



Summer 1 Newsletter 2025

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[A Message from Mrs Rought](#)



I did say that this was a very short half term, but wow, we have packed a lot into it!

Year 6 have completed their SATS and as expected, they showed great determination in their approach to these tests, we really could not have asked for more from them, they thoroughly deserved the trip to Drayton Manor as their reward for all their hard work. Next half term they will be working on their Leavers' Play and planning their prom, so that we can see them off in style.

We have held auditions for our very first Talent Show, we were blown away by the talents our children have. The Talent Show will take place on Wednesday 25th June and I cannot wait for you to see the wide range of talents our children have.

Our clubs offer this term has been very popular, with more on offer for music and other creative subjects. Our first Fizz Pop science session will start on the 2nd June if you have signed your child up. We have a choir, who will be singing in Young Voices 26, they sound wonderful! We will let you know about Autumn clubs offer a few weeks before the end of term, so that you can sign your child up for anything that they might like.

As ever, we have had lots of visits / visitors into school to enhance our curriculum. On 30th April, year 5 went to Q3 to see their performance of 'We Will Rock You'. The children had an amazing experience and our staff were so proud of their impeccable behaviour. On Friday 2nd May, Dudley First Responders came in to work with all the children, teaching them how to make an emergency 999 call. The older children learnt how to do CPR and how to deal with bleeding. On 7th May, Year 5 went on their trip to the Black Country Museum and had a wonderful time learning about life in Victorian times in the Black Country.

The highlight of the half term has got to be our VE Day celebration, the children and staff looked great in their 1940s costumes and we all enjoyed our street party, singing along to war time songs, creating beautiful collaborative art and learning about VE through a visiting workshop. Jake, from AS Creatives, who led the sessions, said that we were his favourite school of the week. He complimented the children and their attitude to learning and the staff on the commitment to ensuring the children had the best experience. We have shared our photos on Dojo, but they are also on this newsletter as a reminder.

This week we had a visit from James from WBA foundation and Baggie Bird, who came in to launch our 'Baggie Bird Penalty Shootout', which is taking place on Thursday 12th June. We also enjoyed a WBA Football Roadshow, which meant every class had the chance to spend time with the WBA coaches, working on their football skills and enjoying inflatable darts!

Next half term will be just as busy, with lots of trips planned for year groups. Year 1 are visiting Dudley Zoo, Year 2 are going to Edgmond Hall, Year 3 are visiting the Sea Life Centre and Year 4 are off to the Bodenheim Arboretum and Symphony Hall. We also have sports days, bikeability sessions, PCSO workshops for years 5 and 6, our last inspirational individual of the year and of course, the children will find out who their teacher will be next year. Year 1 and some of year 2 will have their phonics test and year 4 have their multiplication tables

check in June, the results of all of the assessments will come home to you in your child's annual report on the 9th July.

We also have our Summer Fair to look forward to on Saturday 12th July, I really hope we can build on the great success of last year, bringing our school community together.

Hello and Goodbye

We have a few hellos to say this half term, our new caretaker has joined us, he is called Mr Roden and he is really happy to be here at St Martin's helping us to make our school as safe and attractive as we can. As you can imagine, we have a long list of jobs for him, starting with ensuring the playground is clear of the left over benches after the Whitsun break.

We also say hello to Miss Wheeler, a new lunchtime supervisor who joined us last week and will be an excellent addition to our lunchtime team.

You may have heard news that Mrs Judge, our School Business Manager, will be leaving us soon, her last day is the 1st July, when she will take up her new role for Sandwell Council. I am sure you will wish Mrs Judge all the very best!

Our Collective Worship



This half term we have focused specifically on our Christian values and ethos through stories about what happened after Jesus rose from the dead. The liturgical cloth has been white

since our return after Easter, which shows that we are still in the special time of Easter, this will remain white, until Pentecost, on the 8th June, when the cloth will be red.

Since our return this half term, we have focussed on:

29th April - Jesus meets the disciples after his resurrection / Doubting Thomas

6th May - VE Day

13th May - (classroom led due to SATS) Picture News

19th May - The Ascension of Jesus

The children have enjoyed hearing these stories and have followed up with further conversations in their class worship on Tuesdays.

