

NEWSLETTER

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This week

Spotlight on Learning This term we are continuing with Spotlight on Learning assemblies, sharing what the children have been learning. These pupil-led sessions will give the children an opportunity to discuss their favourite parts of the curriculum so far and show some of their work. Parents and carers are invited to attend their class' Spotlight on Learning Assembly. Each assembly will be held at 9am, in the large hall and will last approximately 15 minutes. In the interests of the pupils leading the assembly, we request that you consider carefully whether it is appropriate for any non-school age children to attend.

Spotlight on Learning Assemblies for the summer term are as follows:

Friday 10th May	Early Years—all 3 classes
Friday 17th May	Beech class
Friday 24th May	Chestnut class
Friday 14th June	Poplar class
Friday 21st June	Holly class
Friday 28th June	Maple class
Friday 5th July	Mole class

Walk to School Week From Monday 20th to Friday 24th May it is Walk to School Week!

To kick things off, on **Monday 20th May** we invite you to wear your favourite walking shoes and funky socks! St Martin's aims to raise awareness regarding the importance of a healthy lifestyle - so what better way than to let everyone know what fun you can have whilst exercising, especially when using your feet. Please pop this date in your diaries!



Next Manner of the Week

We offer to play with someone who is alone.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 6th May—Bank Holiday

Wed 8th May—Epsom & Ewell Schools Dodgeball tournament hosted at St Martin's, selected children, 1.30-3.15pm

Fri 10th May—Spotlight on Learning assembly, whole of Early Years, large hall, 9am

w/c Mon 13th May— Year 6 SATs week

Tues 14th May—PTFA meeting, Barley Mow pub in Epsom, 8pm, all welcome

Tues 14th-Thur 16th May— Scholastic Book Fair, school library, 3.30-4pm

Tues 14th May—Family Support Worker drop-in session, afternoon

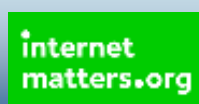
Fri 17th May—Year 1 Royals Day

Fri 17th May—Spotlight on Learning assembly, Beech class, large hall, 9am

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Nut-free school A reminder that we are a nut-free school and we ask that pupils do not bring nut products in their lunch boxes or as a snack.



Donations request As part of the Design and Technology curriculum, children learn about cooking and nutrition. Currently, we are very short of some equipment in our school kitchen. If you have any spare equipment at home that is in good condition and you are happy to donate it, we would be very grateful. This is what we are short of:



- Baking trays
- Kitchen scales
- Jam tart trays
- Muffin tins
- Small / medium saucepans
- Colanders / sieves
- Measuring spoons
- Spatulas
- Whisks

Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you in advance,
Mrs Pickering, DT Lead

Aspens [Click here to](#) view the Aspens' May newsletter. Please remember to order your children's lunch in advance.

Next week's lunch menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	🥘 Bangers & Mash with Baked Beans (Meat)	🥘 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🥘 Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes, Steamed Mixed Greens & Gravy (Meat)	🥘 Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes & Summer Vegetables (Meat)	🥘 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)
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	🥘 Veggie Bangers & Mash with Baked Beans (Veg)	🥘 Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wholegrain Rice Salad and Sweetcorn (Veg)	🥘 Root Vegetable Bean Stew, Roast Potatoes & Steamed Mixed Greens (Veg)	🥘 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🥘 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce (Veg)
	🥘 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce (Veg)	🥘 Cheesy BBQ Pizza Pinwheel Swirl with Wholegrain Rice Salad and Sweetcorn (Veg)	🥘 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce (Veg)	🥘 Cheese & Potato Pie with New Potatoes & Summer Vegetables (Veg)	🥘 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)
	🥘 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🥘 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🥘 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🥘 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🥘 Golden Fish Fingers with Chips and Baked Beans (Fish)

Year 1 and 2 school trips A reminder to parents in Year 1 and Year 2 to complete the link in the letters sent out on Wednesday regarding school trips to the British Wildlife Centre (Year 2) and Wisley Gardens (Year 1) if you have not already done so.

[Year 1 - Wisley Gardens](#)

[Year 2—British Wildlife Centre](#)

School Fund 23/24 Thank you to those who have generously contributed to St Martin's School Fund. We have currently raised £5474.00 during this school year. It is not too late, you can still make a donation, we suggested a contribution of £25 per child or £35 per family per academic year, however if you would like to donate more, this would be gratefully received. Donations can be made via your child's Scopy account.

