

St Martin's CE Newsletter

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Matthew 5:16

Message from the Head:

I want to take a few moments today to talk about something that sits at the heart of our school community: Respect, both for one another and for the environment we share every day.

Our school is a place where every individual should feel safe, valued, and supported. Respecting each other means:

Speaking kindly and listening actively

Celebrating differences, including culture, background, identity & opinion

Understanding boundaries – physical and emotional

We all have a role to play in making this school a welcoming space. A simple smile, a word of encouragement, or stepping in when you see something wrong can make a huge difference.

Respect isn't just a school rule, it's a life value. How we treat people and places reflects our character. Employers, universities, friends and family all value those who show respect and responsibility. Let's continue to build a school culture that we can all be proud of.

Class	Attendance
NBM am	93.3%
NBM pm	80%
NBM All Day	84.4%
RAM	92.5%
1LH	96.1%
2EH	86.3%
3DJ	87.7%
4ZT	96.9%
5SD	84%
SHJ	94.5%
6CB	95.9%
6SW	91.1%
Whole School	94.17%

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:

We've got an exciting way for you to support St Martin's and it won't cost you a single penny extra!

Here's how it works: Every time you shop online whether it's for groceries, gifts, clothes, or even booking a holiday 8,000+ retailers like Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, eBay, Argos, ASOS, Booking.com and many more will donate to us for FREE through easyfundraising! Yep, you heard that right raise money just by shopping like usual!

For the month of October, for everyone who joins via the easyfundraising App, we'll get a £2 bonus for each new supporter! Plus, when more than 10 sign up, we'll unlock more bonus funding! It's quick, it's easy, and it's FREE get the App now at and choose to support St Martin's CE Primary West Drayton once installed <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/> Thanks for your continued support.

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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	Coco	Ali
2EH	Arhan	Deniz
3DJ	Mel	Toso
4ZT	Gregory	Oliver
5SD	Khloe	Lily
5HJ	Jade	Helin
6CB	Muuna M	Zach
6SW	Eri	

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:

Should footballers earn more than a lifesaving surgeon?

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,

Despite the cold and raining (and hot and sunny) weather, St. Martin's has had a brilliant week of creativity and fun.

The Lighthouse have been having a blast making and icing biscuits.

Nursery learnt about road safety to show how responsible they can be.

Reception learnt how unique their families are.

Year 1 made dinosaur fossils and tasted some delicious food.

Year 2 learnt about the Plague, that was in London between 1666 and 1667. Do you know what helped the plague to end?

Year 3 have been in character and writing a diary about living in the stone age.

Year 4 sang beautifully (even though the CD player broke) at the church for 'the Harvest Festival'.

Year 5 wrote an extended piece of writing about Phillippe Petit—he did something very brave but also very scary—ask your child what it was.

Year 6 learnt about electrical resistance and what it does in a circuit.

Written by:

Wilson and Alianza, Year 6

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	
07.10	Mental Health Awareness Day
14.10	EMHP Parent Drop in
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	EMHP Parent Drop in
19.12	End of Term—School closes @ 14:00

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Football report:

Our first football match of the season was against St. Bernadette's. Even though we lost, 7-1, everyone on the team had fun and learnt some valuable lessons about communication and not charging after the ball. There are many things that we are going to be able to take away from this fixture, and let's be honest, it was the first game where we have all played together and we are looking forward to more games to come.

Young Minds—Mental Health Day—Tuesday 7th October

We will be marking World Mental Health Day a little early, with special workshops taking place in school on Tuesday 7th October. The theme is 'Hello Yellow' and the children are invited to wear yellow accessories, with their usual school uniform, to show support for young people's mental health and to raise the importance of well-being. Accessories could be: hairbands, bows, hats, scarfs, wristbands, ties or shoelaces.



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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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