Year 5 Trip to Black Country Museum





What a fantastic day! Year 5 had a great time at the Black Country Living Museum today. Their behaviour was outstanding and they enjoyed every minute.

Particular highlights were the Victorian school lesson, playing the Victorian street games, watching Laurel and Hardy in the cinema, and asking lots of questions about the artefacts in the different buildings.

Lots of children have said that they would love to go again with their families so that they can share the experience with them!

First Aid Day with Dudley Community First Responders

All the children from reception to year 6 had an incredibly important visit from Dudley Community First Responders, who talked to us about what to do in an emergency.

This included life saving process of danger, response, shout for help, catastrophic bleeding, air way, breathing, CPR and defibrillator.

A huge thank you for those volunteers for the amazing work that they do, but also for giving up their time to come and inform us and help us to understand what to do





VE Day Celebrations

What a fantastic day we had in school, celebrating the very special 80th anniversary of VE Day.

The staff and children came to school dressed in 1940s clothes, as they arrived at school we had 1940s wartime tunes playing and the bunting was out! The children all brought along some food for our class street parties.

We all completed work for our collaborative art projects, we sang along to some war time songs and learnt all about VE Day and why it was such a special day in 1945 and why we should always remember.

The children in years R-Year 6 all had a class workshop led by Jake from As Creatives, each with a different focus. Jake complimented our children and staff for their enthusiasm and excellent attitude during the sessions.











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Year 6 Trip to Drayton Manor

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Drayton Manor. They were so brave and had a go on all of the rides, even the upside down ones! They were so well behaved and lots of fun was had by us all.

The children deserved this trip for all of the effort put in during SAT's.







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 Lead: Mrs Rought

Deputy designated safeguarding lead: Miss Hunt

Spotlight on: Cyber Bullying and Online Safety

Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets—adults and children can be victims of this form of bullying so we have to be vigilant. The impact of this bullying can be wide reaching from feeling frightened and intimidated, being the victim of fake gossip or rumours, having photos or videos posted about you, being on the receiving end of language that causes offense and an argument, threatening behaviour etc. In addition people with malicious intent can use the internet for grooming of young and vulnerable people, fraud, stalking, exclusion, blackmail etc. The internet and social media can be fun and can bring many educational and personal benefits but adult and child alike we must protect ourselves from misuse. For more information go to www.bullying.co.uk

Social Media Platforms

Do you know what your child is doing online?

Are you routinely talking to your child and checking what internet sites they are accessing? It is very important to monitor and teach your child some key internet safety rules...

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it— is it a photo you would want everyone to see?
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.
- 4) Never give out your passwords (except to your parents if they want to check your accounts to keep you safe).
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know.
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are—adults sometimes pretend to be children to make friends with you online.
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.
- 10) Use parental safety software/apps to block inappropriate internet use and monitor your children's online activity
- 11) Ensure that the online games your child wants to play are appropriate to their age.

12) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website and tell a trusted adult immediately.

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.



Dementia Friendly School



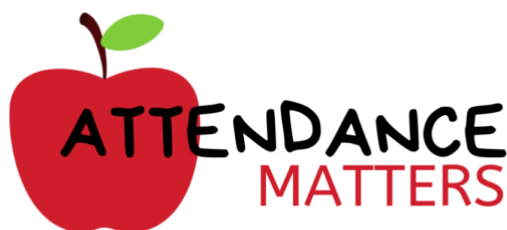
As the academic year progresses, we are continuing with work associated with our 'Dementia Friendly School' award.

The Alzheimer's Society has information about dementia for teenagers and young adults, and for children, including videos. Some young people have found it helpful to learn more about dementia by becoming a dementia friend. Dementia can be a difficult concept to explain to children - but there are some really great resources to help you to support your own child at home.

The link here has lots of helpful guides and resources: [Explaining dementia to children and young people | Alzheimer's Society](#)

Please remember - if you would like any support or would like to talk to anyone regarding dementia then please contact Mrs Lees. We are happy to support your family wherever necessary.

