



Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

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A Message from Mrs Rought



Well it certainly only feels like we have only been back at school for five minutes after the Christmas holidays and we are breaking up for February half term already!

What a busy half term we have had, with lots of exciting things going on in school. The main change for you as parents has been our new Reach More Parents app, which I hope you are navigating to find everything you need to know about school. We have worked hard to make sure that this is the only app you will need! Please explore all the areas, so that you see your forms, notices and the calendar. The Hub is also a great place for links to websites, such as ParentPay. We will continue to use Class Dojo for behaviour points only, although we aim to include this on your app by the summer term.

Thankyou to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week, I hope booking it on the app made it easier for you to choose the slots that suited you. Over 89% of parents booked an appointment, with 85% actually attending. We will certainly continue to use the app for future parents' evenings.

We have enjoyed a wonderful half term of experiences, both in school and out, with many classes enjoying trips. We also have our 2027 residential planned for next year's Year 4,5 and 6. Please see the notices section on the app for more information if your child is in these classes. I know that many children are excited about the residential to Ingestre next half term and I can't wait to visit for the day to see what they are all up to in one of my favourite

places! We have also held our 2026 talent Show auditions and look forward to seeing the finalists perform in our show, we have some extremely talented pupils!

For the last few weeks the children in Years 1-6 have been completing work for the CUSP Arts Festival, as you might remember, we have already completed two CUSP festivals this year, one called Money Matters and the second called The Spoken Word. The art that is being produced will create a whole school piece of art that we can proudly display. CUSP festivals are exciting, as every school that uses CUSP for its curriculum takes part, we share ideas and final pieces, celebrating each other's successes.

This week we have enjoyed some eco-themed work with Litterwatch, we have taken part in a singing event called Harmony with SIPS music, celebrating the place music has for emotional well-being. Year 6 performed their clarinets. KS2 have watched a fantastic WWF live Polar film led by Steve Backshall and the whole school joined in with 4500 other schools for a special Picture News assembly about children's mental health.

Today, we have our 3rd Mental Health and Well-being day, where the children are learning all about how to deal with emotions, finding out more about being safe online and during the afternoon found out all about their Inspirational Individuals, who are: Ellie Simmonds; Will.i.am and Ada Lovelace.

As we look ahead to next half term, we will be focussing on the period of time leading up to Easter and this special time in the church calendar. Please check the dates in this newsletter and on your RMP calendar for all the events that you need to know about, including our annual Easter disco. We will be running a competition for Years 1-6 to decorate an egg and of course, we will be holding our annual Easter bonnet parade for Nursery and Reception children and Easter performances for Years 1-6.

We also have World Book Day, when we will ask children and staff to come to school in their pyjamas for a comfy day sharing books together. The on the 20th March we have Comic Relief, the theme for this year is 'Flipping the Script' so we are asking children to come to school dressed as adults and the adults will come dressed as children, all for £1 towards this fantastic charity, I am sure it will be lots of fun!

For now, I hope you enjoy a wonderful half term, let's hope it finally stops raining! Watch out for information about an Extreme Reading challenge to keep you busy ! We will see you all back to school on Monday 23rd February.

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 are excited to be joining Young Voices at Pulse Arena for the first time in February (the snow meant our original date was cancelled) we hope it will become an annual event for our school. We did join the Wicked Sing-Along with over 300,000 other pupils, which was amazing!

Year 4 and 6 have performed their end of unit concerts to their parents, the clarinets will now be handed to year 3 and the trumpets will move to year 5.

Our clubs 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, years 1 and 6 have worked with Freshwater theatre to understand more about their history and geography topics. Years 3 and 4 have been to The ThinkTank Museum and Year 5 went to The National Space Centre, adding to their understanding in science. Next half term Year 2 are off to The Black Country Living Museum.

We have held our third mental health and Well-being day today, with children focussing on identifying positive and negative feelings and overcoming them. We also looked at some Safer Internet Day resources and we studied our next Inspirational Individual - Years 1/2 - Ellie Simmonds, Years 3/4 - Will.i.am and Years 5/6 - Ada Lovelace.

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 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

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



As you know, Mr Roden, our caretaker, left before Christmas. I am pleased to let you know that our new caretaker will be Mr Richards, or 'Mr Vern' as the children know him best. Mr Richards will be coming back to St Martin's in March , following a break from working in a school since August 2024. He brings a wealth of knowledge about our school and we can't wait to welcome him back, giving us the stability and consistency we need moving forward.

