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# Spring 2 Newsletter 2026

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## A Message from Mrs Rought



Well here we are, ready to break up for Easter already! Where does the time go?

We have had another busy half term, full of memorable events. Our first visit to Young Voices was a particular highlight of mine, it was wonderful to see our children taking part in such an amazing show in such a large arena. We have signed up for next year already, so please sign your child up to choir if they want to be part of the fun.

We also held our Talent Show in March, another beautiful evening showcasing the wonderful talents of our children. We were so proud of the confidence and pride shown by everyone of the children, from the initial auditions to the final.

This week has been all things Easter, we were blown away by the brilliant decorated eggs from Years 1-6 on Monday, showing such creativity and imagination, the winners and runners up were announced today, with every child who took part receiving a special Eggcellent certificate. Then we enjoyed our EYFS Easter bonnets showcase and performance, the children loved showing off their hats - we even had a twirl on the stage from each of them.

On Wednesday we saw Years 1 and 2 , who shared information about the traditions of hot cross buns, the Easter bunny and Easter eggs, along with messages about the real meaning of Easter for Christians. We also held our annual Easter Disco, which was so well attended, the children and staff really enjoy spending time together, dancing and having fun. All money raised will go towards our School Fund.

On Thursday our older children performed, with Years 3 and 4 sharing the Easter story so beautifully and Years 5 and 6 closing with a wonderful, rhyming version of the Easter Story along with songs. I particularly enjoyed their version of 'Spring Chicken', with even year 6 joining in - well done to the parents who were also willing to join in the fun.

Today we have given out so many certificates for fantastic attendance this term and year so far, it is no surprise that we are the top attending school in Tipton! Thankyou for your support in bringing your children to school everyday and working with us to address any concerns or issues, it really does make a huge difference to your child's academic and emotional well-being. We also drew our Easter raffle, thankyou if you bought a ticket - all funds will go towards our School Fund and plans for the playground.

We are looking forward to another packed half term, we have brand new clubs to try, Year 4 and 3 have trips planned, Year 5 finish their swimming and Year 3 start. Please ensure you are checking the RMP app often to keep abreast of what is going on in school, the calendar is updated to reflect events, the notices section is your virtual noticeboard for things you need to be able to access easily and forms are uploaded when you need them for clubs, trips etc. If you have notifications set, you should be alerted when something you need is added to the app.

Year 6 have SATS week next half term, which they are absolutely ready for. They have worked incredibly hard with Mr Wood and we know they will all put 100% into it all, remembering that SATS do not define us, they do not measure our talents, our personality or skills - they are simply a test of what you can do on the day in that test. They then have a fantastic day out planned, including a sleep over to say thankyou for their hard work and positive attitude all year!

Today has been all about mental health and well-being, with a focus on Zones of Regulation, which is basically us knowing what an emotional feels like and knowing how we can recover, Miss Hunt shared The Colour Monster link earlier this week, which is a wonderful book to share with your child about their feelings and emotions - it really is OK to feel angry, upset and sad, they are normal emotions that we can recover from. The children also focussed on their Inspirational Individual- Years 1 and 2 looked at the amazing Stevie Wonder, Years 3 and 4 looked at Amelia Earhart and Years 5 and 6 have learnt about David Bowie - finding out about how these inspiring people used our Super 7 in their lives to over come barriers and to succeed.

As we break up today, I wish you all a wonderful two weeks with your family. I am really hoping that we see some sunshine and warmer weather. We are already looking forward to next term and welcoming the children back on the 13th April.

Kindest regards

Mrs Rought

## School Development Plan



We continue to develop our school using the acronym MAP - Motivation, Achievement and Pride as drivers for improvement.

### **Motivation**

We continue to work on our music offer, along with the arts as a whole as part of our Artsmark journey. We loved being part of Young Voices at Pulse Arena in February, it was an amazing experience for everyone and we have already signed up for next year!

Year 3 are now enjoying their clarinet lessons and Year 5 have the trumpets back to continue their progress from last year. We have already committed to continuing this provision next year.

Our after school club offer continues to be a real strength of our school, with new and exciting club providers being researched, as well as staff giving up their time to lead them as well.

