

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:

As we move through another busy and exciting term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on one of the most important values we nurture in school: perseverance.

In a world that often celebrates instant success, it's easy to forget that true growth and achievement come from consistent effort, resilience, and the willingness to keep going, especially when things get difficult. Whether it's mastering a tricky piece of writing, solving a challenging maths problem, improving in sport, or navigating friendships, every meaningful step forward begins with the decision to persevere.

At school, we see daily examples of this quiet determination. From the child who doesn't give up when they don't understand something straight away, to the student who keeps practising, revising, and trying again – these are the real successes worth celebrating. Perseverance is not about being perfect; it's about being courageous, patient, and hopeful in the face of challenges.

| Class | Attendance |
|--------------|------------|
| NBM am | 86.7% |
| NBM pm | 100% |
| NBM All Day | 97.8% |
| RAM | 92.2% |
| 1LH | 91.1% |
| 2EH | 92.1% |
| 3DJ | 93.8% |
| 4ZT | 95.9% |
| 5SD | 85.5% |
| SHJ | 94.7% |
| 6CB | 96.5% |
| 6SW | 96.1% |
| Whole School | 93.22% |

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.



School Notices:

Tuesday is our Harvest Festival, the children will be visiting the church and learning all about the importance of the harvest.

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 or 'Shining Brightly' 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 | Khamani | Harlie-Jai |
| 2EH | Hevon | Maseeh |
| 3DJ | Prisa | Ajraan |
| 4ZT | Richman | Rowan |
| 5SD | Ishan | Tegan |
| 5HJ | Mujtaba | Agrima |
| 6CB | Lyla | Alex |
| 6SW | Nylah | Isra |

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'

How does your light shine? How do you persevere, even when things get tough?

Big Question:

Can you think of 5 new rules that would make the world a better place?

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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Dear Parents and Carers,

Besides the cold weather the school has been having a blast this week.

The children in The Lighthouse have been having lots of fun dressing up in costumes.

Nursery and Reception have been learning about the harvest, making beautiful boxes for our Harvest Festival next week and painting using vegetables.

Year 1 have been practicing their writing based on the book Cave Baby.

Year 2 have been fascinated with their Science topic, learning about birds, habitats and ecosystems.

Year 3 have been writing persuasive letters to the local council about how they can protect 'The Closes'.

Year 4 have been practicing Times Table Rockstars for their times table test.

Year 5 have been acting and role-playing their book about Phillippe Petit, the man who walked a tight-rope between the World Trade Towers in 1974.

And in Year 6, we have been fully immersing ourselves in the life of Bubbe Rosa, a character from our book, Alte Zachen. Bubbe Rosa had a tumultuous life, travelling around the world and ending up in New York to escape the Nazis.

It was nice to see parents and carers coming in this morning to read with their children, we hope to have another session soon.

Written by: Oliver & Lyla—Mai, Green House Captains.

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| 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 | |
|-------------|--|
| 30.09 | Harvest Festival |
| 02.10 | Year 4 & 5 Pedestrian Training |
| 07.10 | Mental Health Awareness Day |
| 23.10 | Parents Consultation Evening 15:30— 19:00 |
| 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 |
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School Friend Club @ St. Martin's

Promo code: AutumnMember2025

Valid July 30th 2025—October 24th 2025

Annual Family Registration Fee: £25.00

Session times/rates: 15:15—18:00

£12.25 per day, siblings £11.75 (snacks included)

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