



Spring 2 Newsletter 2025

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A Message from Mrs Rought



It doesn't seem five minutes since I wrote to you at the end of the first Spring half term and here we are ready to break up for our Easter end of term holiday.

It has certainly been another busy and exciting half term here at St Martin's, with so many special guests and event days happening. The children have learnt about road safety with Sophie Lounds, how to be safe near a railway by taking part in a nationwide assembly from Network Rail, Years 3 and 4 learnt about air pollution through the Auntie Duck initiative and we took part in the Sustran Big Walk and Wheel! Sandwell Litterwatch have been in a few times, firstly to work with EYFS about recycling, then Years 1 and 2 had seed craft sessions and our Eco Council spent time litter picking around the school site. We have also enjoyed careers talks and author events, which all enhance our curriculum offer.

I hope that you have enjoyed this half term's parent events, we have enjoyed seeing you at the World Book Day event, EYFS Mother's Day Stay and Play, our SEN coffee morning, Rock Steady's Spring concert, Year 3 trumpet performance and most recently for our Easter events where the children sang, read aloud and showed off their Easter bonnets. It has been lovely to see that the children all understand the real meaning of Easter as a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, as well as the other traditions associated with this time of year.

Next half term is very short, it is actually only 3 weeks and 4 days long, as we have the May Day bank holiday in week 2. Year 6 will sit their SATS tests, which they have been working very hard on, I am sure they do their absolute best, which is all we can ask of them - the

results will be with us in July. They have their Drayton Manor trip to look forward to the week after SATs have finished, as well as the Leavers' Prom!

We have auditions for our very first Talent Show on the afternoon of 15th May, the children are so excited! Please encourage your child to sign up if they want to, we know it is nerve wracking, but we want our children to be confident heroes and resilient warriors, so that they can be proud achievers when they perform.

We have been lucky enough to secure a whole day of first aid training for all of our children, this will take place on Friday 2nd May. The children will be taught how to make a 999 call if someone needs urgent medical help and how to manage someone who needs minor first aid. This will, of course, be age appropriate, but is a lesson that could save someone's life.

The other BIG event for next half term is the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, which we will be marking in style by having a full day of celebrations on Friday 9th May. We ask that the children come dressed in 1940s costumes and bring a plate of food so that we can have our very own street party. We have a professional company visiting us, who will hold a special whole school assembly and then a range of workshops throughout the day.

It will certainly be another busy and productive half term!

I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break with your child and that this wonderful weather stays with us for our two week break. We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 28th April.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Rought

School Development



As you know, our school development is linked to three main areas - Motivation, Achievement and Pride (M.A.P) . Below are some of the things we have done to work on our areas of focus for this year. We are proud of where we are and are confident that we will achieve our targets by the end of the year. A number of governors have been in to school to speak with leaders and children about a range of topics and have been impressed with what they have seen.

Motivation

After February half term we launched our St Martin's Super 7! The Super 7 represent the character strengths we wish to develop in our children. We will do this through our curriculum and also through special events, such as our Inspirational Individuals and career talks.

In Spring 2 the children were introduced to their first Inspirational Individuals and they really enjoyed find out about their lives and what makes them so special. They were:

Years 1 and 2 - Lenny Henry

Years 3 and 4 - Malala Yousafzai

Years 5 and 6 - The Three Degrees (WBA)

We have also had a number of career related visits - a theatre manager, a writer, a doctor, the fire service, a family lawyer.

Last Friday, the children were introduced to another set of Inspirational Individual, who were:

Years 1 and 2 - David Attenborough

Years 3 and 4 - Stephen Hawking

Years 5 and 6 - Jane Goodall

There will be one more Inspirational Individual researched this year.

Children from years 4-6 went on a residential to Edgmond Hall and had a fantastic time, we have now also secured 60 bookings Ingestre Hall for current years 3-5, which is amazing! Our summer club offering has been very popular with a wider range of clubs open.