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
2 May	Year 2 and Year 5	99.3%
9 May	Reception	99.6%
16 May	Year 6	100%
23 May	Year 3	99.7%

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 1 is: Reception – 98.3%

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 Lead)** or **Mrs Breckell (Attendance Champion)**.

We are happy to work together with you to ensure children achieve the best attendance possible. Our attendance is currently the highest in Tipton! 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.

Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children Newsletter June and July 2025



SPDC Parent Carer June & July 2025 Newsletter

Sessions at a glance!

- Adult Transition Meeting
Wednesday 4th June 10-11.30am
- Hydro Pool Session
Sunday 8th June 3pm-4.00pm
- Yoga with Bryony
Monday 9th June 10-11.30am
- Coffee morning & Craft
Tuesday 10th June 10-11.30am
- Craft morning with Paula
Wednesday 11th June 10-11.30am
- Lunchtime Zumba
Thursday 12th June 12-12.45pm
- Coffee with Talking Therapies
Friday 13th June 10-11.30am
- Make good art with Alison
Thursday 19th June 10-11.30am
- Floral workshop
Friday 27th June 10-12.00pm
- Cooking with Fiona
Monday 14th July 10-12.00pm
- Make good art with Alison
Thursday 17th July 10-11.30am
- Hydro Therapy Session
Sunday 27th July 5-6.00pm
- Hydro Therapy Session
Sunday 17th August 5-6.00pm

Hello Summer!

SPDC parent carer activities in June & July continues to offer both informative and social opportunities for parent carers in Sandwell SEND community.

As part of these activities we are excited to be celebrating Carers Week and hope to see as many of you as possible throughout our week of activities!

Parent Carer activities are on hold during the Summer holidays but you will still see me at Short Breaks activities, as I will be taking the opportunity but should you require information, signposting or support I am contactable on:

0121 565 2410, 07969 519701 or email admin@sp-dc.org

Take Care
Claire x

Cost of living

Struggling with the cost of living?
We can help...

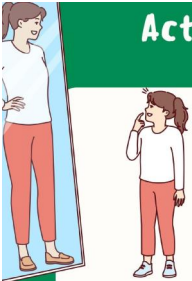
Appointments available every Tuesday 9.30am-1:00pm throughout June & July at SPDC HQ

Our cost of living advisers offer free support with:

- Benefits
- Budgeting
- Debt
- Employment
- Energy

Please contact us on 0121 565 2410 to book your appointment.

SPDC Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children
Galton Valley Children's Centre
Great Arthur St
Sandwell, West Midlands
B66 1DH
Sessions during Tuesday 17th April 10am-12pm



Activities for Parent Carers

Adult Transition

Wednesday 4th June 10:00am-11:30am
Galton Valley Children's Centre, Great Arthur Street, Smethwick B66 1DH

Eleanor Burton is a Commissioner for Learning Disability, Autism, Mental Health, Care homes and Respite for Adult Services within Sandwell Council.

Eleanor is looking for input on the design of replacement care (respite) care services for adults with a Learning Disability and/or Autism living in Sandwell.

This is any form of replacement care whether this may be for an hour or a longer period of time, including overnight. We are looking at how care and support can be delivered in the way the individual would like to be supported, is least disruptive to their routine, and allows them flexibility and fulfilment when their main carer is not available. Services provided in a place the individual would like to be supported.

The team have been looking at ways this could be provided such as day opportunities in the community e.g. outdoor education activities, services traditionally known as 'sitting services', Home Care, Shared Lives, activity holidays/short breaks. They are also interested in exploring services that people can do with their main carer so that they can both have a break from their normal routine, for example, supported holidays and short breaks.

We are aware there are more options for Short Breaks in children's services than adult services and we are looking to capture views on what works, what doesn't work, what should we look at developing more of.

We are also really keen to look at the best way to capture the voice of the people who do or will use services in the future and gain their input into the service development.



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Metropolitan Borough Council

Please email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book your places!

