

NEWSLETTER

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This week

The first of the Infant Summer term trips took place this week when the Early Years children spent the day at Godstone Farm. They had the chance to meet animals and go on an exciting mini-beast walk and had a fantastic time! We hope that those children in Years 1 and 2 who are going to the PTFA Film Night after school enjoy watching 'Migration' in the hall with their friends.



Class photos Our pupil class photos are being taken on the morning of Tuesday 30th April. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and that they are beautifully dressed and groomed! We want them to look fabulous for their photos. Thank you.



Marathon Success 'I did it!' As many of you will know by now, I completed the London Marathon last Sunday in 5 hours 22 mins. It was a truly phenomenal experience and I would like to sincerely thank you for all the support I have received from the children, parents and staff at school. I actually felt like a celebrity, coming into school on Monday with my medal! The children have been so kind with their messages of congratulations. I have tried to personally thank as many of you as possible for your donations to my JustGiving page but if I have not managed to catch you, please be assured that I am extremely grateful for every single penny. The children have raised a staggering £1750 from their 'Chores for Change' and there are still little bits coming in. Please do return any to school ASAP. Altogether, my fundraising has now reached over £5500, almost double my target, and that includes lots of your donations so I really want to emphasise just how touched I am by your kindness and generosity. Kind regards, Mrs Dove



A special thank you for the amazing encouragement and support from Hawthorn class and Louis who came to cheer me on with a class banner!

Next Manner of the Week
We say 'Good Morning!'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 29th April—Fri 3rd May—Year 4
Bikeability Level 1, Group 2

Tues 30th April—Whole class photos

Wed 1st May—Epsom & Ewell Schools
Hockey Tournament, Epsom Hockey Club
KT18 7QN, 1-3pm

Mon 6th May—Bank Holiday

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Charity Badge

Lexi, one of our Year 5 pupil leaders, received her charity badge at Brownies this week, thanks to her pro-active fundraising for our 'Chores for Change'. She also wrote to the Royal Marsden to tell them about it and received a lovely card and Royal Marsden pin badge. Well done Lexi and thank you for being a wonderful pupil leader.



Changes to end of year reporting arrangements

We are writing to inform you about changes we have made to our end of year reporting arrangements. It is a statutory requirement that schools must prepare annual reports for every pupil's parents/carers. The report must cover the pupil's: achievements, general progress and attendance record. Our end of year school reports fulfil this requirement as they will include:

- highlights personal to your child for the academic year
- a general comment about your child's attainment and progress
- child's attendance record for the academic year

To accompany this written report, a summary of your child's attainment in each National Curriculum subject will also be included for information (Early Years Foundation Stage Profile for children in Reception). In addition, statutory assessment results and information will be provided for children in the relevant year groups (eg. Phonics Screening Check - Year 1; Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4; Statutory Assessments at the end of Year 6).

In addition to the written report, we are also offering a face-to-face parent consultation at the end of the summer term. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's successes and achievements for the academic year as well as their developmental targets. It is our intention that the annual reports will be given to parents/carers at this meeting. If you do not wish to attend a meeting, your child's report will be delivered to you either in person or via post.

Parent Consultations have been scheduled for the following dates/times:

EYFS to Year 5	Wednesday 3 rd July	3.40pm - 7.30pm
	Thursday 4 th July	3.40pm - 6.00pm
Year 6 (following the publication of Year 6 SATs results)	Wednesday 10th July	1.30pm-6.30pm
	Thursday 11th July	3.40pm-5.10pm

Sign-up for these parent consultations will be the same as the Autumn and Spring term parent consultations via ScoPay. More information will follow nearer the time.

EYFS and KS1 Lunchtime Clubs Thank you for your patience as we have trialled a new booking system for the EYFS and Key Stage 1 teacher-lead lunchtime clubs which started on Monday.

Based on feedback we have received, along with our experiences in school, we will be considering the following for future sign-ups:

- the time of day when the sign-up system is available to parents/carers
- clearer guidance to parents on how the system operates at the time of booking
- ways to ensure that children only sign up for one club initially

School Attendance

Each week in the newsletter we will tell you the school attendance for the previous week and list the classes who had the highest attendance. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance, please email the school office.

Last week's attendance :
15th–19th March 2024

Infants— 92.9%
Juniors— 95.3%

Highest class attendance:
Vole 97.3% Well done!

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Considerate parking and behaviour We need to once again request that parents park considerately if they need to drive to school at drop-off and pick-up times. This week has been challenging due to a burst water pipe on Worple Road but we request that nobody parks on private property in consideration of our local neighbours.