Our music offer continues to improve, Year 3 performed their first trumpet concert and now Year 4 are starting to learn. Our Rock Steady bands performed to their parents and the whole school. We have our weekly music style or composer, so children are exposed to a wide range of music and we enjoy listening together and discussing what we like and dislike. Our weekly 'Who Chose that Tune?' is a really highlight, the children are always fascinated by the staff member's choice and why they love that song. We are joining Young Voices 2026 for the first time, with our new choir performing at the Pulse Arena.

Achievement

We are continuing to work with a maths consultant who is supporting us to improve our maths curriculum even further, she has supported teachers and has led a staff meeting.

The children are still working hard on their handwriting and leaders are ensuring that kinetic letters are taught well across school. They are always very proud of the improvements they have made when they look back at their first page from September.

Leaders continue to monitor and check on lessons, look at books and by speak to children, so that we can gauge where we need to improve. We have also welcomed visits from our governors and our school improvement advisor, who have been very impressed by what they have seen, The team we have are so dedicated to improving teaching and learning for our children, I am so proud of their hard work.

Pride

We continue to have high expectations of our children in terms of uniform, so thank you for your support with this. Our attendance and punctuality has also been a focus, as a result St Martin's have the highest attendance and lowest rates of persistent absence in Tipton.

We have started to improve our lunchtime activity offer, working with our school council. There are now opportunities for the children to dance, play games, be arty and mix together. Mrs Rought and Mrs Lees went to visit another school last week to gain even more ideas - so watch this space!

We have big plans for our outdoor environment in the summer term, once the weather improves we intend to brighten up the wood work, create play zones and calm areas. We are also looking at options for an outdoor library - these are exciting times and we will use some of the money we raised at the Summer and Christmas Fairs to fund the improvements. We may also need some parent volunteers to help out on the odd weekend or school holiday date, so that we can do works when the children are no here - watch this space!



Hello and Goodbye

I pleased to let you know that Mrs Blaney will be back in year 1 full time after Easter following her phased return after surgery.

Sadly we said goodbye to Mr Skitt, our caretaker, who had only been with us for a few months. He has been offered a wonderful opportunity at another school and could not turn it down, even though he really did not want to leave us. We have appointed a new caretaker called Mr Roden, we are hoping that he will be able to start working with us soon.

As you know, Mrs Pillsbury has retired, we said our goodbyes on Monday when she visited our Monday worship. The children presented her with cards and sang her a lovely song. we wish Mrs Pillsbury a restful retirement, she certainly deserves it.

This week we have also recruited two new lunchtime staff, who I will introduce to you once we have a start date for them.

Road Safety



We had the lovely Sophie Lounds visit us to talk to us about Road Safety. In the session for years 4, 5 and 6 we learned a lot.

- How to cross the road safely -Stop, Look, Listen and THINK
- Booster seats are needed to up 135cm tall
- Escooters are illegal on public land unless you have a driving licence and insurance. We found out you can't buy insurance for anEscooter, so they can only be used on private property.

We talked a lot about how to cross the road safely with Sheila, our lolly pop lady. Did you know she has been doing her job for 37 years? Sophie said she is the best in Sandwell and we definitely agree!

She also said that she visits all 123 schools in Sandwell, and our children are the most respectful she has seen! We are so very proud of them!

Air Pollution - Auntie Duck



We were visited by Tina from Sandwell Council to read us a story about Auntie Duck who taught us some very important messages about air pollution and what we can do to help reduce this. This links to our Big Walk and Wheel event and having as many people walk to school as possible. We did some activities about air pollution, linking to our conservation topic in Science. Later, we will be making an air pollution capture device to help us monitor how much air pollution there is around us. We will share those with you too!