We welcome Mrs Adams as our new Learning Support Practitioner, she brings a wealth of experience and skills to support children across school.

As Year 2 parents are aware, Mrs Nolan is no longer able to continue working at St Martin's due to ill health, whilst we send her all our love and best wishes, we have had to make some staffing plans to ensure Year 2 are given the stability they so deserve following a very disrupted year. I have written to the parents of classes the staffing changes will affect and hope that they understand that we have to sometimes disrupt classes for the good for every child we care for.

Our Collective Worship



This half term we have been thrilled to welcome back to St Martin's 'Open The Book' who are a group of volunteers who work with school to deliver Bible stories in a fun and interactive way. So far they have shared the story of The Creation, Adam and Eve and most recently, Noah's Ark. The children have really enjoyed the visits and we have been complemented by the Open The Book leaders for how welcome they feel and how well behaved our children are.

The liturgical cloth was white at the start of half term, showing that we were still in the Christmas period, it is now green as we enter a normal time within the church calendar.

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 '**Criminal Exploitation**'

What is Criminal Exploitation?

Criminal exploitation is where children and young people are manipulated and coerced into committing crimes. They might be victims of violence or pressured into doing things like stealing or carrying drugs or weapons. They might be abused, exploited and put into dangerous situations, or find themselves as part of a gang, where through peer pressure illegal activity may take place.

Some of the dangers of criminal exploitation are: being subject to threats, blackmail and violence; having their safety or the safety of family and friends threatened; risk of emotional harm or long-term impact on education or employment prospects. For more information please use this link (NSPCC).

[More information about Criminal Exploitation](#)

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.

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:

Week Ending	Winning class	Percentage
9th Jan	Year 4	97.84%
16th Jan	Year 6	98.57%
23rd Jan	Year 3	100%
30th Jan	Year 4	99.31%
6th Feb	Year 3	100%
13th Feb	Year 3	98.67%

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 1 is: Year 4 - 98.22%

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 and 4 Trip to ThinkTank

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful trip to the ThinkTank, Birmingham Science Museum. They enjoyed exploring all of the different areas within the museum, and accessed lots of resources from the Past and Present.

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed an interactive workshop about their body and how they eat. They joined in with a healthy eating quiz, discussing what their body needs to function at its best. They discussed different food groups and why their body needs different things to develop properly.

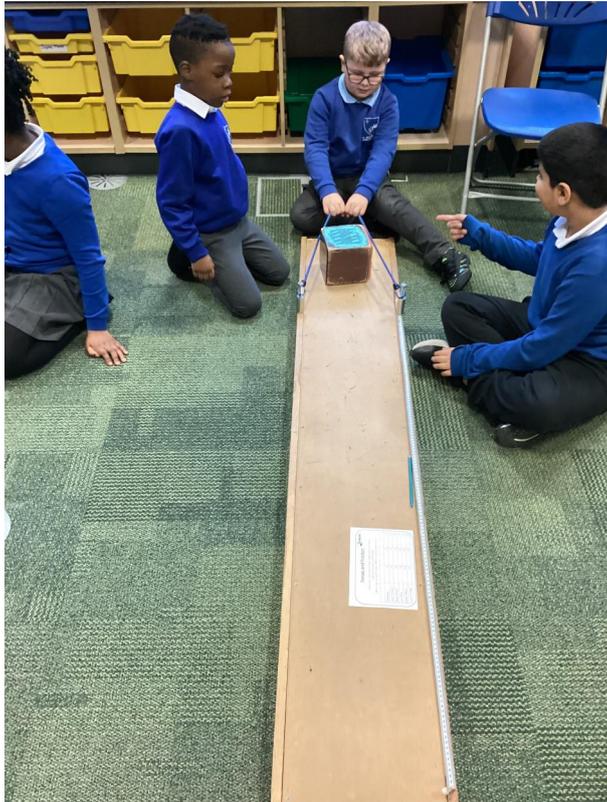
Year 3 took part in a fantastic workshop all about forces and friction. They were enthusiastic, curious and asked lots of inquisitive questions throughout the day.