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 :
22nd–26th April 2024

Infants— 95.7%
Juniors— 95.7%

Highest class attendance:
Vole and Oak with 99% Fantastic!

Reporting Absence

St Martin's Schools require a **daily** message to be received before 9:20am from parents or carers to inform us of any absence from school due to either **illness** or **medical appointments**.

Please see below for the options of how to report an absence for your child:

- Email the office
office@stmartinsepsom.school
- Telephone call, 01372 846930 - option 1

Please include your child's full name, class and the reason they are not at school. Where there is a prolonged absence from school a doctor's certificate or note may be required by us as evidence to support the absence.

If you have any medical or other appointments that will lead to your child being late to school, please also inform us using the email address or telephone number above.

This week's house points

Durdans	114
Hylands	103
Maidstone	75
Woodcote	127

Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Eli** in Year 3 for his hard work and enthusiasm when learning how to do the standing long jump and triple jump in athletics - well done Eli!



Hockey tournament Our St Martin's hockey team attended an Epsom and Ewell Schools tournament at Epsom Hockey Club on Wednesday. After completing a fantastic skills session thanks to the coaches at the club (a great introduction for some of our children new to hockey) they competed in a round robin of matches. They won every single game they played and the tournament overall, kindly receiving a key ring each from the club for their efforts. Overall, they demonstrated great understanding of the rules and worked together as a team; developing their skills throughout the afternoon - well done!



Information on upcoming sports events

Sports Day Wednesday 5th June—Timings for the day:

Year 5 and 6 – 9.00- 10.30am

Year 3 and 4 – 10.30am-12.00pm

LUNCH

Year 1 and 2 – 12.45-2.00pm

Early Years – 2.00-3.00pm

More information will be sent out nearer the time, the above timings are to help plan ahead with diaries.

District Sports (for selected children only). More details to follow:

District Sports KS2 FIELD	Thursday 4th July 4-6pm
District Sports KS2 TRACK	Thursday 11th July (Morning, exact timings TBC)
District Sports KS1	Wednesday 10th July 12- 4pm



New Networking Group for Small Business Owners

Are you a small business owner, entrepreneur, or skilled freelancer? Want to connect with other parents in the St Martin's Community?

Please come along to the Small Business Co-LLab's inaugural coffee morning for an opportunity to meet other business owners in the community. Please feel free to bring anyone along who may benefit.

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1459019894693104/>

Organised by Charlie Webb, at the Caballo Lounge in Epsom on **Friday 10th May 9-11am**.

This is our 'Parent to Parent section'... where parents can make suggestions and recommendations to other parents, anything from books to possible summer activities or clubs.

The Book Corner

Many thanks this week to Arya from Mole class for a lovely donation of animal books to our non-fiction section in the library.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Book Fair poster competition. There were so many wonderful designs and I really appreciate all the effort that went into them.

The winners announced in our celebration assembly on Thursday were:



Emily from Rabbit class



From Maple Class- a joint effort by Johanna, Elsie M., Chloe, and Bea



Liv from Poplar class



Safia from Chestnut class



Deana from Holly class

These wonderful posters will be hung around the school. We also have Book Fair bookmarks for all children that would be interested, with all the details of opening times and dates.

Please do set a reminder to come to our fair as all books sold go towards earning new free books for the school! I have been informed that we will have a card reader so we can take payment by card. You may also pay for books via a QR code.

Should you have questions regarding the Book Fair, or the library please do not hesitate to contact me at:
librarian@stmartinsepsom.school



PTFA news

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

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

Movie night last week A huge thank you to Lis Price for organising a super successful movie night last week for the Years 1 & 2. The event raised £550! A special thank you to Mrs Rattos for hosting this event, with support from Mr Webb, Mr Hughes, Mrs Silva, and Mrs Dennis. And thank you to all the parent volunteers and everyone who bought a ticket to raise such a bumper amount!

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 Would you like to help run the event on 5th July? Please get in touch if you can. Our summer celebration will take place on the afternoon and evening of Friday 5th July. We have a band booked and lots of other fun activities planned. Please put a note in your diary. We will need help during the day and at the event. If you have thoughts and ideas please come to the next PTFA meeting.

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.

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.



100 Club 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

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.





Junior Trailblazers training continued last weekend with an 18 km loop from Epsom, past Chessington to Claygate, and back.