Our trips and in school experiences have been wonderful, we took 57 children to the beautiful Ingestre Hall for two nights, Ingestre is Sandwell's very own arts centre, where the children could focus on either art, music, dance or drama. The children worked on the theme of 'Proud to be Me' and produced some wonderful, thoughtful pieces.

We have held our fourth mental health and Well-being day today, with children focussing on Zones of Regulation. We also read our next equality book and have studied our next Inspirational Individual - Years 1/2 - Stevie Wonder, Years 3/4 - Amelia Earhart and Years 5/6 - David Bowie

### **Achievement**

We continue to develop our curriculum using CUSP, the impact it is having on the pupils' learning is clear to see in books and on learning walks. We continue to work hard in staff meetings and on training days to upskill staff in delivering the curriculum in the most effective ways, using research based methods. We have welcomed our school improvement advisor, Jane Tailby to school to see CUSP in action and she was very complimentary about what she could see. Our chair of governors, Vicki Kavanagh, has also visited with a focus on maths, again, she was full of praise about the quality of teacher questioning and pupil work.

We continue to monitor and support staff in ensuring each and every child achieves their full potential by the end of the year. Where there are gaps in knowledge, interventions have been planned and implemented.

### **Pride**

Our Talent Show was another huge success, with our children shining in their performances. It is always so wonderful to see children show such confidence and pride in the talents that make them who they are.

Our boys and girls football teams have been finishing off the season in style, both teams work so hard together, showing great team spirit and resilience, often playing against established teams from much bigger schools. The boys had their first win last week and we were thrilled for them!

We hope you like the new ramp into the hall conservatory, we are excited to be upgrading the hall over the Easter holidays and we cannot wait for you to see the results!

Thankyou for your support in sending only healthy snacks for mid-morning break, the children have been proud to show off the range of items they have chosen. We also love having our birthday celebration days, children have enjoyed the fuss that has been made of them, instead of sweets.

Handwriting in school continues to improve with our Kinetic letters approach from Reception to Year 6, with children taking great pride in their work.

## **Hello and Goodbye**



Mr Vern (Mr Richards) is back and has settled back into our caretaker role, it is so good to have him back, knowing school is in a safe pair of hands!

As Year 4 parents are aware, Mrs Blaney will be leaving us on the 30th April to take up a new teaching role in another Sandwell school. After 14 years of service to St Martin's we will certainly miss her, but wish her all the best on her new adventure! We will be welcoming Mr Bailey to the team after Easter, who will taking over as Year 4 teacher for the rest of the year.

he will be a permanent member of the team and as an experienced teacher, we can't wait to welcome him!

## Our Collective Worship



This half term we have continued to enjoy our visits from 'Open The Book' who are a group of volunteers who work with school to deliver Bible stories in a fun and interactive way. This half term we learnt about Abraham and Sarah.

This half term has been all about the build up to Easter, starting with Lent and the story of Jesus in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. We have discussed Lent and what Christians do during this time to remember how Jesus taught us to live - this could be by helping out, giving something up or trying harder with something we find hard.

We have also reminded ourselves of the Last Supper, how Judas betrayed Jesus leading up to his arrest. This week, as we approach Easter, we have focussed on the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday.

The liturgical cloth has been purple since the start of Lent and will remain so until after half term. After Easter the cloth will be white until Pentecost on the 24th and 25th May, when it will become red.



Our focus for this newsletter is '**Emotional Abuse**'

### **What is Emotional Abuse?**

Emotional abuse is any type of abuse that involves the continual emotional mistreatment of a child. It is sometimes called psychological abuse. Emotional abuse can involve deliberately trying to scare, humiliate, isolate or ignore a child. Other examples are: constantly criticising a child; blaming or scapegoating a child or exposing a child to upsetting events or situations. Due to the nature of emotional abuse, a child might not realise what is happening to them or might even blame themselves for what is happening.

### **Signs to look out for:**

Children experiencing emotional abuse may:

- Have low self-esteem or confidence
- Show sudden changes in behaviour (withdrawn, anxious, overly compliant)
- Struggle to form friendships or trust adults
- Display extreme emotions (anger, sadness, fear)

If you do believe that a child is at risk then please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead at school or report your concerns by calling 0121 569 3100 (Sandwell Children's Trust). If a child is in immediate danger, you should contact the police.

You can also call NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (free, confidential advice).