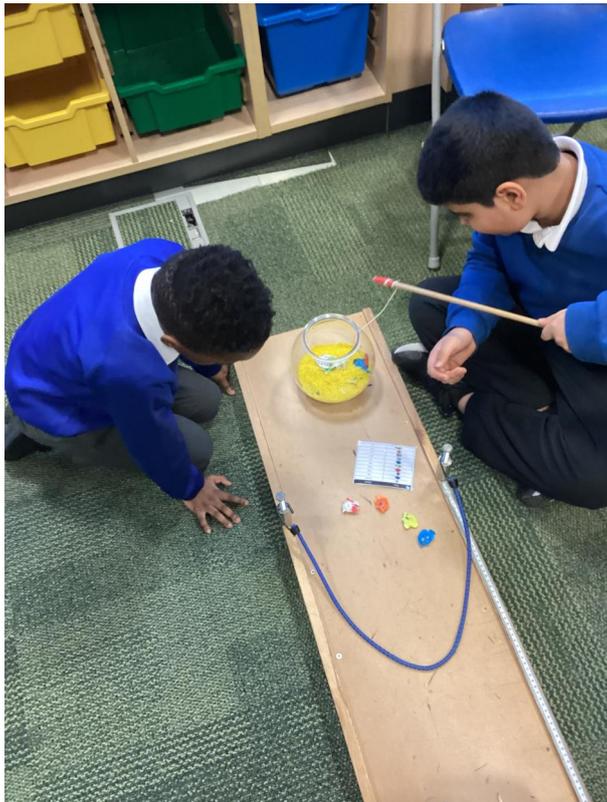
The children were all amazing and a real credit to St. Martin's with the staff at the centre being very complimentary.



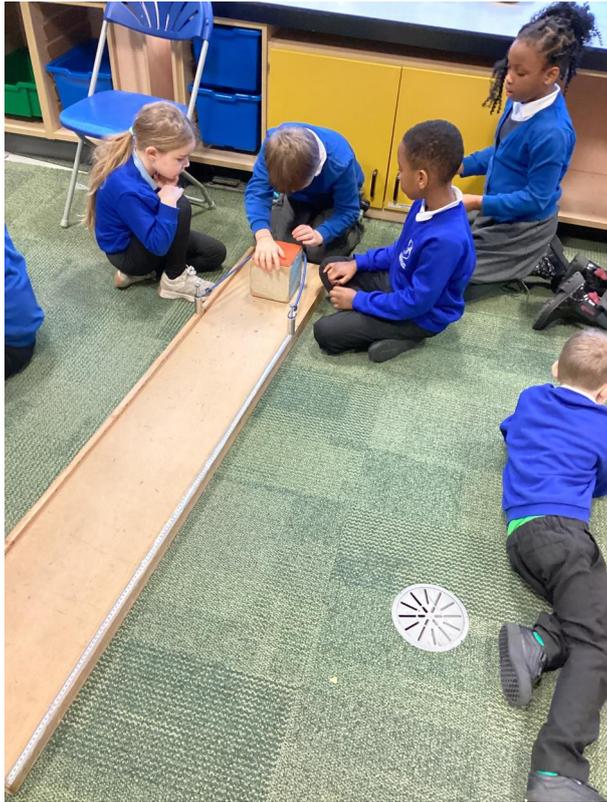














Year 5 Trip to Leicester Space Centre

What a fantastic trip Year 5 had in Leicester at the National Space Centre! The children were amazing and had so much fun! They got to explore all around the centre and find out lots of new and interesting facts. They got to watch a great interactive show all about the solar system and the children shone in the quizzes.

The children took part in a great workshop which explained all about the Sun, Earth and Moon. They even got to create their own moon phases chart which the children got to take home, along with a lovely individual picture captured of them in a space suit.

We were so proud of every single one of them. Well done Year 5!









Year 1 - Freshwater Theatre - Continents and Oceans Workshop

Year 1 took a trip around the world with Debra Zebra from the Freshwater Theatre Company. What a wonderful experience they had enhancing their recent continents and oceans geography work! They visited Base Camp in the Himalayas and waddled with penguins in Antarctica, as well as snorkeling in several seas! Take care explorers!





Year 6 - Freshwater Theatre Workshop - Windrush

The fantastic Freshwater Theatre company came in to visit Year 6 where the children took part in a drama workshop about Windrush. It was such a fun activity for the children to get them engaged in such an important topic. They even got to dress up which they loved! One of the key themes that we focussed on was considering how people felt when they arrived here and, more importantly, how they were made to feel by others. Not only did they deliver this in a fun, engaging way as “time-travellers” but also being able to deliver an important lesson.





