



# NEWSLETTER

*'Learning Together, Achieving Together'*



<https://twitter.com/stmartinsworle>



<https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsschoolworle/>

Website: [www.stmartinsschool.org.uk](http://www.stmartinsschool.org.uk)

Email: [office@stmartinsschool.org.uk](mailto:office@stmartinsschool.org.uk)

Main School Telephone: 01934 628651

## NEWSLETTER: MAY 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow this term has whizzed by. We have had such a fun and successful few weeks with Year 4 Camp in amazing weather and the completion of SATs for the Year 6. We are so proud of how well all Year 6 approached the tests, with resilience, calmness and some actually enjoyed the challenge!

Thank you to all staff at St Martin's who have contributed this year and in all previous year groups to prepare the children and teach them all the essential knowledge and skills needed to shine.

The other year groups (as you can see from the photos in this newsletter) have also had a productive term and another thank you needs to go out to our lunchtime staff who have continued to develop the outside area and ensure no one has a boring lunchtime as you can see below.

We are looking forward to next term with our Sports Days and end of year Performances, the Celebration of Learning and Parents Evenings so we can share all the amazing successes that the children have achieved.

**OPAL Play Update:** The OPAL Play Team have been working extremely hard developing new play zones and activities around the school grounds since the start of the academic year. The sandpits were installed on our play areas last term - the children were very excited about this new addition during their lunchtime play. These sandpits were fully funded by our St Martin's Fundraising Team. The children had great fun with Mr Doolan helping to fill up the sand pits to complete this area.



The play team have made a small world area which is a calm and enjoyable area for the children to play. A massive thank you to Mr & Mrs Nicholls and Cassie-Mai for making our Digging Zone fantastic. They have planted up the tyres to provide greenery and structure to the area. The hammocks have arrived this term which the children are very excited about.



**World Book Day:** The whole school were invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character for World Book Day. The children were also invited to bring in their favourite book to enjoy shared reading with children from other classes. It was lovely to see the children from different classes reading together.



Our fantastic fundraising team led by Mrs Russe organised a 'Golden Ticket Giveaway' event - all the children were able to pre-purchase Wonka Bars running up to World Book Day. At the end of the school day, everyone opened their Wonka Bar on the school playground. Mr Leeson was our very own Willy Wonka who hosted the Wonka Bar Golden Ticket countdown. It was a very exciting event with over 50 amazing prizes given away. Well done for all those lucky winners who found a golden ticket! The school was overwhelmed by the generosity of donated prizes received from many local businesses for this Fundraising Event.



Our School Kitchen also provided the children with a fabulous themed menu and all our lunchtime staff served up lunches dressed as their book character.

**School Council Visit Parliament:** The School Council had a fantastic time at The Houses of Parliament last term. They started off with a 360 film all about the history of the building. They toured the government building where they looked at the King's robing room, the House of Commons and House of Lords and ended the tour by looking at the incredible Westminster Hall where local MP Daniel Aldridge met them for a quick Q & A. The behaviour was exemplary and the tour guide commented on how amazing the children were during their stay.



**Reception Visitors 'People Who Help Us':** Reception had a fantastic visit from two PCSO's. They told the children all about their jobs and the different roles in The Police. The children listened carefully and asked some great questions. They loved trying on some of their hats and uniforms as you can see!

They also had visit from two guide dog trainers and their Guide Dog puppy in training - Flora. They learnt a lot about how Guide Dogs are trained and how we can help people who are blind. The children all got to stroke Flora who was so calm throughout the whole visit - a big thank you to The Guide Dogs Trust.



The Weston Coastguards came on a visit and the children learnt all about how they rescue people, the equipment they use and how to stay safe on a beach. The children loved getting to practice rescuing someone with the rope and feeling how heavy all the equipment was - the highlight was seeing the blue flashing lights and hearing the siren on their truck!



**Puxton Park Visits Y1 and Y2:** The children were very lucky and had some special visitors from Puxton Park. They told us all about a range of different animals, their habitat, diet and some unusual facts. This experience served as a fantastic stimulus for their English work, providing them with a wealth of ideas for their learning and writing.

The children got to get up close to a scorpion, a tenrek, a chinchilla, a snake, a millipede, a rat, a lizard and a duprasi. The children all had the best time!



**Y3 and Y4 Pizza Making:** The children all had a fantastic lesson making pizzas as part of their DT topic this term. They enjoyed weighing, chopping ingredients and designing their own individual pizzas.



**Y5 Cat Sketches and Greek Myths and Legends topic:** Here's a selection of cat sketches which the children drew as part of their work on the book 'Varjak Paw'. Year 5 also created their own Greek Monsters during an art lesson before including them in their creative writing as part of their topic on Greek myths and legends.