**All of our staff at St Martin's have regular safeguarding training updates. Safeguarding is also part of our induction programme for new staff.**

**We are very lucky to have a Early Help Police Officer attached to our school. Her name is Shendy Blakemore. She will be working closely with us this year to provide important safeguarding sessions to our children.**

**If you would like to speak to her or feel that you need any support from her then please let Mrs Lees know and we will be happy to arrange that for you. If you are concerned about a child, please talk to a Designated Safeguarding Lead or any member of staff in school.**

## Parking Issues



As you know, we have sent lots of reminders and photos to point out how dangerous the parking outside school is at the moment. Our children are so precious and we worry that there will be an accident due to the careless parking on double yellow, single yellow and Zig Zag lines outside school.

Sandwell Council and the police will be carrying out random joint visits to the area and they do have the power to issue fines. PLEASE park legally and walk to school! It could save a life!

## Celebrating Attendance Success at St. Martin's Primary School!



At St. Martin's, we believe that attendance is incredibly important, and we celebrate it with enthusiasm because good attendance is an integral part of a successful education.

### **Weekly individual attendance Prizes**

Every Friday at St. Martin's, we come together to celebrate the amazing achievements of our pupils. One of the highlights of this gathering is the attendance wheel. A child's name is entered in to the attendance wheel if they have attended school every day of the week. They receive a special prize from the 'treasure chest'!

## **Class attendance prizes**

Each week the class with the highest attendance is announced in our worship session. The class receives a trophy for their efforts and sometimes even an extra break time!

### **Winning classes this half term are:**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Winning class</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
27th Feb	Year 6	98.57%
6th March	Year 4	99.67%
13th March	Year 1	98.93%
20th March	Reception	97.33%
27th March	Year 3	100%

Each half term the class with the highest attendance is also announced during our final worship session.

**The class with the best attendance for Spring 2 is: Year 6 - 97.11%**

Well done to all classes!

### **Termly awards**

Pupils also have a chance to win Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates throughout the academic year.

If you require any support with your child's attendance or any advice please contact **Mrs Lees (Senior Attendance Champion)** or **Mrs Breckell (Attendance Officer)**.

We are happy to work together with you to ensure children achieve the best attendance possible. If you have any concerns about or barriers to your child attending school please come in to school and talk to us. We are here to help.

Our attendance is currently just above the national average! Lets continue to work together to keep this up! We are so proud!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making St. Martin's a place where all of our pupils can thrive.

## Reach More Parents App

All of our communication is now through our Reach More Parents App, which can be found in your usual App Store.

The app is secure and only available to parents of children at our school. Both parents can access the app, but each will require their own login code, which can be supplied by the school.

### **The app has several functions:**

**Translate** - you can change the language in the app to your home language.

**Absence reporting** - you can use the app to let us know that your child will be absent, you can also attach supporting documents, such as doctors appointments.

**Newsfeed** - this is where we share good news and general reminders.

**Calendar** - this shows the events you need to know about for your child/ren. Each day you will get a notification with what is happening on that day. All dates for the year are listed on the calendar, so you do not miss an event.

**Notices** - this is where we will post important information that you need to know or to act on e.g. letters about events in school. The notices will stay on your 'Noticeboard' until the event has ended.

**Forms** - this is where we will post forms you need to complete e.g. consent forms for trips, photo consent, clubs applications.

**Messages** - we can send you direct messages to your message inbox, you will also receive a message when a new notice or form has been posted for your information. You can also use the message function to message staff (please see our home school communication guidance).

**Parents' Evenings** - the app will be used for you to book and amend a Parent's Evening appointment.

**The Hub** - this is where we will put useful documents and links to websites that you may need.

## Young Voices

Wow! What an absolutely fantastic day we all had at Pulse Arena in Birmingham. Our choir loved every second of this experience, I hope you can see just how much from the smiles on their faces!

As staff we were incredibly proud of their impeccable behaviour, attitude and focus, they were a credit to our school ❤️.





## Talent Show 2026

In March we held our second St Martin's Talent Show and wow, we were blown away by the quality of our final acts! We saw talented dancers, heard beautiful singing and instruments were played with great skill. We heard jokes (even if the WBA and teachers were given some stick) and watched a Rubix Cube get solved in lightning quick time!