Activities for Parent Carers

SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
PRESENTS:

CARERS WEEK

9TH-15TH JUNE

SPDC want to reach as many parent carers as possible so over the week will be hosting six activities in six towns of Sandwell

Sunday 8th June: Relaxing Hydro Pool Session 3-4pm Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury, B69 1HE	Monday 9th June: Yoga with Bryony 10-11.30am Tipton library, Victoria Rd, Tipton, DY4-5SR
Tuesday 10th June : Coffee Morning & Craft 10-11.30am South Staffs Water Hub, unit 17, Union St, Wednesbury WS10 7HD	Wednesday 11th June: Craft Morning with Paula 10-11.30am Brasshouse Centre, Brasshouse Lane, Smethwick B66 1BA
Thursday 12th June: Lunchtime Zumba 12-12.45pm West Bromwich Leisure, Moor St, West Bromwich B70 7AZ	Friday 13th June: Coffee & Chat with Talking Therapies 10-11.30am Carluccios coffee shop, Sainsburys, Halesowen St, Blackheath B65 0HG

You are able to book more than one session by emailing spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org
For more information, contact Claire: 0121 565 2410

Carers Week
Caring about equality

Sandwell
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Please email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book your places!

Activities for Parent Carers

Make Good Arts with Alison Photography Session Session two

Thursday 19th June 10:00-11:30am
Galton Valley Children's Centre,
Great Arthur Street, Smethwick B66 1DH

Thanks to the Arts Council, Alison from Make Good Arts is able to offer 5 sessions giving parent carers the opportunity to take part in a variety of mediums art with a view to creating art work that expresses different aspects of your caring role.

Each session we will focus on different techniques and the end results will be exhibited at SPDC's Annual General Meeting which takes place in November.

This session will be covering photography.

Don't worry if you can't make all of the sessions, please book on when you can.

Please email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book your place.

Spring Floral Workshop

Friday 27th June 10:00am-12:00pm
West Smethwick Pavillion, West Park Road,
Smethwick B67 7JJ

Following the success of our session in April, Samantha from the Floral Wellbeing company is offering to repeat the opportunity for parent carers who want to learn a new skill specifically creating a floral arrangement in an aqua box that can be a gift to yourself or for a loved one.

All resources will be provided.

Please note: This is a repeat of the previous session so if you attended the previous session, and so priority will be given to those parent carers who have not had chance to enjoy this experience.

Please email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book your place.

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Activities for Parent Carers



Lets make bread with Fiona



Monday 14th July 10:00am-12:00pm
Wesley Centre for all, Spring Head, Wednesbury, WS10 9AD

Following the success of the fake away session held in April, we are able to offer a further opportunity of a practical cooking session to prepare a more healthy options than take away or processed food.

Feedback from our last session has shown that you would like to explore cuisines and so our first stop on this world food series will be Italy and so we will be offering the opportunity to make Focaccia and dough balls from scratch.

This will be a perfect accompaniment to you spaghetti bolognese!

Gluten free options will be available upon request.



Fiona Allan Nutrition



Make Good Arts with Alison Painting & Drawing Session Session three



Thursday 17th July 10:00-11:30am
Galton Valley Children's Centre,
Great Arthur Street, Smethwick B66 1DH

Alison from Make Good Arts is able to offer 5 sessions to give parent carers the opportunity to take part in a variety of crafting with a view to creating art work that expresses different aspects of your caring role.

Each session we will focus on different techniques and the end results will be exhibited at SPDC's Annual General Meeting which takes place in November.

This session will be covering Drawing & Painting.

Don't worry if you can't make all of the sessions, please book on when you can.

Please email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book your places!

Activities for Parent Carers



Hydro Pool Session



Sunday 27th July 5:00pm-6:00pm
Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69-1HE

We are delighted to once again be able to work with Portway Lifestyle Centre to offer parent carers the chance to enjoy an adults only hydro pool session.

Hydrotherapy pools offer numerous benefits for the body including soothing aching muscles and ease any joint pain. This makes them a great choice for anyone storing stresses and tensions in their body.

Please note this is an adult only activity for parent carers and is a separate offer to family activities.

We have been able to sneak in one Hydro pool session in August too!

Sunday 17th August 5:00pm-6:00pm
Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69-1HE



Please email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book your place.



Have a great Summer and parent carer sessions will resume in September!

Contact us!

Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children
Galton Valley Childrens Centre, Great Arthur Street, Smethwick, B66 1DH

Tel 0121 565 2410

Email info@sp-dc.org

Charity Number 1125576



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Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children Family Club Newsletter





At a glance
Monday 2nd June
Monday 9th June
Monday 16th June
Thursday 26th June
Monday 30th June
Monday 7th July
Monday 14th July



June – July 2025



Please read all information carefully.

Family Club returns Monday 2nd June 2025
@ West Bromwich Leisure Centre, Moor Street, West Bromwich, B70 7AZ
5:00pm – 6:30pm 

Families that have not yet completed the Additional Short break Registration Form.

1. Register your interest in short break activities by completing a registration form at <https://fis.sandwell.gov.uk/kb5/sandwell/directory/advice.page?id=IHHmymrDc2s>
If you have any problems completing the form, contact us or email SCT_shortbreaks@sandwellchildrenstrust.org

Once you have registered with Short Breaks

2. You will receive "credits" via email from The Children's Trust.

3. When you receive your credits from The Children's Trust you will need to allocate credits to SPDC's activities.

4. Once you have allocated some of your credits to SPDC you can either contact us via email at spdcbooking@sp-dc.org to let us know what you would like to take part in or wait for us to contact you.

You will not be able to access any activities with SPDC unless you follow the above procedure so please contact us if you need further information or require help.

Contact Us!

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Website www.sp-dc.org
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Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children Family Club Activities

Club Activities 5.00pm–6.30pm



Monday 2nd June

A Bugs life will be theme this evening

Colourful and creepy crawlies crafts will be on offer.



On the active side, football, badminton, table tennis, parachute & basketball will be on offer.

For our younger visitors (under 8's and those with specific sensory needs) we have exclusive use of the soft play area situated on the ground floor of the Centre from 5:30pm–6:30pm.



Monday 9th June

Fathers Day activities or for that special Man.

Join us for an evening of crafts to help celebrate that special Man. Sensory play on offer along with building blocks activities and games.



On the active side we have a visit from Vince who will be joining us for a Zumba session between 5:30pm–6:00pm followed by our ever popular sporting opportunities.



Monday 16th June – Sycamore Adventure Centre Sycamore Green, Dudley, DY1 3QE



Enjoy the Go karts, climbing frames, water play, sand and ball games with staff!

Sycamore Adventure also offers indoor crafts, sensory room and indoor play.

Finishing the evening sitting by the camp fire!

Snacks and drinks on offer to purchase but there is no hot food. You are more than welcome to bring along food.



Thursday 26th June – RSPB Tanhouse Avenue, Great Barr B43 5AG



Lets enjoy a summer evening in the beautiful RSPB, taking in the scenery and wildlife spotting.

Pond dipping, mud kitchen and maybe see a mini beast or two.



Monday 30th June – Sandwell Valley park Farm. Salters Lane, West Bromwich B70 4BG



Join the team for an evening of fun, games and crafts in the park.

Families if feeling energetic can enjoy a gentle stroll around the park to discover new things.



Cobs and refreshments will be offer.



Monday 7th July SPDC's – Mash Up

Anything goes, this evening will be an evening of messy play and various crafts, along with sensory play, building blocks activities and games. Let us know what you would like to see, take part in.



On the active side we have a visit from Vince who will be joining us for a Zumba session between 5:30pm–6:00pm followed by our ever popular sporting opportunities.



Monday 14th July – Inflata Nation Unit 6 Astle Park, West Bromwich . B70 8NS

Please remember to attend this activity you will need to have allocated your credits to SPDC's Family Activities.

Were ending for the summer with fun at Inflata Nation.

It is pay and display parking that will need to be purchased before entry.

Families will need to complete a waiver form before taking part and will be asked to read all safety instructions.



Shoes need to be removed and socks must be worn at all times. We advise all bouncers to wear long trousers/leggings and long sleeves. Have FUN!!!

Contact Us!

