



NEWSLETTER

'Learning Together, Achieving Together'



<https://twitter.com/stmartinsworle>



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

Website: www.stmartinsschool.org.uk

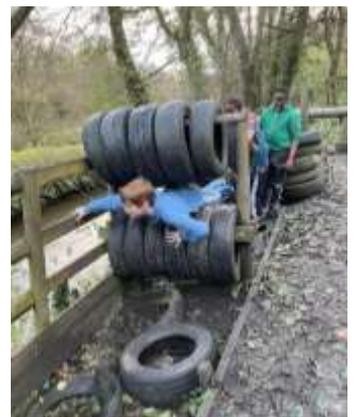
Email: office@stmartinsschool.org.uk

Main School Telephone: 01934 628651

Newsletter 2: January 2025

Happy New Year everybody (late but the sentiment is still there!) We have started the year off with staff training, a Phonics Audit, Health & Safety Audit and a visit from our CEO to check we are ensuring the highest quality provision (such fun!). My favourite time of the week is teaching in Reception. I am loving my time with my Dolphins. Around the school I am noticing some amazing work, illustrated writing and some fabulous artwork from Year 5 – well done. *Sue Elliott*

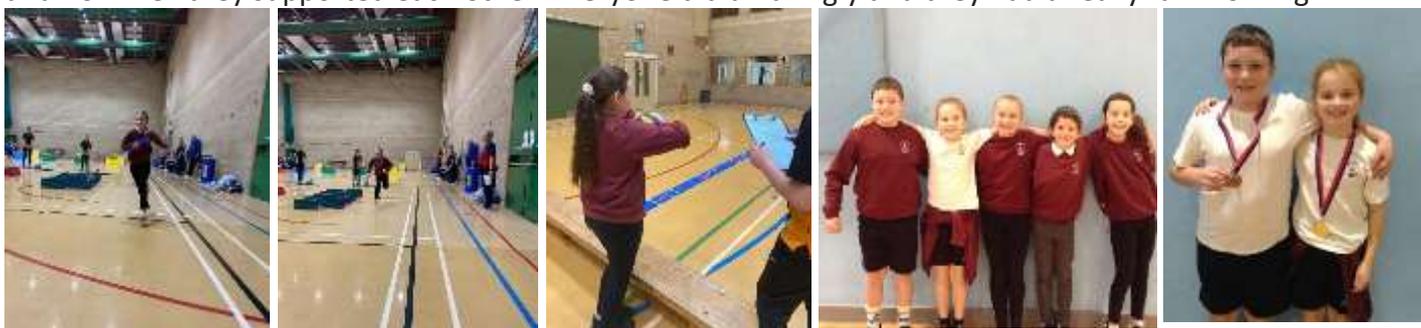
Year 6 Camp Mill on the Brue: The children had a fabulous week at their residential camp last term. The children took part in lots of exciting activities and challenges; survival challenge, walk the plank, leap of faith, archery, assault course and the gladiator wall. It will soon be time to book our Year 5 pupils for November!



Rock Steady Band Musical Concert: At the end of last term, the school were treated to another performance by our Rock Steady Children. The bands played incredibly well, and the children showed so much confidence and perseverance. We cannot believe how far these rock stars have come since they started!!



Sporting Events: On 15th January the Year 5 Sharks class took part in the North Somerset Large Primary Sports Hall Athletics competition. They competed across both track and field events including relays, soft javelin, standing triple jump and speed bounce. We were really proud of the effort and encouragement they showed and how well they supported each other. Everyone did amazingly and they had a really fun morning.



A team of Year 5 children attended the NSSPEA Physical literacy event on 30th November. They took part in a range of multi skills activities. St Martin's did an amazing job with Scarlett getting first place for the girls and George runner up for the boys. Well done!

Y1/Y2 Explorer Dome Visit: This term Phase 1 classes have been learning all about our planet Earth in Geography. They were very excited to have the Explorer Dome in school. They found out all about different habitats and the animals you might find there. They also learnt about the stars and constellations.



Year 5 WOW Day: On 10th January, Year 5 have had a WOW day today to support their work in the book Varjak Paw. They started the day with some drama - learning to stretch and hunt like a cat! After break they worked on some flick books - they are hard to video but worked really well!

During the afternoon, they looked in detail at a cat's eye and followed a tutorial to sketch one. All the children threw themselves into the activities and were brilliant!



Children's Mental Health Week 3rd–9th February:

It is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week next week. The theme is :

" *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*" - the more we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs". This theme sits well with our zones of regulation resources, being able to identify and label our emotions and know what we can do to help ourselves when we are in the blue, yellow or red zones.

Next week, class teachers will be talking with the children about mental health and completing some activities related to the theme. Naomi, our Mental Health Practitioner, will also be planning some playground activities for children to get involved in.

Attendance:

We have had our termly meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, Pete Noble last week. As a school our attendance is showing improvement and I would like to say a big thank you to all our parents for supporting us with this.

The focus of this meeting was on the attendance below 95% and addressing persistent lateness. At present over a third of our children have attendance below 95%. We recognise that at this time of year, children do get ill and may need to be at home to recover, however we need to ensure that whenever they are well enough, children are in school. The office has just resent the government guidance on when children are well enough to attend school.

Regular attendance is linked to high standards of pupil achievement and progress. Arriving late to school regularly has been shown to have a negative impact on a child's social and academic well-being. Lateness disrupts lessons, affects achievements and can create anxiety for those children arriving late.

If there is anything we can do to help support with attendance, please let us know.