We saw siblings, friendship groups and individuals shine so brightly! The children showed such resilience, getting up on stage in front of over 100 grown ups is pretty scary and they absolutely smashed it! They performed with pride, confidence and most importantly with joy! We are all so proud of them all and we can't wait until next year's show!

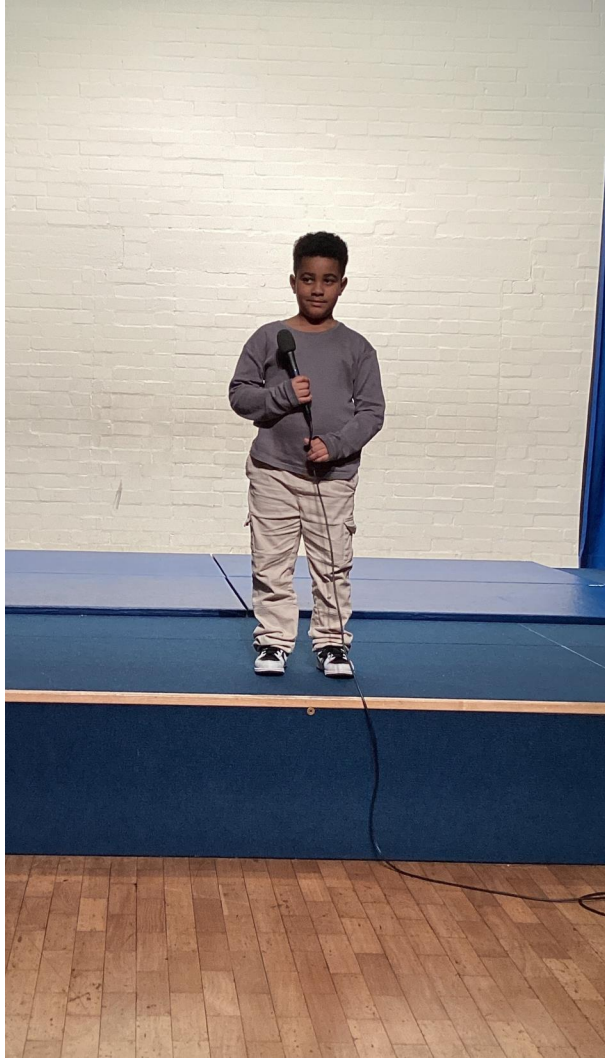




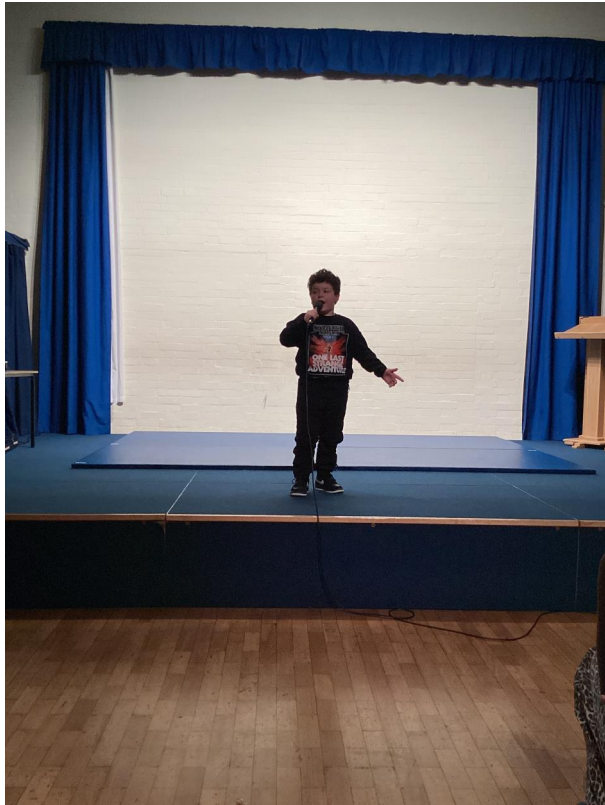














## World Book Day 2026

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day! Children arrived in their cosy pyjamas and spent the day sharing stories with peers from different year groups. Across the school, pupils took part in the Young Writer's competitions—**"Monster Mayhem"** for KS1 and **"Ridiculous Writers"** for KS2—as well as designing their very own book tokens.

