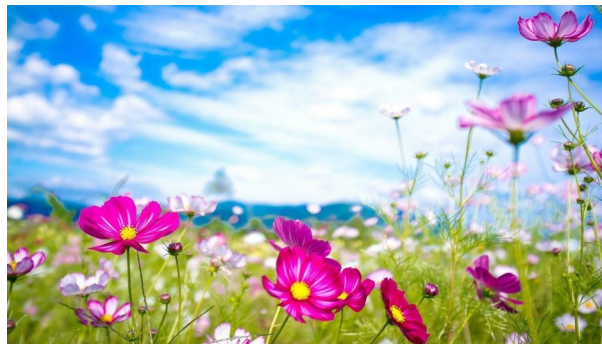




Summer 2 Newsletter 2026

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A Message from Mrs Rought



What another fantastic year we have had!

I have to firstly mention our Year 6, as they leave us today to start a brand new adventure in their secondary schools. Leaving primary is always emotional, but our work here is done and they are ready! They have the academic and social skills to achieve their dreams. I hope they take the values that we have taught them and hold them close as they navigate their way into the next part of their school journey. I hope that their last few days have been memorable, they performed a fantastic leavers' play and last night we had a very special graduation ceremony and prom.

We are really proud of our academic achievements this year, our statutory data has greatly improved since last year and is at least inline with the National Average and in many cases it is above. Year 6 achieved the highest SATS results St Martin's have seen, with 82% of children achieving the expected standard in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling, this is all above National and a huge improvement since last year. Writing was 71% expected, which is inline with the National Average and shows how CUSP and our focus in improving how we teach writing has impacted. When it comes to greater depth, we achieved 36% in reading, 32% in maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling and 18% in writing, these are all above the National Average, showing how much we stretch our more able pupils.

Next year we will continue to refine our teaching across all subjects, we have a new marking and feedback policy, a new approach to homework and reading. We are introducing CUSP music to ensure our music teaching is as good as it can be, investing in 15 brand new keyboards for our children to play. We are also developing our Oracy Strategy further, which will help children to articulate themselves and communicate more effectively verbally and then in writing. Our School development Plan is outlined below, so that you can see the areas that we will be working on.

We are busy planning our trips for next year, in fact many are already booked, we know you like to know about trips and the cost in advance, giving you time to pay instalment's, please keep an eye out for information coming soon. We select trips carefully to enhance our curriculum, choosing things that bring an extra element to learning that we cannot offer in school. We aim for two 'out of school' trips each year and one 'in school' workshop, in an attempt to keep costs to a minimum. So far for Autumn, we have a trip to London's Parliament for Years 5 and 6, a trip to Sutton Park to complete a river study for Year 4, a Christmas trip to the theatre for Year 1, a trip to Edgmond Hall for Year 3 and Year 6 will visit Cosford to enhance their history work. We have also booked two in school workshops for Year 2 The Great Fire of London, and Year 5 about The Ancient Greeks!

Thankyou for your positive reaction to our new uniform offer in preparation for OPAL, we have also been really pleased with the donations that you have sent to enhance the play offer - please keep them coming in September if you have a clear out! We will be busy over the Summer developing the grounds, making a huge sandpit under the parasol and developing a section of the meadow into a growing area - we are super excited about this for next year!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our new Free breakfast Club offer from 3rd September, please ensure you have registered with 4 Community Trust via the link in the letter I have sent you in your notices on the app, so that you can book your child in - everyone one is welcome! We hope that this offer will really help you as parents and will also offer a calm start to our school days for the children.

As we break up, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer with your family, don't forget that we have two training days when we return, so the children are not due back in school until Thursday 3rd September.

Wishing you all the best,

Kindest regards,

Mrs Rought

School Development Plan 2026/27



1 - We will continue to use our acronym MAP for our school development plan next year, thank you for your input, your ideas have been considered and included where appropriate. More detail will be shared in the Autumn 1 newsletter next year - here are the headlines!