Year 4 Trumpet Concert

Year 4 had their trumpet performance on 4th February, we hope the parents enjoyed the range of music the children performed. It was lovely to see how much they have progressed since last year in terms of reading the music and performing.



Year 6 Clarinet Concert

Our Year 6 musicians delivered a truly outstanding performance, showcasing not only their musical skill but also their confidence, teamwork, and dedication. From the very first note, it was clear how much effort they had invested in their rehearsals.

As they played, you could see how proud they were of what they had achieved—and rightly so. Every child played their part with assurance, supporting one another and rising to the challenge of performing live.

This performance was a wonderful reflection of their hard work, resilience, and growing musicianship. They represented the school brilliantly and should feel incredibly proud of themselves. It was a pleasure to watch them shine, and we look forward to seeing their musical journeys continue to flourish.



Wicked Singalong

Our Young Voices choir joined a live stream on 22nd January to take part in a Wicked Singalong from the O2! Over 8000 children were at the O2, along with over 300,000 joining remotely from all over the world! We even heard from Emma Kingston, the actress playing Elphaba in the West End! It was fantastic to be part of something so special, we now can't wait to take part in our own concert which had to be postponed due to the snow.



Fundraising for Fereday's First Response Bleed Kit

We have been able to donate £200 to Fereday's First Response following our successful non-uniform day on Monday 26th January! This means that we can fund two more bleed kits for local schools. Thank you all for your support!

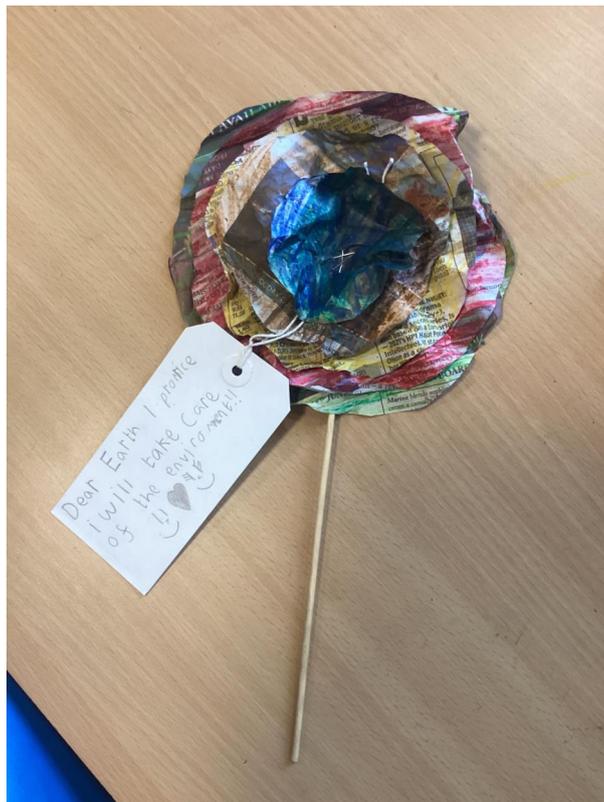


Eco Workshops with Litter Watch

We welcomed visitors from Litter Watch Sandwell into school to carry out eco workshops with the children, highlighting the importance of recycling and looking after the environment.

Some of the classes had a visit from Mr Pickle, where they helped to sort rubbish into the correct bins that we have in Sandwell. Other classes took part in activities using recycled materials to make flowers which can be used to decorate your food waste bins at home!

Year 6 took part in a litter pick on the school grounds and meadow area where they managed to fill 2 whole bags of rubbish!















Kore Sandwell - Free Holiday Camp February Half Term



Thanks to funding from Tesco Community Grant, Tipton Sports Academy are offering spaces to Sandwell residents aged 8 to 16 years, on our FREE February half term holiday camp. Sessions are running 9am till 1pm on 19th and 20th Feb 2026. Expect fun, active sessions plus healthy snacks to keep children energised. Places are limited and allocated on first come first served basis.

To book please email michelle.jones2@korewellness.co.uk

Football Future Stars February Half Term Camp 2026

FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS



FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP 2026

2 FUN-FILLED DAYS OF FOOTBALL, FRIENDS & CONFIDENCE!

Looking for an exciting, active and safe way to keep your child engaged this February half term?