A key focus of the day was exploring **reading habits**. Children discussed questions such as: *When do I like to read? Where do I enjoy reading most? Who do I read with?* We talked about why reading is important and encouraged pupils to see reading as a **hobby to enjoy**, rather than a chore.

Classes also joined a **BBC Live Lesson**, which helped pupils develop their “Reading Passports.” These captured each child’s reading preferences, favourite genres, and attitudes towards reading.

It was a fantastic day that truly celebrated the joy of books and the importance of reading for pleasure.

## Year 5 and 6 DECCA Assembly - Understanding Vaping

We welcomed DECCA back into school for another important health and wellbeing session. Year 6, who had already taken part in workshops earlier in the year, were joined by Year 5 for a dedicated assembly focused on **understanding vaping**.

The session provided pupils with clear, age-appropriate information about what vapes are, why they were originally created, and how they are sometimes used as a tool to support adults trying to quit smoking. DECCA also discussed the links between vaping and tobacco, as well as the reasons why some young people may feel pressure or curiosity to try vaping.

Most importantly, the assembly explored the **health risks and misconceptions** associated with vaping. Pupils learned how advertising, peer influence, and bright packaging can make vaping appear harmless, when in reality it can have negative effects on developing bodies and lungs. The session aimed to empower children with accurate knowledge so they can make informed, safe choices as they grow older.

We would like to thank DECCA once again for delivering such a valuable and engaging session for our pupils.

## Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls’ Football Match

Our Years 4, 5 and 6 girls’ football team kicked off 2026 with a challenging but inspiring fixture. Facing a strong opposing team—and doing so in relentless rain—the girls demonstrated outstanding **determination, teamwork and resilience** from start to finish.

Despite the final score not going in our favour, the team played with real spirit and showed exactly why we are so proud to be St Martin’s. Their positive attitude, sportsmanship and support for one another shone throughout the match. At the end of the game, the girls showed great respect by congratulating the winning team—an excellent example of the values we promote in school sports.

As football matches and after-school training resume with the return of lighter evenings, this fixture has set a strong foundation for the season ahead. Well done to all the girls who took part—you represented St Martin’s brilliantly.

## Years 4, 5 & 6 Boys’ Football Match

They finally did it! The boys football team have secured their very first win for our school!

### St Martins 2 - 1 Holyhead Primary

What a performance it was! Every single player on the pitch did themselves, and all of us, proud. They never stopped and got stuck in at every opportunity. The heart of these children to get back and stop any attack was something else. You really can see their confidence starting to shine through now. In what seemed like the longest 15 minutes in the second half, you really could tell what it meant to the boys to get that first win. A huge congratulations to them, well done!



## Ingestre Hall Residential – “Proud to Be Me”

We were delighted to take 56 children for our first ever St Martin’s residential to Ingestre Hall — Sandwell's very own arts centre! This was a particularly special experience for many pupils who had never stayed away from home before. The children settled in exceptionally well and quickly embraced every aspect of the trip.

Throughout the week, pupils took part in immersive workshops in Drama, Dance, Art, or Music, each led by specialists from the Ingestre team. The theme for the residential, “**Proud to Be Me,**” encouraged children to reflect on and celebrate their individuality, creativity, and uniqueness. The children really have encapsulated that over the last few days. To quote one of the bands, they wrote the lyrics “We’re perfectly imperfect, and proud to be me.”

Working both independently and in groups, pupils spent three days developing a creative piece linked to their chosen art form. The week culminated in a wonderful showcase

performance, where children presented their final pieces to their peers. What they produced was truly inspiring—a reflection not only of their talent and hard work, but also of their confidence, teamwork, and willingness to try something new. They represented our school beautifully.

Not only did the children show commitment during their sessions—they even went to bed on time!

A huge well done to all the children who attended this memorable residential, and a heartfelt who generously gave up their time to make this experience possible.

















## Comic Relief / Red Nose Day 2026

Flipping the Script!

What fun we have had, with staff becoming children for the day and the children coming dressed as the adults. Can you spot the new Mr Wood and Mrs Hood? All money donated will go the Comic Relief 2026! Thankyou for your support.