Mid Year School Reports:

Children's Reports will be sent home at the end of the Spring term again this year on 31st March. The Reports will include three targets for the children to work on during the rest of the year to ensure they meet their full potential. We do not have a parents' evening next term but if you have any queries regarding the written report please can you contact your child's class teacher – you can do this by email to office@stmartinsschool.org.uk before the Easter holidays.

There will be a Parents' Evening, not a written report, in July. We will advise you of the dates nearer the time and an online booking link will be sent out via SchoolPing at the end of June. At this meeting there will be the opportunity to review the mid year targets and celebrate the children's achievements from across the year. Year 6 will be given their SATs results at this meeting.

Data Collection Sheets:

Your child will be bringing home a Data Collection Sheet shortly. Please complete any amendments, sign and return the form to school as soon as possible. If there are no corrections to be made, we would still ask that you sign and return the Data Collection Sheet to school for our records.

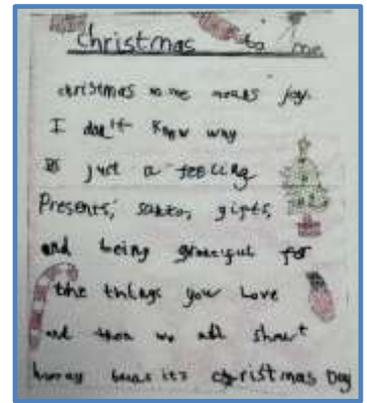
(Please note some additional medical/notes you may have supplied to the school are held on our school database, but may not all be printed on your child's data collection sheet).

For a copy of our School's Privacy Notice please click here: <http://www.kaleidoscopemat.co.uk/list-of-mat-policies.html>

St Martin's Church Poetry Competition:

Vicar Jon would like to thank all of the children who took part in the St Martin's Church Poetry Competition recently.

Congratulations to Ivan in Turtles, winner of the KS1 category, and also to Lyla in Seal Class, winner of the KS2 category, who both had their poems printed in the St Martin's Church Magazine.



Recycling Toners for Cash: The school has signed up to a free initiative to recycle the waste toners/ink cartridges from our printers. Not only will this help the school to reduce our waste and empty cartridges going to landfill but they will also pay us a small amount towards each one, so we can also raise a little bit of money for the school in the process!

If you have any empty toners/cartridges at home you can bring these into school. Thank you for your support.

St Peter's Pre School

Spaces are currently available for children aged 18 months to 4 years from April 2025 and they are now taking last remaining bookings for September 2025.

- Conveniently situated at St Martin's Primary School
- Open term time only 8:30am for Breakfast Club and 8:50-2:50 daily, term time only
- Pop in to visit us, message us on Facebook or call Gill Palfrey on: 07963 279251



A reminder that the last day of term is Friday 14th February and the children return back to school for Term 4 on Tuesday 25th February. (The school will be closed to pupils for Staff Training Days on 24th February).

Kind regards,

Tracey Thomas
Head of School

Sue Elliott
Executive Headteacher



Dates for your Diary



DATE	EVENT
31 st January	'Golden Ticket' Chocolate Bar Sale in playground after school (St Martin's Fundraising event)
5 th February	Year 6 Educational Visit to Lifeskills Centre Bristol (details sent home)
6 th February	3.15-5pm Yrs3-6 Messy Church at St Martin's School (organised by St Martin's Church)
11 th February	Valentine's Disco: Reception, Year 1 and 2 at 3.20-4.20pm Years 3 – 6 at 4.30pm-5.30pm
13 th February	'Flowers and Treats for Someone Special' - St Martin's Fundraising event Flowers, cakes and biscuits will be available to buy after school in the playground. (If there are any remaining items these will be sold on 14 th February).
14 th February	Last Day of Term 3
	HALF TERM (School Closed)
Monday 24 th February	INSET STAFF TRAINING DAY (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 25 th February	Start of Term 4
6 th March	'Golden Ticket' Chocolate Bar Sale – held on the playground after school
6 th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
21 st March	Non School Uniform Day – children can wear own clothes to school in exchanged for a small gift to use in our pop up shop AND Comic Relief Day (details to follow)
28 th March	Pop Up Shop for 'Someone Special' – the children are invited to purchase a small gift during school time at our pop up shop
31 st March	Reports Home
3 rd April	Class Photos – Tulip Photography
4 th April	Visit from Vicar Jon and the Easter Bunny during school day
4 th April	Last Day of Term 4
	EASTER HOLIDAYS (School Closed)
Monday 21 st April	EASTER MONDAY (School Closed)
Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of Term 5
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week (details to follow)
23 rd May	Last Day of Term 5
	HALF TERM (School Closed)
2 nd June	Start of Term 6
2 nd – 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Window Opens (more details to follow)
9 th – 13 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check Week (more details to follow)
6 th June	Non School Uniform Day – children can wear own clothes to school in exchanged for a small gift to use in our pop up shop
13 th June	Pop Up Shop for 'Someone Special' – the children are invited to purchase a small gift during school time at our pop up shop
w.c. 30 th June	Year 6 Transition Week to Secondary Schools
1 st July	New Reception Intake 2025 Stay and Play Visit (more details to follow)
2 nd July	Moving Up Day whole school (more details to follow)
Saturday 12 th July	Summer Fete 11am-2pm (fundraising event - more details to follow)
17 th July	Summer Disco: Reception, Years 1 and 2 from 3.20pm-4.20pm Years 3-6 from 4.30pm-5.30pm
18 th July	Leavers Disco - Year 6 only 4.00pm-5.30pm (more details to follow)
22 nd July	Last Day of Term 6
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS (School Closed)