**Y6 Clay Dragons:** The children in Year 6 made their clay dragon eyes, in honour of our class book, Darwin's Dragons. The children worked hard and thoroughly enjoyed the activity! They made some fantastic pieces.



**North Somerset Dance Festival:** Wow! What a fantastic night. The children who performed as part of the Dance Festival were fantastic and we are really proud of you.



After their amazing performance last term, our incredible dancers were invited back to perform again on the last night of the festival. They were absolutely amazing and what an honour to be invited back!



**SPORTING EVENTS:** We had 2 teams of girls represent St Martin's in a **Football Tournament at Hans Price Academy**. A Year 2/3 team and a Year 4/5 team. The girls were amazing and both teams got gold! Thank you to Hans Price for hosting and for organising an amazing tournament.



A group of children from Years 5 and 6 represented St Martin's at the **NSSPEA Swim Festival at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre**. They were an amazing team with great team spirit. We came 1st in 5 races and won 1st place in the large schools category. We are very proud of every one of them!

Some children from Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to attend the **NSSPEA Gymnastics Event**. They learnt a range of gymnastic techniques and had a chance to use the bars!



This term a group of Year 3 and 4 children attended a **Cricket Tournament at Uphill Cricket Club**. They learnt a range of skills including bowling, batting and catching. They did an amazing job.



**Netball Club:**

Mrs Bassett and Miss Knight ran a Netball Club for Years 5 and 6. The children played some excellent Netball, showed great team spirit and were all very competitive.

They learnt new skills each week which they would then incorporate into their next game.



**Comic Relief Day:** St Martin's celebrated Comic Relief again this year and we raised a fantastic amount of £259.55! Everyone was invited to come to school wearing something red. Thank you for your generous donations for this charity.



**Easter Celebrations:** The Easter Bunny visited St Martin's again this year. This was an exciting end of term event organised by the Fundraising Team for all the children.

Our Year 5 children in Shark class created a wonderful Easter Egg as part of the Sovereign Centre Easter Egg Trail. They did a fantastic job, well done.



**Breakfast and After School Club Online Booking Update:**

Thank you for using our new clubs module on ParentPay, for Breakfast and After School Clubs, this has been a great success. So much so that we are going to update our terms and conditions so After School Club bookings can be made and amended up until 9.00am on the day of booking, and the Breakfast Club deadline will continue to be 7.00am. This change will begin from the start of term 6, Monday 2nd June.

This will offer parents/carers the greatest degree of flexibility and means you can manage all of your own bookings without the need to contact the After School Club. Cancellations cannot be made after 9.00am without the full fee being due. Equally, if bookings need to be made after 9.00am these will be considered emergency on the day bookings and should be made through the school office and not through After School Club to ensure continuity of bookings. In these circumstances credit should be available on your account to cover the cost of the booking being made on your behalf. A SchoolPing with the amended terms and conditions has been sent out this week. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### Attendance:

We have had our termly meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, Jan Thomson last week. Our school attendance is in line with the national percentage, which is great news. Thank you to all our parents for continuing to support us with this. The focus of these meetings is on the attendance below 95% and addressing persistent lateness. It is completely understandable for a child to be late to school on the odd occasion but when this is a regular pattern this too can have a significant impact as the table shows. In primary schools the first session of every day is so important – in terms of learning and school routines.

If there is anything we can do to help improve lateness, please let us know.

### Behaviour Curriculum:

We have been working at a senior leadership level across the Trust to update and improve our Behaviour Curriculum. As always, this term's general behaviour in this school is exemplary but as a MAT we have been discussing some shared issues that need addressing.

Next term we will be sending out an updated Behaviour Curriculum. One of the updates includes the emphasis on sanctions for any racist behaviours. Racism will not be tolerated and to show the severity of any incidents we have increased the level of sanctions for any racist behaviours. More details to follow but we will be informing the children of the changes and the zero tolerance expectations.

### Sports Day Events – June 2025:

More details with dates and plans for this year's Sports Days will be sent home shortly. These will all take place on the front playground at St Martin's School again this year:

Monday 16 June (Years 3 and 4) 9:15am – 10:45am  
*Reserve date Monday 23 June - 9.15am-10.45am*

Monday 16 June (Years 5 and 6) 1.30pm – 3.00pm  
*Reserve date Monday 23 June – 1.30pm–3.00pm*

Tuesday 17 June (Years 1 and 2) 9.15am – 10.45am  
*Reserve date Tuesday 24 June – 9.15am-10.45am*

Tuesday 17 June (Reception) 2.00pm  
*Reserve date Tuesday 24 June – 2.00pm*

### Parents' Evenings – July 2025:

A letter will be sent home next term with more information regarding our Parents' Evenings taking place on the following dates:

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 4.00-6.30pm*  
*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-6.00pm*

You will receive an online Parents' Evening booking link via SchoolPing at the end of June.