## Year 2 Trip to Black Country Museum

What a fantastic day Year 2 had at the Black Country Museum. They all had so much fun! The children found out all about toys from the past and played with lots of toys from different eras. They had some fantastic questions about them and could answer lots about them too. They got to look around lots of different houses and shops and looked at the similarities and differences to now. The children were very curious and again had some super questions and answers. They were lucky enough to experience the school and many commented about how different the experience would have been back then. They most definitely preferred school today! The children particularly enjoyed when Mrs Lees had to be

called up to the front for not following the school rules! What a fabulous day they all had.  
Well done Year 2!









# SPDC Family Club Newsletter April 2026

**At A Glance**

- 13<sup>th</sup> April
- 20<sup>th</sup> April
- 27<sup>th</sup> April
- 11<sup>th</sup> May change in venue
- 18<sup>th</sup> May

**SPDC**  
Specialist Parenting  
for disabled children

**Family Club**

April - May 2026

## Welcome back

**Family Club returns Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Please read all information carefully.

© West Bromwich Leisure Centre, Moor Street, West Bromwich, B70 7AZ  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Parking at the rear of the leisure centre is pay and display but refundable at the centre's reception.  
The venue is wheelchair accessible but please note there are no changing facilities.

**It's all about having FUN together!**

Our sessions offer families the chance to take part in a variety of active/sporting and creative opportunities each week.

There will be a different theme each week and a mixture of sporting activities, so please take a look and book for those weeks that will appeal to you and your family.

**Please note that family Club is at RSPB Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

## How to book for family Club

Please email your expressions of interest in the Family Club dates to [spdcbooking@sp-dc.org](mailto:spdcbooking@sp-dc.org)  
Your email should clearly state

- \*Your name
- \*Which date(s) you would like to attend
- \*How many (adults/children) will be taking part in the sessions

Please provide this information in full as without it we may not be able to process your booking properly.

Once the team have processed all of the bookings you will receive an email confirming the places you have been allocated for Family Club.

**Please note that bookings will not be accepted via Facebook or Messenger.**  
**And remember You will need to have allocated Short Breaks Credits to SPDC to be considered for any of our Family activities.**

If you have requested or are allocated places on a particular session but can no longer attend, we would ask you to let us know as soon as possible by calling Diane 07594 486930 or Gary 07763 593877 so that we can offer another family on our waiting lists the opportunity to join us.



# Jam Coding - HAF activities



**{JAM} CODING**  
**EASTER COMPUTING**  
**HOLIDAY CLUB!**

Join the HAF Fun in Lye and Gornalwood!

Get your child active and teach them valuable digital skills at our Easter Holiday Club!

From Minecraft coding to multi-sports, this club has something for every child.

**9am - 3pm**

**What to expect**

- Coding
- Animation
- Sports
- Design
- Crafts
- Puzzles

**Admission**

All children from ages 6 to 11 are welcome  
FREE\* places available under the HAF scheme  
scan the QR code to find out more

**Where can you find us**

You can come and join the fun at:  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Mar - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr @  
**WOLLESCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LYE**

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Apr - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Apr @  
**RED HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL, GORNALWOOD**



Scan the QR code to book a place



## 4 Community Trust - wrap around care



Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

Did you know that you could be **saving money** on your childcare using Best Start In Life...?

**BEST START IN LIFE** One option allows you to save money if your household has a yearly income less than **£100,000 PER YEAR**

Visit their website to find out more:  
[beststartinlife.gov.uk](http://beststartinlife.gov.uk)

Want to find out more about out clubs?  
**Contact Us NOW!!!**

0121 752 5969



Our wrap around care is run by 4 Community Trust, who run many breakfast and after school clubs in the local area, they have a great reputation and are competitively priced. They offer lots of flexibility in how many sessions you need to book, they have an app where you can manage your bookings and payments and they accept childcare vouchers.

The club takes place in our spare classroom. It has a kitchen area, so that meals can be prepared on site. Parents can access the room without coming onto the main school reception before and after school office hours. This will be via a bell or a phone call to the staff on duty. If your child gets space in a school run after school club, they can be taken to this club by school staff if needed. **Please remember that there is no guarantee of your child gaining a space in a school run after school club each half term, so please do not rely on this for childcare.**

In order to book a place you will need to call the number on the flyer below, you will then find out how to register on the app and how to set your child up with access to the wrap around care. As 4 Community Trust is an independent organisation, any queries about booking and payments will need to go through them please, not the main school office.