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Black Country Local History Fayre



Tipton Town Libraries Local History Group
For more information please contact the History Group on tthistorygroup@outlook.com



Organised by Tipton Town Libraries Local History Group

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL HISTORY FAYRE

Saturday 7th June 2025
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
TIPTON SPORTS ACADEMY & SOCIAL CLUB
Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton, DY4 0BS

Lee Howls Photos by Nick Hedges

Palethorpes Unseen Photos

Warley Model Railway Club

Nigel Martin's Award Winning Costume Exhibition

Tipton's Transport Heritage: Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Local History Stalls

Local Authors

Princes End Rare Maps

Tipton Slasher Heritage Trail

Refreshments



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DID YOU OR ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY WORK AT LEE, HOWL AND CO. IN TIPTON?

DID YOU PLAY FOR ANY OF THEIR SPORTS TEAMS?
DO YOU HAVE MEMORIES OR PHOTOS TO SHARE?

Come along to our local history fayre and help
us tell the story of this iconic Tipton firm.





Tipton Town Libraries Local History Group
TTHistoryGroup@outlook.com

Tipton Sports Academy
Saturday 7th June 2025
10am – 3pm
Organised by the Tipton Town Libraries Local History Group



May Half Term Free Activities



Life in Community

CREATING A PLAYABLE SANDWELL

May Half Term Free Activities 2025

Tuesday 27th May & Friday 30th May 2025

**10.30am-12.30pm
12.45pm-2.45pm**

**St Johns Church Hall,
Upper Church Lane, Tipton, DY4 9ND**

These sessions are open to
* 5-16 year olds
* Parents/carers to stay.
Younger siblings are welcome

To find out
more text **'PLAY'** to
07752 659257

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Metropolitan Borough Council

Choices Activities

Free, Fun Family Activities this May!
Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 May
For families with children aged 5 - 12

Trampoline Park
Family Games
Horse Riding
Growing your Own
Learn to ride a bike
Swimming

Book online using the website or QR code:
www.bookwhen.com/choices

For further information, contact:
Choices_Sandwell@sandwell.gov.uk
0121 569 5100

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Metropolitan Borough Council

Choices

HEALTH SANDWELL
We find the support you need

Go Play May Half Term



4 Community Trust - Wraparound Care Provision

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS **4 COMMUNITY TRUST**

Looking for **Breakfast** or **Afterschool** care for your child?
We provide your child with **OFSTED** registered care,
with lots of **fun activities** and **healthy meals**
GUARANTEED

Breakfast Club: 7:30AM - Start Of School - £5.50 Per Session
Afterschool Club: End Of School - 6:00PM - £12 Per Session
Afterschool Club: End Of School - 4:15PM (No Meal) - £6

Located On School Site
Book NOW:
0121 752 5969

Ofsted raising standards improving lives
Childcare Choices



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 old year 5 room, which was upgraded over the summer. It now has a kitchen area fitted, 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:

[4Community Trust - Wraparound Care Provision | St Martin's C E Primary School \(st-martins.sandwell.sch.uk\)](https://www.4communitytrust.org.uk/4Community%20Trust%20-%20Wraparound%20Care%20Provision%20|%20St%20Martin's%20C%20E%20Primary%20School%20(st-martins.sandwell.sch.uk))

Easy Fundraising



We're now 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.

School Dinners - Summer 2025 Menu

New Dish for 2025		WEEK 1 Weeks starting: 2nd Apr, 9th May, 2nd Jun, 23rd Jun, 16th Jul		WEEK 2 Weeks starting: 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th Jun, 30th Jun, 23rd Jul		WEEK 3 Weeks starting: 5th May, 26th May, 30th Jun, 7th Jul	
PICCOLO SUMMER	Mega Mondays	Chicken & Tomato Meat (V) Summer Pasta Recipe (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Homemade Cheddar Biscuits (V) Summer Breads, Souffles Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Ice Cream (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Deep Pan Fried Potatoes Recipe (V) Mini Bacon Cheddar Biscuits (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Homemade Cheddar Biscuits (V) Baked Potato Souffles, Souffles, Souffles Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread New Doughnuts (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Deep Pan Fried Potatoes Recipe (V) Spread & Potato Curry & Rice (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Homemade Cheddar Biscuits (V) Baked Potato Souffles, Souffles, Souffles Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt	
	Tasty Tuesday	Chicken & Curry & Seasoned Rice Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Summer Pasta Recipe (V) Spread & Potato Curry & Rice (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Baked Potato Souffles, Souffles, Souffles Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		The Dishes All Day Breakfast Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Baked Potato Souffles, Souffles, Souffles Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt	
	Roast Wednesday	Roast Chicken (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Roast Chicken (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Roast Chicken (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt	
	Try It Thursday	Deep Pan Fried Potatoes Recipe (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Deep Pan Fried Potatoes Recipe (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Deep Pan Fried Potatoes Recipe (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt	
	Fishy Fridays	Baked Fish & Potatoes Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Baked Fish & Potatoes Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt		Baked Fish & Potatoes Roast Potatoes & Peas (V) Spread with a Choice of Wings (V) Fresh Daily Salad Selections, Fresh Bread Bread Chocolate Cakes (V) Dairy Alternatives, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt	