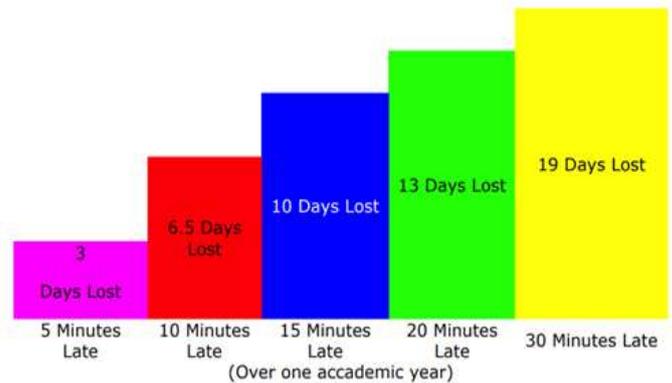
### Staff Update:

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Mann who left St Martin's to start her new job at another local primary school. Please join us in wishing her all the very best at her new school.

Today is the last day of term 5 and the children return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for the final term. We hope you all have a lovely relaxing half term break.

### Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



*Kind regards,*

*Tracey Thomas*  
*Head of School*

*Sue Elliott*  
*Executive Headteacher*



# Dates for your Diary



DATE	EVENT
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Virtual Duck Race Grand Finale – Fundraising Event (details sent home)
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Last Day of Term 5</b>
	<b>**HALF TERM (School Closed)**</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reception Nursing Team Visit (details to follow)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 – Explorer Dome visit to school (details sent home)
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Window Opens (details to follow)
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check Week
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability Training Group 1 (details to follow)
16 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY Years 3 and 4 @ St Martin's 9.15am-10.45am
16 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY Years 5 and 6 @ St Martin's 1.30-3.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY Years 1 and 2 @ St Martin's 9.15am-10.45am
17 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY Reception 2 @ St Martin's 2.00-3.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Intake 2025: Parents Information Meeting 6pm (details sent home)
<b>*19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>*amended date</b>	SPECIAL LUNCH MENU: 'Dive Into The Deep Blue' (bookable via Aspens Select)
26 <sup>th</sup> June	3.15-5pm Yrs3-6 Messy Church at St Martin's School (organised by St Martin's Church)
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability Training Group 2 (details to follow)
w.c. 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Transition Week to Secondary Schools
1 <sup>st</sup> July	New Reception Intake 2025 Stay and Play Visit (details sent home)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Celebration of Learning Event 3.15-4.00pm (details to follow)
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Moving Up Day whole school (more details to follow)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm (more details to follow)
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm (more details to follow)
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete 11am-2pm (fundraising event - more details to follow)
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Rock Steady Music Concert to parents (details to follow)
14 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Intake 2025 Teddy Bears Storytime 2.00-3.00pm
<b>*15<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>*amended</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Performance to parents <b>2pm and 6pm</b> (details to follow)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	SPECIAL LUNCH MENU: 'The Big Picnic' (bookable via Aspens Select)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Disco: Reception, Years 1 & 2 from 3.20pm-4.20pm Years 3-6 from 4.30pm-5.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Disco - Year 6 only 4.00pm-5.30pm (more details to follow)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Last Day of Term 6</b>
	<b>**SUMMER HOLIDAYS (School Closed)**</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>INSET TRAINING DAYS – school closed to pupils</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Start of Term 1</b>

## After School Club – Term 3 & 4 Update

We made a winter window as the After School Club children were wishing for snow at the start of Term 3. They used their hand prints to make penguins for an iceberg and had a go at designing their own snowflakes. Well done to Abigail and Alicia who even made jokes for their penguins.



After February half term, we started to make Mother's Day gifts. The children used a large selection of beads, kindly brought in by Mrs Batty and Freya (Freya was an amazing volunteer who is with us on a Monday night) to make beautiful bracelets and wrapping them.

The children worked really hard making their special gifts and the team really hope you enjoyed wearing them. The children also had the opportunity to make cards - we were very inventive this year and used forks to make tulips.

We had to share these amazing works of art.  
Well done to both Oscar in Reception and Bailie in Year 3!



### Messy Church – St Martin's Church Group:

The Messy Church group provided the children with an abundance of Easter activities at school last term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter and May sessions.



*The final Messy Church event for this academic year  
will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
in our main school hall,  
from 3.15pm-5pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.*

**Something new for those in  
Year 3,4,5 and 6**

Vicar Jon and his friends  
from St Martin's Church



At St Martin's School  
**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
from 3.15pm-5.00pm.

Spaces will be limited so please  
register your interest, and for further  
information contact Yvonne  
[ycriddle007@btinternet.com](mailto:ycriddle007@btinternet.com)