We really hope that you are pleased with this offer and it makes managing work and the school run that little bit easier.

To view 4 Community Trust's Prospectus, please visit our website:

## SIPS - new lunch menu

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday	Chicken Goujons Pasta in Tomato Sauce Vegan Chicken Style Fillet Pasta in Tomato Sauce Pineapple Sponge & Custard	Quorn Southern Style Burger Savory Rice Mac 'n' Cheese with Garlic Bread Pasta & Carrots Chocolate Arctic Roll	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake Garlic Bread Chocolate & Cherry Muffin
Tuesday	Cheesy Bean Wrap Mini Corn on the Cob Garlic Herby Potatoes Fishless Fingers Mini Corn on the Cob Garlic Herby Potatoes Brownie Slices & Mandarin Oranges	Roast Chicken & Gravy Roast Potatoes • Broccoli • Carrots Quorn Tikka Curry • Dhal & Naan Bread Jam Sponge & Custard	Pork Hot Dog Baked Jacket Wedges • Baked Beans Vegetarian Hotdog Baked Jacket Wedges • Baked Beans Lemon Drizzle Cake
Wednesday	Brunch Lunch (Pork Sausage, Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Omelette) Vegetarian Brunch Lunch (Vegetarian Sausage, Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Omelette) Cocoa Crunch Tray Bake	Jerk Chicken Half a Baked Potato • Peas & Sweetcorn Mediterranean Fajita Pasta • Peas & Sweetcorn Chocolate Cookie	Fish Fingers Mashed Potato • Peas & Sweetcorn Vegetarian Mince Cottage Pie Pasta & Sweetcorn Vanilla Ice Cream
Thursday	Cañon Chicken Half a Baked Potato • Sweetcorn Margherita Pizza Half a Baked Potato • Sweetcorn Fruit Jelly	Loaded Pizza Baked Jacket Wedges • Sweetcorn Vegetarian Chili with Homemade Tortilla Chips & Rice Fruit Jelly	Beef Bolognese Pasta & Garlic Bread Margherita Pizza Pasta • Collesse Strawberry Mousse
Friday	Fish Fingers Chips • Garden Peas Quorn Nuggets Chip • Peas Banana Mousse	Fish Goujons Chips • Spaghetti Hoops Crispy Vegetable Burger Chips • Spaghetti Hoops Iced Shortbread Biscuit	Harry Ramsden Junior Battered Pollock or Harry Ramsden Sweet Potato & Salmon Fishcake Chips • Peas Quorn & Sweet Potato Curry Chips • Peas Sprinkle Tray Bake & Custard

## Easy Fundraising



We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us raise funds for FREE.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online.

It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-martins-c-of-e-primary-school-tipton>

## Road Safety



Can parents and carers please be vigilant when crossing the roads. You are the one who will be with your children at the roadside every day. When you are out with your child you will have good opportunities to reinforce road safety messages. Please think about telling your child about the importance of finding safer places to cross, stopping behind the kerb, looking, listening, and thinking, holding their hands even if using a lollipop person or pedestrian facility. Making sure they have good visibility, taking their hoods down and no distractions with phones or friends when near roads. This will help your child to develop good road safety habits at an early age and reinforce your own road safety awareness.

## My Clothing - Uniform Supplier

We are delighted to inform you that you can now buy uniform with our school logo on from My Clothing:

[St Martin's Primary School – My Clothing](#)

Uniform can also still be purchased from [The School Uniform Merchant](#)



## PERSONALISED SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Your Uniform Colours
- UK Embroidery
- Embroidered to Order
- No Clothing Waste

sales@myclothing.com

01902 936 388



### About Our Products and Services

- Our cotton is **ethically sourced cotton** from Better Cotton Initiative (BCI), farmers who use less water and chemicals in cotton production.
- The polyester used in our garments is from **100% recycled** plastic bottles.
- Our Polo Shirts are made to be **stain resistant**.
- Our Sweatshirts and Sweat Cardis are made to feel **soft and durable**.
- Our delivery bags are **100% recyclable** and made from **recycled materials**.
- A wide range of **plain garments** and accessories for school.
- Register on our website to receive information about **promotions and offers**
- We have over **800,000 garments in stock** and offer industry leading customer service
- Financial **hardship schemes** for school uniform are available
- Our customers rate us **excellent** on **Trustpilot**

sales@myclothing.com

01902 936 388

## Office Post Box



There is now a blue post box located outside of the main reception doors. Please feel free to put any correspondence you have for the office in this post box such as reply slips, etc. The post box is checked twice daily.