Motivation

OPAL play – impact on site and uniform

Free breakfast Clubs offer

Daily physical activity – movement blasts / daily mile / skip 2b fit

Achievement

Reading - new approach and fluency

Assessment - how we use it to impact on data / learning / books

CUSP maths in Reception and KS 1

CUSP Oracy Strategy

SEN and the Inclusion Funding

Pride

Homework Strategy and its impact

Marking and feedback - how does it impact on learning

Behaviour – embed updated Relationships and Behaviour policy

Environment – continued enhancement of outdoor and communal areas

Hello and Goodbye



This week we said goodbye to Mrs Coleman, who is retiring after 26 years of service to St Martin's. We hope that we set her off in style with a special assembly, songs and some special gifts - you may have told you about singing Christmas songs as Mrs Colemans is a real fan of the festive period!

I am thrilled that Miss Owen is going to remain a member of the St Martin's team and will be teaching in year 1 next year.

We also say goodbye to Miss Wheeler from the lunchtime team, a house move has meant that the commute is not feasible anymore.

We do say hello to a few member of staff, Miss Guest joins our support staff team, Mrs Smith will be our new OPAL Play Co-Ordinator and Mr Smith is also joining our lunchtime team. I am sure you will make them feel very welcome in the new year.



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 has been all about the Fundamental British Values and what they mean to us as a school, how we show them in our day to day lives. The Fundamental British values are:

The Rule of Law

Democracy

Mutual Respect

Tolerance (we say celebration) of different faith and beliefs

Individual Liberty

The liturgical cloth has been green this half term, to show that it is a normal time in the church.

Safeguarding



At St Martin's we take our safeguarding duty very seriously. Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every single person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare you can speak to a member of our safeguarding team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Lees

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Rought, Miss Hunt and Miss Barnett

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Each school must have an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the processes for raising safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any significant concerns to Social Care

- Monitoring children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring these are implemented and reviewed regularly.

Our focus for this newsletter is '**Staying Safe Around Water This Summer**'

As the summer holidays begin, many families will be looking forward to spending time outdoors and enjoying trips to the beach, rivers, lakes, canals, swimming pools, and water parks. While water-based activities can be great fun, it is important to remember that water can present serious dangers, even for confident swimmers.

Children are naturally curious and may not always recognise the risks around open water. That's why adult supervision and water safety awareness are so important.

To help keep children safe this summer, the children took part in a 'water safety' assembly which gave key messages. We encourage parents and carers to follow up and discuss the following key messages with your children:

- Always swim in supervised areas where lifeguards are present.
- Never enter rivers, canals, lakes, or reservoirs without adult permission and supervision.
- Avoid jumping into open water, as hidden objects and unexpected depths can cause serious injuries and can cause cold water shock
- Stay away from the edges of rivers, canals, and reservoirs, where surfaces can be slippery.
- Never go into the water alone and always stay with friends or family.
- If someone gets into difficulty in the water, call **999** and ask for the appropriate emergency service. Do not enter the water to attempt a rescue yourself.

Parents and carers can also play an important role by ensuring children understand the water safety code and know what to do in an emergency.

By taking a few simple precautions and having regular conversations about water safety, we can help children enjoy all the fun that summer has to offer while staying safe.

We wish all our families a happy, enjoyable, and safe summer holiday. 🌞🌊🏖️

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 now have a new Early Help Police Officer attached to our school. Her name is Haleema Rashid. She will be working closely with us moving forward 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:

Week Ending	Winning class	Percentage
5th June	Year 3	100%
12th June	Year 3	98.67%
19th June	Year 5	96.21%
26th June	Reception	95.67%
3rd July	Year 5	98.28%
10th July	Year 5	98.85%

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

The class with the best attendance for Summer 2 is: Year 5 - 97.1%

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 a 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.

Year 3 Clarinet Concert

A huge well done to year 3! Their clarinet concert was fantastic! They have managed to learn how to play the clarinet and to read music in just a term and a half.





Year 1 Trip to Shropshire Hills

Our Year 1 children had an amazing time on their Shropshire Hills trip. Despite the heatwave, the children were cool, calm and collected. They were treated like the World Cup players and were able to enjoy many hydration breaks! Our coach driver was also amazing and kept us super cool, getting the air con ready early for us to return in comfort.