3 Junior Trailblazers made their training debuts and it was quite a welcome. The pace was high, the distance further than we've hiked before, yet everyone completed the walk ahead of schedule. They really are incredibly fit kids!

The weather held for most of the walk, and while it was cold when we started, we soon warmed up. Just check out the smiles in the picture below!



A reminder of why we are doing this

Charities and schools are struggling in the current economic climate. Junior Trailblazers are raising money for children less fortunate than themselves and whilst doing so, learning about the awesome work charities do. Action-for-AT funds research into a debilitating childhood illness for which there is no cure, an excellent charity for children to support.

Fundraising proceeds will be split between Action-for-AT and the Year 6 Leavers Party (PTFA). Historically the PTFA funds the Leavers Party, but this allows us to cover it and give back even more. ● To donate, please go here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/trailblazerwalk-24>

Principal Sponsor

We still need a principal sponsor to help us provide team t-shirts for the event. If you know of a local company who are keen to support us, please let us know.

42 Year 6 children have now signed up for the 25 km hike from Leith Hill to St Martins on Saturday 15 June. Next training walk: Sunday 19th May. ● If you'd like to register, [please do so at this link](#).

● For more details, please contact David Fortune (07980 018744), Stuart Molyneaux (07872 177106) or David Barker (07736 278118).

Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Evie and Evelyn. Superstar: Morayo

Star of the week: Effie for being a Teamwork Taura always looking out for her friends and displaying our school value of Friendship.

Dormouse- Values Tie: Ray and Arthur. Superstar: Lottie

Star of the week: Emily has been a real Thinking Thedrick this week in Dormouse Class. She has really thought about the handwriting rhythms we have learnt which has enabled her to make good progress in forming her letters with more accuracy. Well done Emily, keep up the super work!

Fox - Values Tie: Jarius and Naz. Superstar: Alara

Star of the week: Altay has recently made excellent progress. He has been a super Thinking Thedrick, especially this week. I love how he has been motivated to learn during adventure time with games, including in maths and phonics. Well done!

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Alice and Blake. Superstar: Vincent

Star of the week: Callum H for being a real Thinking Thedrick - reflecting on his learning and making connections which helped him do very well in this week's maths quiz. Well done, Callum!

Mole- Values Tie: Freddie and Noa. Superstar: Amiyah

Star of the week: Juliana has amazed me this week during her cold task. Her writing has improved so much over the last few weeks and I am so proud of the sentences she has been writing in English. Not only that but she is constantly trying to improve her work and helping all of her friends with tricky concepts. Well done JJ keep it up!

Otter- Values Tie: Ruby-Ray and Ymouna. Superstar: Omer

Star of the week: This week Joshua has truly impressed all adults in Otter class by writing the most incredible cold task. The children were asked to write a portal story to form part of a writing assessment and needless to say, Joshua has ensured that all features of a super sentence are used consistently throughout. Joshua has even put in some speech marks. An incredible piece of writing Joshua, you should feel very proud!

Rabbit- Values Tie: Alec and James. Superstar: Michael

Star of the week: Yaqoob has been a fantastic author this week, innovating our journey story. He shared some fantastic vocabulary during our shared write and wrote a brilliant 'Build Up', taking me on a wild adventure. I can't wait to read the rest of your story. Well done, Yaqoob!

Squirrel- Values Tie: Izzy and Elsie. Superstar: Arthur

Star of the week: Henry has really impressed me this week, he has been more confident to put his hand up during class discussions to share his brilliant ideas. He has also shown great courage by applying his Maths knowledge and having a go at doing his work independently. I am very proud of you Henry, keep it up!

Vole - Values Tie: Sarina and Jack. Superstar: Jaine

Star of the week: Ava has been a brilliant Resourceful Reggie listening carefully during carpet time and applying all her learning when completing her tasks independently. She is very reflective, has great attention to detail and a fantastic will to learn. You should be very proud of your work. Well done, Ava!

Holly- Values Tie: Monica and Brittany. Superstar: Ismael

Star of the week: Arson has been contributing fantastic answers in our maths lessons this week. You are beginning to use great language. Well done!

Juniper- Values Tie: Leo and Lea. Superstar: Sebastian

Star of the week: Well done to Cassidy for her perseverance and great focus in the afternoons. Keep it up!

Willow- Values Tie: Ezra and Patrick. Superstar: Jason

Star of the week: Well done to Ava for working incredibly hard in our maths lessons this week. I was particularly impressed with your good listening, perseverance and willingness to try. You are a super role model and are making excellent progress. Keep up the great work, Ava. Well done!