Our Football Future Stars Half Term Camp delivers high-energy coaching, fun competitions and unforgettable memories for children of all abilities, from complete beginners to confident players.

ORMISTON SANDWELL COMMUNITY ACADEMY
LOWER CITY ROAD, TIVIDALE, OLDBURY, B69 2HE
(OUTDOOR GRASS PITCHES)

MONDAY 16TH – TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2026

10:00AM – 3:00PM

EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE FROM 9:30AM

CHILDREN 4 – 15 YEARS

WHY PARENTS & CHILDREN LOVE OUR CAMPS

- 18 years of trusted experience with FA qualified, DBS-checked coaches
- Safe, supportive environment with children supervised at all times
- Builds confidence, fitness and social skills while staying active all day
- Fun football coaching – dribbling, passing, shooting & small-sided games
- Professional goals & personal footballs provided
- Grouped by age and ability
- Parents welcome anytime

PRESENTATION DAY • PRICES • BOOKING

MEDALS, TROPHIES & BIG SMILES!

TUESDAY AT 2:00PM PRESENTATION

EVERY CHILD RECEIVES:

A MEDAL
A CERTIFICATE

EXTRA TROPHIES TO BE WON:

PLAYER OF THE CAMP
WORLD CUP COMPETITION
PENALTY SHOOT-OUT
AMERICAN SHOOT-OUT
SKILL POINT CHAMPIONS

PARENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

CAMP PRICES

£40 – Full 2-Day Camp

£25 – Single Day

£15 – Each additional brother or sister

⚠ Limited spaces available – early booking recommended!

HOW TO BOOK

Text: 07496 548498

Please include:

Child's name

Age

Message: Football Camp

PAYMENT DETAILS

Business Name: Craig John Woodward

Sort Code: 04-00-06

Account Number: 17102598

Reference: Child's Name

CONTACT & SOCIALS

EMAIL: CWSOCCERCOACHING@OUTLOOK.COM

FACEBOOK: FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS

INSTAGRAM: FOOTBALLFUTURESTARS26

Lunch break: 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Children bring a packed lunch & plenty of drinks

Outdoor camp – football boots or trainers can be worn

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

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 Chips • Peas Banana Mousse	Fish Goujons Chips • Spaghetti Hoops Crispy Vegetable Burger Chips • Spaghetti Hoops Iced Shortbread Biscuit	Harry Ramadan Junior Battered Pollock or Harry Ramadan Sweet Potato & Salmon Fishcake Chips • Peas Quorn & Sweet Potato Curry Chips • Peas Sprinkle Tray Bake & Custard

Easy Fundraising



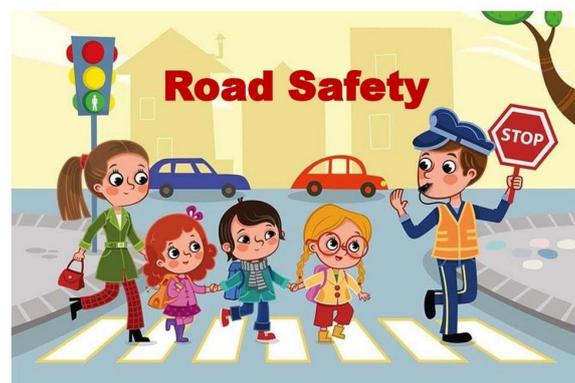
We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us raise funds for FREE.

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

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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 term dates for 2025/26)



Key Dates

2025/26

SPRING TERM 2025/26

Friday 13th February - Break up for half term

Monday 23rd February - Return to school

Wednesday 4th March - Talent Show

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - wear pyjamas

Friday 20th March - Comic Relief - Flipping the Script - children come dressed as adults.

Monday 23rd March - Years 1-6 bring your decorated egg to school

Tuesday 24th March - EYFS Easter Bonnets 9:15am

Wednesday 25th March - Year 1 and 2 Easter performance for parents 9:15am

Wednesday 25th March - Easter Disco

Thursday 26th March - Year 3 and 4 Easter performance for parents 9am

Thursday 26th March - Year 5 and 6 Easter performance for parents 2:15pm

Friday 27th March - Mental Health and Well-being Day 4 - wear own clothes

Friday 27th March - break up for Easter holidays

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

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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