Year 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens

Year 2 went to the Botanical Gardens where they continued their learning all about plants and the environment. They had a great Growth teaching session where children were able to share their knowledge, as well as learn some new and fascinating facts! They all really enjoyed it and had such a lovely time. Well done Year 2!









Animal Lady Visit in Nursery

What a fantastic day Nursery had with our visitor 'Becky' and her special friends! The children met Alan the Scops owl, Madagascan hissing cockroaches (Carol and Clive), Jambo the Royal ball python, Sheila the Blue-tongued skink, a Tenrec and Smudge the skunk. The children were very excited but they were also so careful with all of the animals too. They had so many questions to ask and they learned lots of interesting facts!



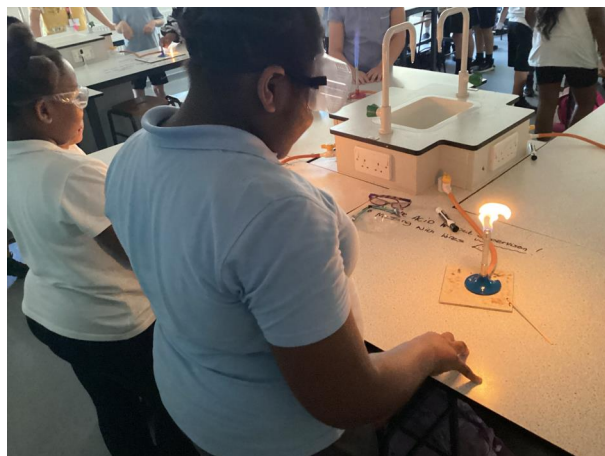
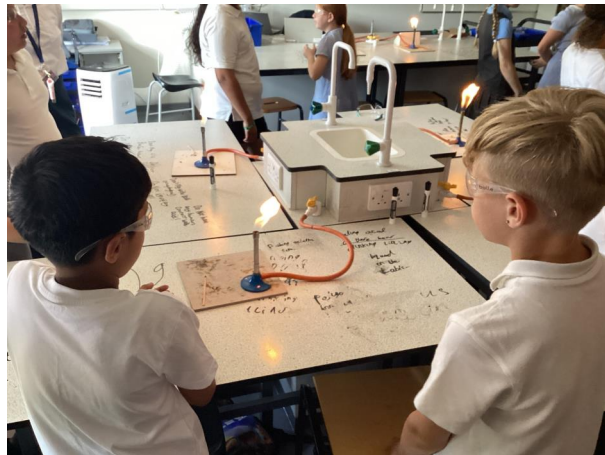
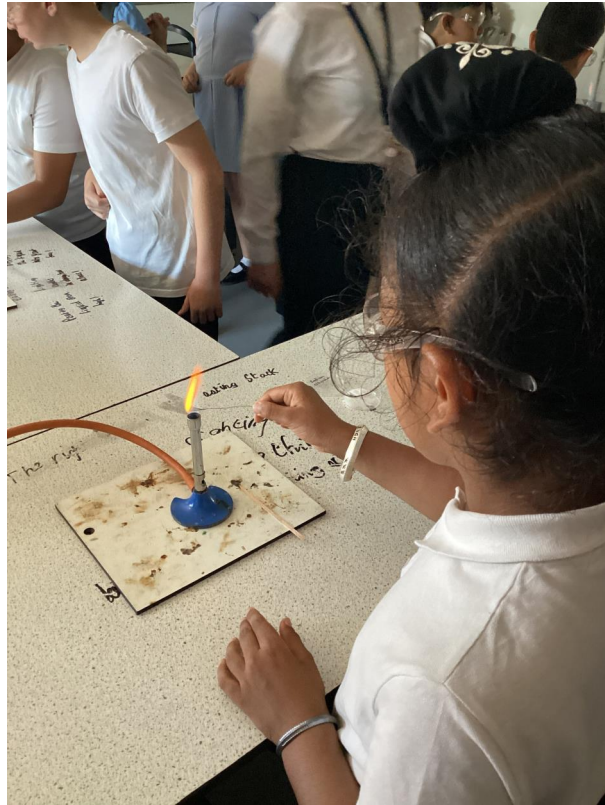


