



# 2025/26 NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025



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**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.**

We are looking forward to an exciting New Year at school so try to get a well deserved rest - play with your toys and relax ready to return.



Year 3 and 4 led a **Christingle Service at St Martin's Church** on Friday 12th December. They told the story of Christmas and also explained the meaning of the Christingle. Everyone also made a Christingle to take home.



## Key Dates

Dates for the year can be found on the School Website Calendar which you can also share with your phone/tablet

-  19.12 - Last Day of Term 2
-  05.01 - INSET DAY (School closed to children)
-  06.01 - First Day of Term 3
-  08.01 - 9.30am Family Tour for Reception 2026 starters
-  12.02 - Year 6 Educational Visit to Lifeskills, Bristol
-  13.02 - Last Day of Term 3
-  23.02 - INSET DAY (School closed to children)
-  24.02 - First Day of Term 4
-  06.03 - World Book Day (details to follow)
-  02.04 - Class Photos Tulip Photography
-  02.04 - Last Day of Term 4

Reception and Year 1 took part in three fantastic performances of 'The Nativity' for the school and their families. The children were amazing and made us really proud!



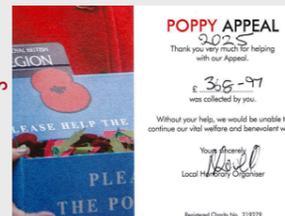
Our Year 2 children performed a beautiful **Carol Service** for our school and for their families. They sang every song brilliantly! Their families were invited back to class afterwards and created some lovely Christmas crafts. Well done Year 2!



## Parent Planner!

- Order school meals** now ready for back to school 6th January
- Term 3 starts on 6<sup>th</sup> January.** (Staff INSET Day 5<sup>th</sup> January - school closed to pupils)
- Enjoy a wonderful Christmas break**

We raised a fantastic £368.97 for the **Poppy Appeal**. Thank you all for your generosity.



## Attendance

We have had our meeting with North Somerset Education Welfare Officer this term. As a school our attendance is showing an improving picture, despite all the illnesses around at the moment. I would like to say a big thank you to all our parents for supporting us with this. There is clear government guidance on when children are well enough to attend school and this has been sent out to parents.

Can we please remind all parents that you need to ring into school each day your child is absent. Next term, we will be looking to arrange attendance meetings to offer further support to those whose attendance is raising concerns.



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What an amazing week Y6 had at **Mill on the Brue Camp** this year! We had beautiful weather for a week packed full of thrill seeking adventures. Children challenged themselves to achieve new skills, pushed through their fears and enjoyed a week of amazing food and fun times with their friends. Memories made for sure!



A group of children from Year 1 & 2 took part in a **NSSPEA Physical Literacy Multi-Skills** event. Our 2 teams scored highly and were so proud of their medals!

Year 3 & 4 at St Martin's and Worle Village had a fantastic **WW2 Wow Day** which included a visit from Michael Gorley, a historian who spoke to them about the Blitz in Bristol and what it was like to be an evacuee.



## Uniform Reminder

Here's a gentle reminder ready for next term about our school uniform expectations. Every child should come to school in full **LABELLED** uniform:

- White polo shirt (please, no round-neck t-shirts)
- School/burgundy jumper or cardigan
- Grey/black skirt, shorts, or trousers
- Black school shoes – not trainers

For PE:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Blue, navy or black shorts, leggings, or joggers
- School hoodie
- Trainers

A few extra reminders:

- Hair should be tied back
- Stud earrings only, no other jewellery please

Our **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop** has St Martin's Logo Jumpers and Cardigans for just £2. These can be ordered via this link: <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/st-martins-c-of-e-primary-school>

Thank you for helping us keep everyone looking smart and ready for learning!



**Waterproof coats needed!**



Our very British weather means that it can be sunny in the morning and pouring with rain by the afternoon. Regardless what the weather apps say, please make sure your child has a coat every single day. If it is drizzling we still have outdoor play times. Also hats and gloves for colder weather.

## Rock Steady Music Concert

We had an amazing Rock Steady concert. The children who take part in weekly tuition performed to their families. The children were brilliant – so confident and enthusiastic! They have made such progress since the beginning of their rock journey!



## Christmas Lunch Day

On 17th December Aspens cooked over 200 lunches for the children and staff. A huge thank you to our kitchen team, lunchtime supervisors and all the staff who were involved on the day, serving up and making this a special occasion for all the children.



Some members of the **KS2 Choir** visited **Fig Tree Dementia Home** and sang Christmas carols with them! It was wonderful to see the joy the children's singing brought to the residents. Well done choir.



What a fantastic **Christmas Fayre** we had this term! It was truly lovely to see everyone come together. The evening had such a festive community feel and the school was buzzing with Christmas cheer. The stalls were brilliant, with plenty of games to enjoy and of course lots of delicious refreshments. From cakes to samosas, there was something for everyone to enjoy! The evening was perfectly rounded off by our Year 5 & 6 children, who closed the Fayre by singing Christmas songs!



A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, teachers and support staff who helped run stalls on the night. An extra big shout out to our amazing Fundraising Team! They worked incredibly hard setting up the Fayre, organising everything behind the scenes and making sure the evening ran so smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for all that you do for our school.



Storytime with Santa organised by our PTFA



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