Lost property

We have a number of pieces of lost property in the school office which we would love to get returned to their rightful owner! If you recognise any of these items please pop into the school office.



This week's house points

Durdans	193
Hylands	208
Maidstone	152
Woodcote	251



Summer Term

Dates for your diary for this term...

Monday 29 th April to Thursday 2 nd May	Year 4 Bikeability - selected children
Tuesday 30 th April	Class Photos
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday - children not in school
Week of Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 14 th May to Thursday 16 th May	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 17 th May	Year 1 "Royals Day"
Thursday 23 rd May	Open Morning: Classes open from 8.45am to 9.25am
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Half-term – children not in school
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day – children not in school
Wednesday 5 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th June	Science Fair: Years 1, 2, 3, 5
Thursday 20 th June	Year 1 trip to Wisley Gardens
Tuesday 2 nd July	'Moving Up' sessions for children; parents/carers informed of class and teacher(s) for next academic year
Wednesday 3 rd July and Thursday 4 th July	EYFS to Year 5 {optional} parents' consultation with annual reports
Friday 5 th July	Year 6 Activity Day
Friday 5 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 2 and Meerkat to British Wildlife Centre
Tuesday 9 th and Friday 12 th July	Year 6 Leavers Play
Wednesday 10 th July and Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 {optional} parents' consultation with annual reports
Tuesday 16 th July	Open Afternoon
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at St. Martin's Church
Thursday 18 th July	Last day of term – school finishes early
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	KS1 and KS2 children return to school for the Autumn Term

For specific events listed above, further details will be sent out nearer the time. In addition, look out for information of PTFA events in the weekly school newsletter. If your child is participating in a selective event (eg. District Sports), information about these events will be shared with the children involved.

Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Estelle** in Otter class for demonstrating excellent skills in yoga this week, participating in the whole lesson and displaying a great butterfly pose to everyone. Well done Estelle!



Football tournament On Tuesday afternoon, a team of Year 6 boys participated in a football tournament run by Glyn school. They played an intense tournament of 11 back-to-back games against other local schools. The team played some super football and remained undefeated for the whole tournament - the only team to achieve this! With 5 wins and 6 draws, they placed 4th in the end, narrowly missing out on 3rd place accounting for goal difference of just 1 goal. They displayed great resilience and teamwork throughout the tournament and did themselves and St Martin's proud.



Frisbee tournament Mrs Heasman took 3 teams of children to the Ultimate Frisbee tournament at Epsom Cricket Club on Wednesday afternoon. Despite the windy and chilly conditions, all the children played brilliantly and more importantly played fairly and

considerately against the other schools (and each other!), often coming to decisions as a team. Overall St Martin's finished an amazing 1st, 2nd and 3rd out of 10 teams. We are incredibly proud of how well they all focused and most importantly, enjoyed the afternoon. Should your child be interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee, please contact Dan Berry at epsomultimate@gmail.com.

Pokeman Cards A reminder that children are not allowed to bring in trading cards, such as Pokemon cards, into school. This is to avoid any upset when swapping cards as well as the financial implications of losing them at school. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Marsden March A group of 20 staff from St Martin's will complete the 15-mile Marsden March on Sunday 12th May to support The Royal Marsden, a world-leading cancer centre. By donating to our page, their nurses, doctors, and research teams can provide the very best care and develop life-saving treatments, which are used across the UK and around the world, including treating some of our dearest friends.

We have all been personally touched by the amazing work they do and together, we can transform the lives of cancer patients. If you would like to make a donation, please [click on this link](#). Thank you for your support.

St Martin's Marchers



The Book Corner

Coming soon to St. Martin's library is the Scholastic Book Fair featuring brand new titles such as:



Dog Man and the Scarlet Shredder by Dav Pilkey



The Letter with the Golden Stamp by Onjali Q. Rauf



Hercules by Tom Vaughan



Jack Splash by Olympic diver by Tom Daley

There is something for everyone, picture books for the younger members of the school up to more thoughtful chapter books for the upper Key Stage 2 children.

I hope everyone is having a fun time designing a poster for the fair. As in last week's Book Corner, you can win a £5 voucher to spend on books at the fair. Please hand in any entries to the Library or the office by Wednesday 1st May with your name and class on the back.

Plus, there is a promotion where if you buy two books you get the third free! Free Books woo Hoo! Most importantly, all book sales will earn free books for the school.

Please do come along, if you can, to support the book fair.

The fair will be open on Tuesday 14th May – Thursday 16th May 3.30pm-4pm in the library.

Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Jamie and Kylan. **Superstar:** Freya
Star of the week: **Serine** for being a Brave Branley especially on the coach during our farm trip this week.

Dormouse- Values Tie: Emily and Maddie. **Superstar:** Suviru
Star of the week: **Arthur** was a real Curious Cully this week during our farm trip. He listened attentively during the activities and asked questions to enable him to learn further facts about animals. Well done Arthur!

Fox - Values Tie: Grace and Saisha. **Superstar:** Jarius
Star of the week: **Zac** is always well behaved and tries his absolute best in tasks set, however he really impressed me with showing his responsibility and curiosity at the farm trip this week. I was super proud of his listening skills - a great representative of St Martin's!

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Amelia and Max. **Superstar:** Phoebe
Star of the week: **Kaeden** was a real Curious Cully in Art when we used digital media - working independently and trying out different ways of creating shapes and effects to produce an excellent animation. Well done, Kaeden!

Mole- Values Tie: Kelsie and Skylar. **Superstar:** Jacob
Star of the week: **Max** has had an amazing week! I am constantly amazed by his progress since starting in Mole class. This week he wowed me with a brilliant knowledge harvest in science. He put so much effort into his work and was able to show all of his plant knowledge. Well done, Max! I am so proud of you!

Otter- Values Tie: Aras and Bailey. **Superstar:** Orla
Star of the week: **Harry** worked with focus on his English this week—gathering and recording facts, and creating a clear text map to help him write his hot task. Well done, Harry!

Rabbit- Values Tie: Cade and Ruken. **Superstar:** Jasmine
Star of the week: **Andrii** has been an incredible mathematician this week. He has been able to apply our practical learning to his word problems, a true 'Thinking Thedrick', applying his knowledge. It has been wonderful to see how his confidence has grown as he challenges himself with our extension activities. Well done, Andrii!

Squirrel- Values Tie: Albie and Tia. **Superstar:** Nancy
Star of the week: **Sophie** is always a super star in Squirrel Class. She is always trying her best and the progress she is making in all areas of her learning is amazing and she just keeps getting better! Sophie is a great role model to the children in the class and I am so proud. Well done!

Vole - Values Tie: Celine and Brody. **Superstar:** Isabella
Star of the week: **Freya** has been a Thinking Thedrick this week using ideas from her readings to inspire her writing. She has created some absolutely amazing sentence openers while improving our 'Meerkat Mail' story. They were a true delight to read! Well done Freya, keep up the good work.

Holly- Values Tie: Deana and Micah. **Superstar:** Oscar
Star of the week: Well done **Ivy** for your fantastic contributions in our English lessons this week. You produced some amazing ideas for our vocab wall.

Juniper- Values Tie: Evin and Cooper. **Superstar:** Rebecca
Star of the week: Well done to **Finley** for being an all round superstar this week. I am so proud of your consistent effort and hard work. Thank you for being an absolute role model for your peers. Keep up the amazing learning, Finley, well done!

Willow- Values Tie: Hannah and Harvey. **Superstar:** Aya
Star of the week: Well done to **Noah** for working incredibly hard in our geography and science lessons this week. I was particularly impressed with your lovely drawings and maps and how you used a key to label your work. Keep up the super work, Noah. Well done!

Maple- Values Tie: Ethan and Florence. **Superstar:** Poppy
Star of the week: **Oliver** for his super, suspense-building writing in English and always working so hard to produce fantastic learning outcomes. You're a star!

Poplar- Values Tie: Elijah and Kendrick. **Superstar:** Bea
Star of the week: **William** for being a kind and helpful classmate.

Plum- Values Tie: Jeslin and Henry. **Superstar:** Sophia
Star of the week: Nia for working so hard to improve her average TTRS times tables scores. Well done Nia!

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Benita and Lottie. **Superstar:** Abigail
Star of the week: **Robyn** for always trying her hardest with absolutely everything and being a wonderful role model in Hawthorn Class.

Hazel- Values Tie: Esme and Elliot. **Superstar:** Eliza
Star of the week: **Hattie** for producing some beautiful pieces of descriptive writing in our new unit - Oranges in No-Man's Land.

Beech- Values Tie: Arthur and Leonardo. **Superstar:** Elias
Star of the week: **Willow** for your enthusiasm and effort during swimming lessons. You are often used to demonstrate skills to the rest of your group. Well done!

Pine- Values Tie: Leo and Isaac. **Superstar:** Yan Tung
Star of the week: **Emma** for working so hard in our maths lessons, particularly this week when learning about position and direction. You always have a positive attitude and contribute brilliantly, well done!