Year 6 Library Visit



On their trip to the Library, Year 6 met the incredible Professor Black who told them all about his adventures in Egypt and around the world and how many times he has been bitten or stung by dangerous animals. He has led an exciting life! He also shared some amazing classic science fiction stories with them too. He inspired Year 6 to start reading *The Day of the Triffids*, they have already read the first two chapters and the children are loving it

World Book Day - 6th March



Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Wow! What a wonderful day we have had. Thank you so much for joining in and helping us make today really special.

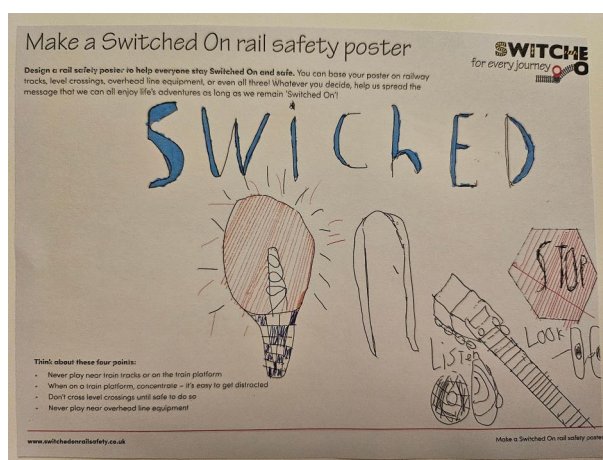
We have had parent visits and cosy reading shared with reading buddies, We have had virtual author visits, football quizzes and an ultimate character battle! We have had so much fun.

Today was really special as for the first time, we have given a world book day book to EVERY CHILD in school, all the way from nursery to year 6! We didn't want anyone to miss out who couldn't come to the book fair.

Thank you so much for your support with that, we have done really well and have had new books for every class in school!

Thank you everyone. You are amazing.

Rail Safety



On the 19th March, Reception to Year 6 had a special assembly on rail safety.

This is so important as we are so close to the railway line. The children learned all about what to do and they each designed a poster to show off what they know

Inspirational Individuals



Angela Wright came to school to tell us about her passion for reading and architecture. She told us about some of the challenges she has faced in her life and how she overcame them. She demonstrated how to be a 'resilient warrior' and an 'excellent learner', helping our children to see our Super Seven in action!



Years 5 and 6 were visited by the lovely Cheryl Green. She is a family lawyer and came to tell the children all about her job and the steps she took to get there. She demonstrated lots of our super seven characteristics. She is an ambitious individual, an excited learner and a change maker too! She told our children to keep trying when things are tough and to do what they enjoy. It was very inspirational and the children learned a lot!

Water workshop



Nursery children were visited by South Staffs water to deliver a water efficiency workshop. The children met Sally the water saver and Wendy the water waster and learnt different ways to help save our water and why it's so important. The children then took part in activities promoting water efficiency and learnt a new song.

Recycling Workshop

Tipton litter watch came to visit Nursery along with Peppa Pig who taught us all about recycling. The children listened to a story before helping Peppa to sort out her recycling, looking at what can and can't be recycled and why.





Litter pick (for Eco-Council)



Our Eco-council were joined by Tipton Litter Watch and together they did a fantastic litter pick of our school grounds. The children collected lots of litter and helped to sort it into recycling bins. They really worked hard and as a team we made our outside area a lovely, safe and clean place to be - well done!

Tipton Litter Watch Visit - Year 1



Year 1 had a visit from Tipton litter watch. They had so much fun creating their own seed crafts. We used lots of shredded and recycled paper in a bowl and added seeds and poppy scent to the paper and gave it a good mix together in a bowl! It created a gloop consistency that children added into a fun shaped mould.

Year 1 Pedestrian Training



As a follow up to our road safety assemblies, Sophie Lounds lead our Year 1 children in their pedestrian training today. Year 1 had a fantastic afternoon walking around the local area! They were all super sensible and safe at all times, listening carefully to instructions. Children learnt how to cross a range of crossings with an adult and thought carefully about the dangers around them.

Well done Year 1!

Our Collective Worship



The liturgical cloth has been purple since Wednesday 5th March to represent the special time of Lent.