## School car parks



School car parks are for the use of staff and official visitors **ONLY** at all times. **INCLUDING** WHEN COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES and NURSERY.

Please find alternative parking away from the school premises When parking, please respect our neighbours by parking considerately and not block driveways or park on double yellow lines.

## Key Dates (including training day dates for 2026/27)



### *Key Dates*

#### **2025/26**

#### **SUMMER TERM 2025/26**

**Monday 13th April** - Return to school

**Tuesday 14th April** - Spring Rock Steady Concert

**Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - school closed**

**Monday 11th May** - Year 6 SATS week

**Friday 22nd May** - Mental Health and Well-being Day 5- non uniform

**Friday 22nd May** - Break up for Half Term

**Monday 1st June - School Closed - training day 4**

**Tuesday 2nd June** - Return to school

**Tuesday 2nd June** - Start of year 4 Multiplication Check

**Monday 8th June** - Year 1 phonics testing week

**Friday 26th June** - Summer Fair 3:30pm-5:30pm

**Wednesday 1st July** - Years 1/2 Sports Day 1:15pm-2:15pm

**Wednesday 1st July** - Years 3/4 Sports Day - 2:15pm-3:15pm

**Thursday 2nd July** - Meet your the New teacher!

**Monday 6th July** - EYFS Sports Day - 9:15am and 2:15pm

**Wednesday 8th July** - year 5 Sports Day 1:15pm-2:15pm

**Wednesday 8th July** - Year 6 Sports Day 2:15pm-3:15pm

**Friday 10th July** - Mental Health and Well being Day 6 - non uniform

**Tuesday 14th July** - Summer Rock Steady Concert

**Thursday 16th July** - Year 6 Leavers' Play and Prom

**Friday 17th July** - Last day of term for children

**Monday 21st July** - School Closed - training day 5

### **Training Days 2026/27**

**Tuesday 1st September** - School Closed - Training Day 1

**Wednesday 2nd September** - School Closed - Training Day 2

**Monday 2nd November** - School Closed - Training Day 3

**Monday 7th June** - School Closed - Training Day 4

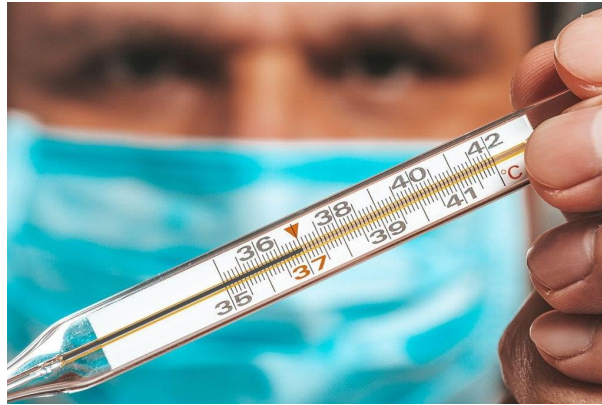
**Wednesday 21st July** - School Closed- Training Day 5

### **Infections Reminder**

Please do not send your child to school if they have a temperature and are too unwell to be in school. They should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until the temperature has gone. If your child is well enough to be in school then they should be in school as their education is important to their wellbeing and attainment; we will give you a call if they feel unwell, don't worry!

The latest guidance about what you should do if your child has symptoms will always be on the NHS website (below).

For further information, please visit the NHS Website [here](#) or call NHS 119.



## Operation Encompass

St Martin's is part of Sandwell's Operation Encompass. This is an initiative that enhances communication between the police and schools where a child is at risk from domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, school will now receive a confidential information from West Midlands Police or Children's Services regarding any child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

Here at St Martin's, we have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team. They are specially trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please do not hesitate to speak to a Designate Safeguarding Lead.

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Encompass**



**Supporting children and young  
people exposed to domestic abuse**

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