Oak- Values Tie: Matilda and Lea. **Superstar:** Patrick
Star of the week: **Riley H** for fantastic work across all subjects and having a brilliant learning attitude at all times - thank you!

Chestnut- Values Tie: Florence and Lizzie. **Superstar:** Hailey
Star of the week: **Elsa** for always working hard, with infectious positivity, and for being such a kind and helpful member of Chestnut Class.





PTFA news

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We are on Facebook and Instagram



The next PTFA meeting is Tuesday 14th May 2024, 8pm, in the Barley Mow pub. We will be discussing the Summer Fair, as well as other agenda items so if you have any queries, please come along.

Dates and Information

HIKE last Sunday Last Sunday morning a number of families joined us on our fund-raising walk. It was a lovely walk organised by Gretchen and Angelique Berry over Horton to the café and back again.

Donations are still welcome to support the PTFA and The Royal Marsden. Please give at the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-martins-spring-family-hike>

Easy Fundraising Do you know about Easy Fundraising? Then, whenever you shop, start on the easyfundraising website and search for the shop you want to visit, such as Sainsbury's and John Lewis. They will then give money to our fund.

Easy Fundraising is a great way for you to support the PTFA. All you have to do is create an account at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmartinsschool/>

Golf Umbrellas We have our own branded St Martin's golf umbrellas to keep you dry in all this unsettled Spring weather. They are available on Scopay at £16 and can be collected from the school office. If you are in need, this is a great way to support the PTFA and keep yourself dry!

Summer Celebration, Friday 5th July Our Summer Celebration will be held on the evening of Friday 5th July. We have had an initial meeting among committee members to discuss how the format of this should go. If you have ideas or proposals, please come along to our next PTFA meeting (14th May). We are looking to open the stalls up to small businesses as well, so if you would like to have a stand, please contact the PTFA.

Raffle We will be running a summer raffle. We are in the process of sourcing prizes, but if you know anyone who is able to donate or has links to a company that would donate to our raffle, we would be so grateful.

Estate Agent Boards Does anyone have any links to an estate agent that may be interested in sponsoring our Summer Celebration evening? Do let us know if you can help.

100 Club The April 100 Club draw took place today. The winning ticket is no. 1—Crystal Vymeris with a winning amount of £81. Congratulations! We have a good number of sign ups for the 100 Club but are always looking for more to join the St Martin's Lottery. **How it works** - £2 per month buys you one ticket, which enters you into the monthly draw. The prize pool is 45% of the money raised each month, with the rest donated to the PTFA. A draw takes place on or around the last Friday of each month and if you win, a bank transfer will be made to your account. **NEW** - You can now buy tickets online, just click [this link](#) or scan the QR code.

If you have any questions, please contact: Alan Becken at stmartins100club@gmail.com

Committee We are looking for more committee members for the PTFA and particular for leadership. Can you help? Would you like to dip your toe in to start and see how it goes? Please contact us if you would like to be involved at whatever level. Thank you.

Funding this term We are hoping to raise money this term to pay for a Playframe for the field. The amount we need to put towards this is £6,000. We hope that we can raise that money from the events and activities we carry out this term. Thank you in advance.





UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Wellbeing Top Tip: Spring Self-Care Bingo

With the longer days and (hopefully!) sunnier skies on the horizon, it may be a good time of the year to remind ourselves that stepping outside can be beneficial for both our physical and mental wellbeing. Research has shown that being outdoors and in nature can have a 'vitalising' effect, that is, having increased levels of physical and mental energy. One study showed spending 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with consistently higher levels of health and wellbeing, and another demonstrated spending time outdoors can even alter the tissue in our brain!



Eating a meal or having a drink outside	Reading a book outside	Gardening or picking fruit
Visiting parks or green spaces	Stargazing	Taking a walk

Try creating a weekly self-care bingo. Choose six outdoor activities to complete through your week.

Spending just 20 minutes on each activity will meet the 120-minute threshold!

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Does your child have Developmental Language Disorder?

Do you want to learn more about how to support them?



DLD Together is a free online course for families of children and young people with DLD. It consists of 7 weekly sessions, each lasting 60-90 minutes, and led by professionals who work with children with DLD. It will help you:

- ❖ **To understand about DLD and how it applies to your child**
- ❖ **To develop an understanding of your child's individual language profile**
- ❖ **To develop strategies to support your child at home**
- ❖ **To learn how they can support your child's learning**
- ❖ **To meet other families of children with DLD**

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