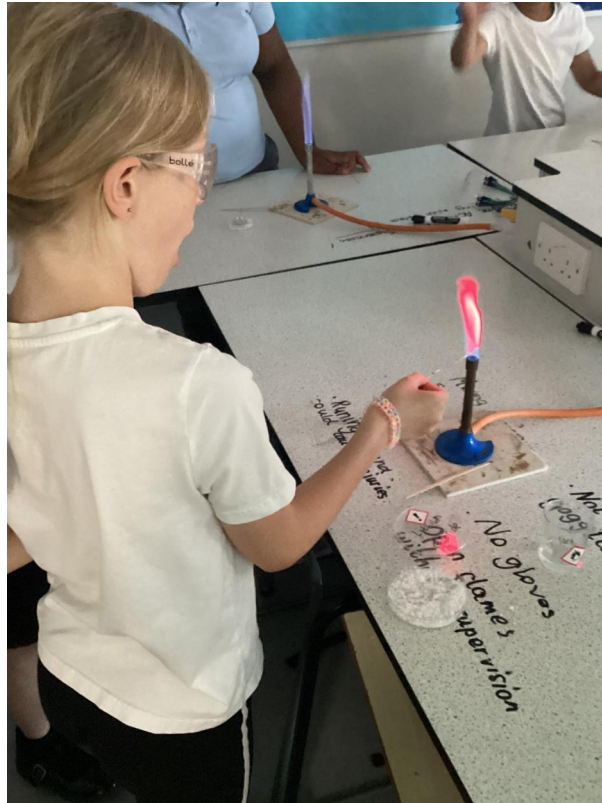


Year 4 and 5 Visit to Q3 - Science

Year 4 and 5 had a brilliant morning at Q3 Tipton. We started off the morning by earning our bunsen burner licence - the children really enjoyed lighting the burners and changing the colour of the flame with different chemicals. After a short break, we went to a different lab to use microscopes to look at the cells in a small piece of onion. The children drew a diagram of what they could see and labelled it using the key vocabulary. The children were really well behaved and the staff at Q3 were really impressed!







Olympic Day - Daily Mile

St Martin's celebrated Olympic Day with a special assembly and by completing a daily mile. During the assembly, children learned about the Olympic values of friendship, respect and excellence, discussing how these important values can be demonstrated both in sport and in everyday school life.

To mark the occasion, all pupils took part in our Daily Mile, completing it as a walk together. This provided an opportunity for everyone to enjoy being active, support one another and reflect on the importance of participation, perseverance and healthy lifestyles.

It was wonderful to see the children embracing the Olympic spirit and celebrating the positive values that inspire athletes around the world. Well done to everyone who took part!





EYFS Sports Day

A fantastic sports day for EYFS!

The children showed amazing sportsmanship, cheering each other on and having a go.

The children also showed fantastic Super 7 characteristics in the build up to sports day, including being Resilient Warriors, Confident Heroes and Proud Achievers.

Well done!



St Martin's Striders - Wednesfield Park Run

Our St Martin's Striders attended Wednesfield Park to take part in their Junior Park Run! We had a fantastic time and the children really embraced the opportunity to push themselves in

the 2km run, we were so proud of them! A huge thankyou to Mr Bailey for signing us up and to all the children and parents who came along to join and support 💙.



Drowning Prevention Week

Mitchell from Tipton Leisure Centre lead a whole-school assembly as part of RLSS Drowning Prevention Week. Following the recent hot weather, pupils consolidated their learning about staying safe around water and understanding how they can help save lives. The assembly covered:

- Emergency phone numbers to call in an emergency
- Different places where water can be found, both locally and further afield - The main dangers associated with water
- Important water safety advice to help keep ourselves and others safe

