

St Martin's CE Newsletter

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Matthew 5:16

Message from the Head:

Let Your Light Shine:

Each one of you has something special to offer. Whether it's kindness, creativity, humour, patience, or curiosity, **your light matters**. Don't be afraid to let it shine, even when it feels like others might not see it. Every time you help a friend, try something new, or show courage, your light gets a little brighter, and it inspires others too.

As the saying goes, "A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." So encourage each other. Celebrate each other's successes. Shine together.

So ask yourself:

What does *my best* look like today?

How can I make tomorrow even better?

Let's keep encouraging each other to aim high, work hard, and always believe that **our best is yet to come**.

Inspired by Martin of Tours, our Christian school warmly embraces all. We see our children as courageous advocates, shaping communities now and for the future. Guided by compassion, trust, prayer and a spirit of generosity, our children flourish and shine as beacons of light, making a positive impact on society.

Class	Attendance
NBM am	80%
NBM pm	100%
NBM All Day	97.73%
RAM	96.59%
1LH	93.95%
2EH	93.57%
3DJ	90.80%
4ZT	92.86%
5SD	88.30%
SHJ	95.32%
6CB	92.59%
6SW	85.80%
Whole School	93.87%



School Notices:

Next Friday, between 08:50 and 09:10, parents will have an opportunity to come to their children's class and read with them—more information will be sent via Class Charts & Parent Pay.

Please make sure that you are parking respectfully in the car park, so that it can remain open for all.

We are continuing to work with 'The Felix Food Project'. If you need support with food items, please do let the office know— food is delivered on a Thursday.

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These children have all been awarded for showing the school values this week—
how can you show the school values and let your light shine?

Class	Beacon of the Week	Value Award for the week
1LH	Davina	Charlotte
2EH	Heebat	Ruby-Rae
3DJ	Kenzo	Isabelle
4ZT	Noah	Alan
5SD	Eknor	Eyi
5HJ	Summer	Helin
6CB	Whole Class	Andrew
6SW	Whole Class	Eliana

Click on the link for the latest updates at St. Martin's Church

<http://www.stmartinwestdrayton.org.uk>

'To enable spiritual growth and show the love of God to everyone'

This video was shared in Worship this week—watch it with your families and ask “How does my light shine?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7dBMHFIGM8>

If you have any safeguarding concerns please ask to speak to one of the following adults: Mr Rowden (Deputy Head, Designated Safeguarding lead), Mrs Coates (Headteacher), Miss Baxter (KS2 Lead) or Miss Higgins (Assistant Headteacher, SENDCo).



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What's happened this week?

This week, our school has been up to lots of exciting activities. This is just some of them:

Nursery made portraits of themselves and learnt about their bodies.

Reception have been learning about the creation story and made bracelets out of leaves!

Year 1 had fun by dressing up as animals and acting like them. They have also learnt about dinosaurs and about the creation story.

Year 2 have become little historians by learning about 'The Great Fire of London', and how it started. How exciting!

Year 3 have been identifying the beauties of the book called 'The Tin Forest'.

Year 4 have also become historians and learnt about the Ancient Romans. In Maths they have been learning about subtraction and addition (more or less).

Year 5 have been writing a script and performing it the class.

Year 6 went on a trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. They have also read some of 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' and started to learn about the causes of World War II.

The Lighthouse have been cooking and making fruit salads.

Sarah Noorzai. Year 6.

It has been a really busy week in school this week: we think that next week might be even busier!

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

Diary Dates	
23.09	14:30—Phonics Parent Workshop
02.10	Year 4 & 5 Pedestrian Training
07.10	Mental Health Awareness Day
24.10	School closes for Half Term
03.11	School Closed—Staff Training Day
04.11	School reopens—08:35
25.11	Parent Drop in with Frances
19.12	End of Term—School closes @ 14:00