Please remember that if you would like your child to have a school dinner, regardless of whether it is chargeable, you must order before **8.45am** each day or you can book many days in advance. If you book a meal, please do not send your child with a packed lunch as you may still be charged. Please remember to cancel any pre-booked meals if your child is absent. All meals need to be booked and paid for (if applicable) on the School Grid app. If you need any help, please contact the office.

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](#)



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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.

Paperless Communication



A reminder that we are now paperless. The transition has worked very well, so thank you for working with us on this and using Dojo and our MS forms for communication.

School car parks



We have been receiving a number of complaints regarding parents parking inconsiderately . If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads.

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 2024/25)



Please note that we have added in statutory assessment dates for Year 1 phonics, Year 4 multiplication testing and Year 6 SATS for 2024 and 2025. It is vital that your child attends school during this time, in order to take the assessments.

Key Dates

2024/25

SUMMER TERM 2025

Friday 23rd May - last day of half term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - half term holiday

Monday 2nd June - Training Day 4 - **school closed to pupils**

Tuesday 3rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Testing window (two weeks)

Friday 6th June - Class Photo's and Year 6 Leaver's Portraits

Monday 9th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week

Monday 9th June - Reception Fathers' Day Stay and Play

Tuesday 10th June - Nursery Fathers' Day Stay and Play

Wednesday 11th June - Year 4 Trip to Bodenham Arboretum

Thursday 12th June - Baggie Bird Penalty Shootout

Wednesday 2nd July - Years 1 & 2 Sports Day at 1.15 pm - 2.15 pm

Wednesday 2nd July - Year 3 & 4 Sports Day at 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

Thursday 3rd July - Children meet their new teacher

Monday 7th July - Reception and Nursery Sports Day at 9.15 am and 2.15 pm

Wednesday 9th July - Reports to parents

Wednesday 9th July - Year 5 Sports Day at 1.15 pm - 2.15 pm

Wednesday 9th July - Year 6 Sports Day at 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

Thursday 10th July - Year 6 Prom at 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Tuesday 15th July - Rocksteady Concert at 9.00 am

Tuesday 15th July - Year 6 leavers Play - 5pm

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Leaver's Play - 9am

Friday 18th July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - 9am

Friday 18th July - Last day of term - school closes to all pupils at the end of the day

Monday 21st July - Training Day 5 - school closed

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AUTUMN TERM 2025

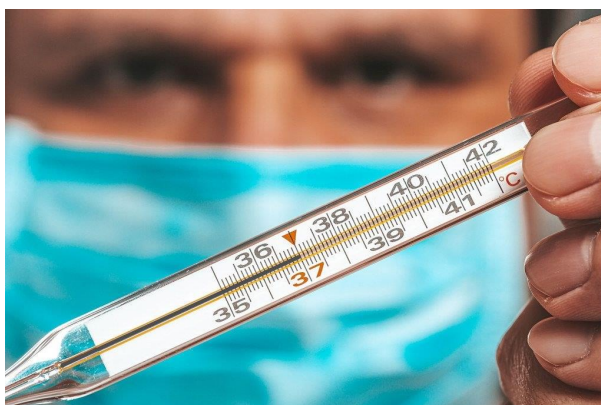
Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September - Training Days 1 and 2 - school closed

Covid/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.