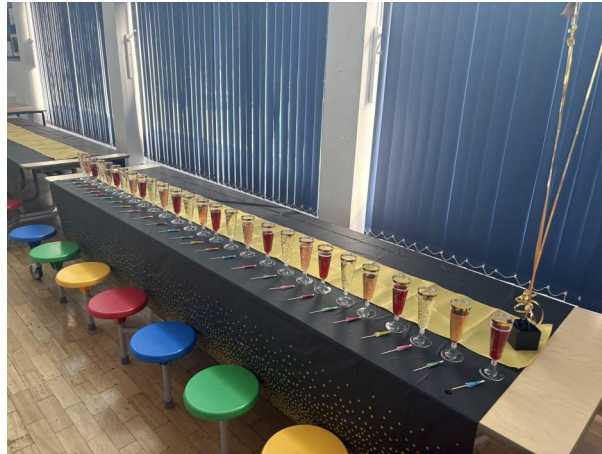
The session was both informative and engaging, helping our children develop the knowledge and confidence needed to make safe choices around water this summer. A huge thank you to Mitchell and the team at Tipton Leisure Centre for sharing these vital life-saving messages with our pupils.

Celebrating Year 6!

We have really enjoyed celebrating year 6 before they leave us for a new adventure. They have enjoyed a fantastic year, working hard and achieving the best sats results we have ever seen! They are a wonderful group, who are so ready for the next step in their journey into secondary school in September, we hope we did them proud 💙💙💙







4 Community Trust - wrap around care and free breakfast club



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

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

 0121 752 5969

   **BEST START IN LIFE**

Our Free breakfast and 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

¹<https://www.st-martins.sandwell.sch.uk/4community-trust-wraparound-care-provision/>

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 Clothing²

Uniform can also still be purchased from The School Uniform Merchant³ and Crested Schoolwear.

The advertisement features a blue header with the 'My Clothing' logo. Below the header is a photo of four smiling children in red school uniforms. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'PERSONALISED SCHOOL UNIFORM' in large white letters. To the left of this text is a Trustpilot rating of five stars, labeled 'Rated "Excellent"'. Below the main title is a bulleted list of features: 'Your Uniform Colours', 'UK Embroidery', 'Embroidered to Order', and 'No Clothing Waste'. At the bottom, there is a blue footer containing the email 'sales@myclothing.com' and the phone number '01902 936 388'.

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²<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-martins-primary-school-16918>

³<https://www.theschooluniformmerchant.co.uk/>



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**

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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 (these will all be on your RMP calendar)

2025/26

SUMMER TERM 2025/26

Monday 21st July - School Closed - training day 5

Tuesday 1st September - School Closed - Training Day 1

Wednesday 2nd September - School Closed - Training Day 2

Thursday 3rd September - children return to school

Monday 21st September - start of harvest collections

Wednesday 30th September - Harvest performance for years 1-3 9am

Thursday 1st October - Harvest performance for years 4-6 9am

Wednesday 14th October - Autumn Disco

Wednesday 21st October - parents Evening

Thursday 22nd October - Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd October - break up for half term / Well-Being and Mental Health Day 1

Monday 2nd November - school closed to children

Wednesday 11th November - wear Red for Remembrance

Thursday 19th November - Children in need - non-uniform day for £1 donation

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day

Thursday 10th December - Christmas lunch and jumper day

Friday 11th December - Well-being and mental Health Day 2

Monday 14th December - Years 3 and 4 Carol Concert 9am

Tuesday 15th December - year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert 9am

Wednesday 16th December - EYFS Nativity 9:15am and 2:15 pm

Thursday 17th December -Christmas Parties

Friday 18th December - Years 1 and 2 Nativity 9am

Friday 18th December - last day of term

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

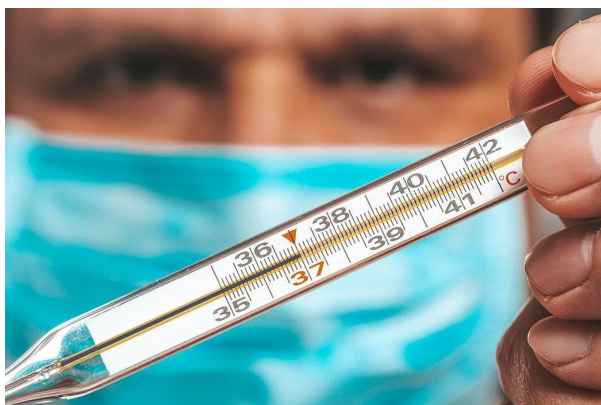
Wednesday 21st July - School Closed- Training Day 5

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 here⁴ 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.

⁴<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

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.