3rd March - he start of Lent, Jesus in the Wilderness

17th March - Palm Sunday - Jesus arrives in Jerusalem

24th March - The Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus

31st March - Jesus's arrest and the crucifixion on Good Friday

7th April - The resurrection on Easter Sunday

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

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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: Bullying

Bullying: What is it?

There is no legal definition of bullying, but the Department for Education (DfE) defines bullying as behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that is intended to hurt or harm another individual or group, either physically or emotionally. Bullying is often aimed at certain groups, for example because of their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. The rapid proliferation of new technologies has provided a new medium for bullying, in the form of cyberbullying through social media, gaming, and text messages.

Bullying can be direct (either physical or verbal) or indirect (for example, being ignored or not spoken to). It results in pain and distress to the victim. Bullying is the systematic and persistent use of aggression with the intention of hurting another person. Bullying can take many forms:

Physical Bullying

Physical bullying occurs when children use physical actions to gain power and control over their peers. Examples of physical bullying include kicking, hitting, punching, slapping, shoving, and other physical attacks.

Verbal Bullying

Perpetrators of verbal bullying use words, statements, and name-calling to gain power and control over their peers. Typically, verbal bullies will use relentless insults to belittle, demean, and hurt another person.

Homophobic Bullying

Homophobic bullying is when people behave or speak in a way which makes someone feel bullied because of their actual or perceived sexuality.

Racist Bullying

This refers to a range of hurtful behaviour, both physical and psychological, that make the person feel unwelcome, marginalised and excluded, powerless or worthless because of their colour, ethnicity, culture, faith, community, national origin or national status.

Cyber-Bullying

Cyber bullying uses digital technologies such as computers and smartphones, and software such as social media, texts, websites and other new platforms. Cyber bullying can happen at any time. It can be in public or in private.

Bullying Vs Falling Out

There is a difference between bullying and the 'falling out' that children can experience in school. Often issues can be very easily resolved, and with adult intervention, friendships can be restored. Falling out with peers and one off incidents between children are inevitable in all schools. Such issues will not be regarded as 'bullying' by school and are dealt with using a problem solving and restorative approach so that they can be quickly resolved.

It is vital that both children and parents can identify the difference between bullying and common issues that can occur between children in school. Before concluding that your child is being bullied, it is important to establish the full facts by speaking to your child's teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

Preventing Bullying

Preventing and raising awareness of bullying is essential to keeping incidents in our school to a minimum. Through assemblies as well as PSHE lessons (following the Jigsaw Programme), pupils are given regular opportunities to discuss what bullying is, as well as incidents we would not describe as bullying, such as two friends falling out, or a one-off argument. Pupils are taught to tell an adult in school if they are concerned that they or someone they know is being bullied. Where a child feels unable to discuss this with an adult in school, children are invited to record their concerns and place them in their class worry jar or to speak to a Safeguarding Champion. Parents are also encouraged to contact school if they have concerns about bullying.

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.

Our links with our local residential home continue and we are also looking to continue to widen this. We will be working to achieve the next stage of our award this year.

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
28 February	Year 4	99.6%
7 March	Year 3	100%
14 March	Year 2	98%
21 March	Year 3	99.7%
28 March	Year 6	99.7%
4 April	Year 2	98.3%
11 April	Year 2	100%

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

The class with the best attendance for Spring 2 is: Year 2 – 97.7%

Well done to all classes!

Termly awards

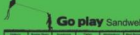
Pupils also have a chance to win Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates throughout the academic year.

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.

Go Play Easter Activities



Go Play this Easter in Tipton

Tuesday 15th April
10am-12pm Tipton Library (DY4 8SD)
1pm-4pm Victoria Park (DY4 8SD)

Thursday 17th April
10am-12pm Farley Park (B70 OHQ)
1pm-4pm Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)

Tuesday 22nd April
10am-12pm Tipton Library (DY4 8SD)
1pm-4pm Victoria Park (DY4 8SD)

Thursday 24th April
10am-12pm Farley Park (B70 OHQ)
1pm-4pm Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)

All Go Play sessions are FREE, open access (so come along at any time) and do not require booking. Sessions are aimed at families with children aged 6-12 and up to 19 with additional needs.
Sessions are NOT drop-off sessions.

