



A community of transformation founded on love, hope & trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There are just a few days to go until our special trust-wide celebration, **One Anthem, Many Stories**, taking place on **Friday 3 July**, and we would love your support to help make it a truly memorable day for our children at St Mark's Academy.

This event is all about recognising and celebrating what makes each of us unique. On the day, children and adults across Anthem, including our community at St Mark's Academy, are invited to wear **one item** that reflects who they are. This could represent their heritage, culture, hobbies, values, interests, or any aspect of their personal identity that feels meaningful to them.

Please note that students should attend school in their usual full school uniform and wear their chosen item alongside it. This might be a small accessory, badge, item of clothing worn over uniform, or something similar that can be comfortably and safely worn during the school day.

It is a simple but powerful way to show that across Anthem — and here at St Mark's — **everyone belongs and every story matters**. We hope it will spark pride, curiosity and thoughtful conversations, while reinforcing our commitment to inclusion and belonging. [Find out more about Anthem Aspire](#)

To capture the spirit of the day, our **Timi Champions** will be creating a short video, collage or other creative piece showcasing how St Mark's Academy has celebrated. These contributions will form part of a trust-wide thank-you video, celebrating the collective impact of the event across all Anthem schools.

Supporting Anthem Aspire

Alongside the celebrations, we will also be raising funds for the **Anthem Aspire Fund**, which helps create exciting opportunities and experiences for students across the trust.

We are inviting **voluntary donations** from families who are able to contribute:

- **£1** in person, or
- **£2** via our JustGiving page [Just Giving page](#)

Please be assured that **all children at St Mark's Academy are welcome to take part**, whether or not a donation is made. Inclusion remains at the very heart of this event.

How you can get involved



- Encourage your child to wear **one item** that represents their own story (alongside school uniform)
- Support them to talk about why they have chosen it
- Share a photo or short video with our Timi Champions if invited
- Make a voluntary donation to support the Anthem Aspire Fund
- Help us share the positive spirit of the day within the St Mark's Academy community

On Friday 3 July, we will also be selling ice lollies at lunchtime to raise funds for the Anthem Aspire project. Ice lollies can be purchased for 50p

Together, let's make **One Anthem, Many Stories** a joyful and memorable celebration.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aimee Gallagher', written in a cursive style.

Aimee Gallagher

Headteacher