportive and pragmatic approach while maintaining our expectations around attendance and honesty.

We wish the England team every success in their Round of 16 match and look forward to hearing all about it from any tired—but hopefully happy—supporters on Monday!

Kind regards,

Andrew Bright

Headteacher