Funded by:  Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

For more information contact Johnny at:
johnny.lomax@groundwork.org.uk or
07872857437 or visit <https://goplaysandwell.co.uk>

Easter Fun at Tipton Library

EASTER FUN AT TIPTON LIBRARY

Monday 14 April
10.30 - 11.30am



Childrens Yoga
Join professional Yoga instructor Bryony learn fun stretches and relaxation. Parents are welcome to join in the fun

Tuesday 15 April
10am - 12pm

Go Play
Fun and games with the Go Play team including arts and crafts, circus skills, games and giant Lego



Wednesday 16 April
10.30am - 11.30am

Easter Crafts



Tuesday 22 April
10am - 12pm

Go Play
Fun and games with the Go Play team including arts and crafts, circus skills, games and giant Lego



Wednesday 23 April
10.30am

Easter Bunny Party
Mad House Mascots Easter Bunny hosts our Easter Party with fun, games and prizes



Friday 25 April
10.30am



Lego play
Fun with Lego - what will you make?



Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children Newsletter

At a glance
Monday 28th April
Monday 12th May
Monday 19th May

**Family Club**
April - May 2025



Please read all information carefully
Family Club returns Monday 28th April 2025
© West Bromwich Leisure Centre, Moor Street, West Bromwich, B70 7AZ
5:00pm – 6:30pm

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

Our sessions offer families the chance to take part in a variety of active/sporting and creative opportunities each week.
There will be a different creative theme each week and a mixture of sporting activities, so please take a look and book for those weeks that will appeal to you and your family

How to book for Family Club
Please email your expressions of interest in the Club to spdcbooking@sp-dc.org
Your email should clearly state
*Your name
*Which date(s) you would like to attend
*How many (adults/children) will be taking part in the sessions

 Please provide this information in full as without it we may not be able to process your booking properly.
Please make sure you get your requests to us as soon as possible as we are unable to accept booking after
9:00am Wednesday 16th April - this will be strictly adhered to.
Once the team have processed all of the bookings you will receive an email confirming the places you have been allocated at Family Club.
Confirmation emails will be sent out **Week commencing 21st April**

Please note that bookings will not be accepted via Facebook or Messenger.
Family Club has different themes each week, so please take a look at the following information about each session and only book the sessions that appeal to your family.
If you have requested or are allocated places on a particular session but can no longer attend it, we would ask you to let us known as soon as possible by calling Diane 07594 486930 or Gary 07763 593877 so that we can offer a family on our waiting lists the opportunity to join us.

Universal Credit - Managed Migration

Please see attached information regarding Universal Credit and Managed Migration which will affect a number of residents within Sandwell.

Universal Credit - Managed Migration

Universal Credit is a working-age benefit which brings together the following six legacy benefits into one benefit:

- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income based Employment Support Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Income Support
- Child Tax Credits
- Working Tax Credits

Universal Credit provides support to residents with their daily living and housing costs, it can also help pay for childcare costs. Universal Credit can be claimed by residents in work on a low income, residents who are out of work and residents unable to work. Most people have to make their Universal Credit claim online and claimants are paid a single payment monthly in arrears. For more information on Universal Credit visit: <https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/>

What is Managed Migration?

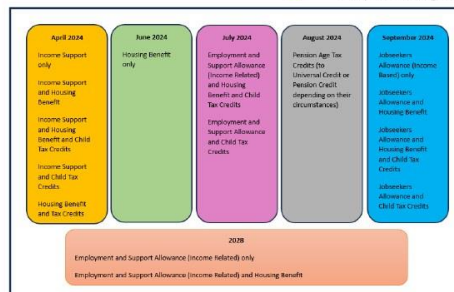
The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) have begun the process of moving individuals who claim a legacy benefit onto Universal Credit. This process is known as Managed Migration.