Maple- Values Tie: Elsie C and Johanna. Superstar: Heidi

Star of the week: Madison for working hard to develop her times tables average score and for her wonderfully creative water cycle box creation in D.T. Well done Madison, keep it up!

Poplar- Values Tie: Bea and Leo. Superstar: Oliver

Star of the week: Alana for always trying her best.

Plum- Values Tie: Charlotte and Dhahwit. Superstar: Elodie

Star of the week: Minhah for her clear and expanded sentences showing the character's feelings. Well done Minhah!

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Noah and Josh W. Superstar: Ethan

Star of the week: Alfie for showing great resilience and positivity this week and really turning situations around by focusing on the positive aspects of a situation rather than the negative - great attitude Alfie, keep it up!

Hazel- Values Tie: Ivy and Liah. Superstar: Flora

Star of the week: Ruben for his thoughtful and enthusiastic contributions to our science lesson about rust.

Beech- Values Tie: Zachary and Leo. Superstar: Leonardo

Star of the week: Flynn for such fantastic contribution in all lessons, especially in Maths, where your answers are clearly explained and thoughtful. Well done!

Pine- Values Tie: Carson and Danny L. Superstar: Danny S

Star of the week: Amelia B for her fantastic contributions and positive attitude during our revision sessions this week.

Oak- Values Tie: Otto and Nathan. Superstar: Charlotte H

Star of the week: Izzy for her beautifully designed and rather hilarious Alma comic.

Chestnut- Values Tie: Nina and Chloe. Superstar: Reuben

Star of the week: Florence for showing such resilience and positivity in all out SATs practice sessions.



Home-Start &
Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

SEN PARENT SUPPORT

Connect Cafe



THURSDAY MORNINGS (Weekly during term time)
9.30 to 11.00 a.m.
at Ewell Family Centre

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Drop in for coffee, cake and chat. Meet other parents with SEN children for helpful tips and support.

Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

email: lesley.lane@hseeb.org or
tracey.robbins@barnados.org.uk

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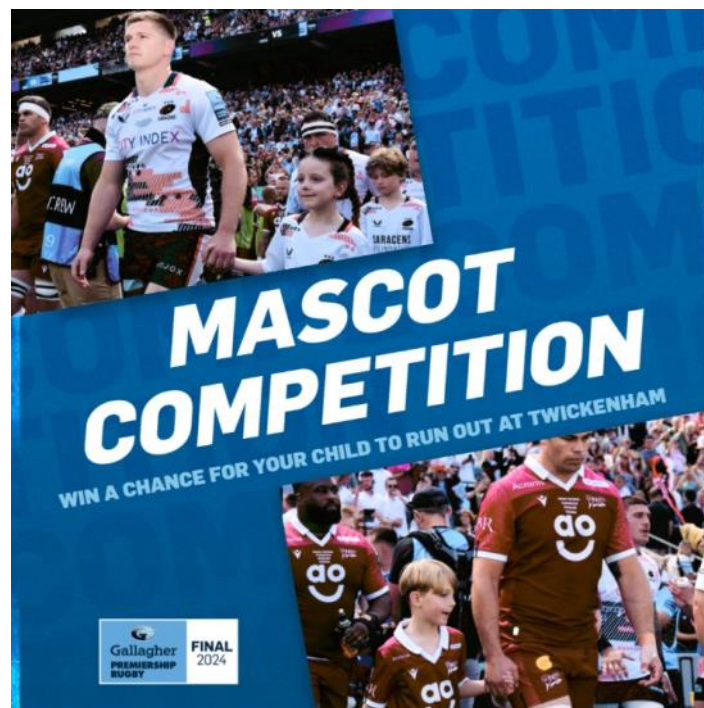
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MASCOT COMPETITION

WIN A CHANCE FOR YOUR CHILD TO RUN OUT AT TWICKENHAM

Gallagher PREMIERSHIP RUGBY FINAL 2024

The Gallagher Premiership Rugby Final 2024 takes place at Twickenham Stadium on Saturday 8th June. Premiership Rugby are running a competition for a child aged between 6 and 12 to win the chance to be a mascot at the final giving them the unique experience to run out onto the pitch with one of the finalist teams. There are 5 places available and all parents/guardians have to do is complete the form [here](#). The terms and conditions can be found [here](#). The competition is live now and closes on Sunday 19th May.