Managed Migration is where the DWP advise you to claim Universal Credit even though your circumstances have not changed. It is important that if you receive a Migration Notice letter from the DWP that you contact the Council for advice. If you fail to claim Universal Credit within three months, then your benefits will end, and you will be left with no income.

Who is affected?

The first group of households affected by Managed Migration in Sandwell are households where working tax or child tax credits are in payment and no other income-related benefit is in payment.

The process of Managed Migration in Sandwell began on 9 February 2024. The timeline below outlines when current legacy benefit customers will be invited to migrate to Universal Credit:



If you only receive ESA or ESA with HB, you will be the final group invited to migrate to Universal Credit. This is likely to be in 2028 though this date may be subject to change.

More information can be found on the Council's website - <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/benefits-support/universal-credit-2/3> or by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone camera.

Who can help?

If you are a Council tenant and receive a migration notice, then you should contact the Council's Rents Team on **0121 737 5148** Monday to Thursday 9am – 5.30pm and 9am – 5pm on a Friday. Our Income Recovery Officers can advise you of the best time to claim Universal Credit.

If you are in the Private Rented Sector and receive a migration notice, then you should contact the Council's Welfare Rights Team on **0121 569 3158**, Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm where an advisor will be available to assist you.



4 Community Trust - Wraparound Care Provision



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

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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

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raising standards
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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://4CommunityTrust.org.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	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Mega Mondays		Chicken & Tomato Med (V) Summer Pasta Bolognese (V) Spiced Potato & Peas (V) Kumharan Cheese Roll (V) Baked Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Curry, Sweet Potato, Fresh Bread Bread Ice Cream (V) Dish: Homemade, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt	Beef & Onion Curry (V) Summer Pasta Bolognese (V) Spiced Potato & Peas (V) Kumharan Cheese Roll (V) Baked Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Curry, Sweet Potato, Fresh Bread Bread Ice Cream (V) Dish: Homemade, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt	Beef & Onion Curry (V) Summer Pasta Bolognese (V) Spiced Potato & Peas (V) Kumharan Cheese Roll (V) Baked Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Curry, Sweet Potato, Fresh Bread Bread Ice Cream (V) Dish: Homemade, Seasoned Fruit, Fruit Yogurt
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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:

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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

Monday 28th April - school opens to pupils

Friday 2nd May - First Aid Workshops for pupils

Monday 5th May - Bank holiday - **school closed to pupils**

Friday 9th May - VE Day - wear 40s dress and bring a plate of party food

Monday 12th May - KS2 SATs week for Year 6

Thursday 15th May - Talent Show Auditions

Thursday 22nd May - WBA Football Roadshow

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)

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

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

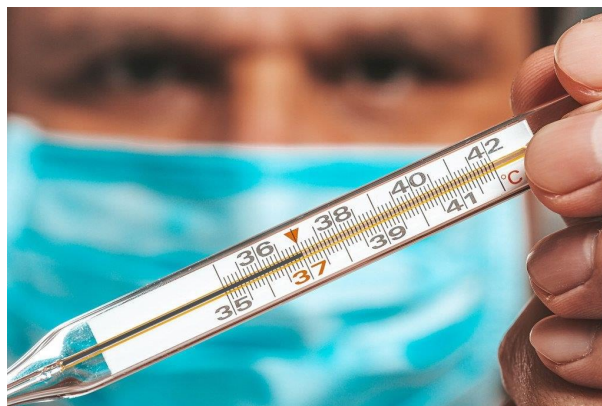
Monday 21st July - Training Day 5 - school closed

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.



Parent Governor

If you would like to become a Parent Governor, please send an expression of interest in writing via email to the office by Friday 2nd May 2025

office@st-martins.sandwell.sch.uk