

St Martin's CE Newsletter

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Matthew 5:16

Message from the Head:

This term, I've been incredibly proud of the determination and effort shown across our school community. From the classroom to the playground, and in every corner of school life, our pupils have demonstrated what it truly means to work hard.

Hard work isn't just about long hours or ticking boxes; it's about perseverance, focus, and a positive attitude. We've seen students challenge themselves, overcome setbacks, and take pride in their progress. Staff have continued to inspire and support, and create a community where effort is recognised and celebrated. Parents and carers have also played a key role, encouraging good habits at home and reinforcing the importance of resilience and responsibility. Together, we are helping our children understand that success is built not just on talent, but on consistent effort and a willingness to keep going.

As we move forward, let's continue to champion hard work; not just as a path to achievement, but as a mind set that prepares our pupils for life beyond school.

Class	Attendance
NBM am	87.5%
NBM pm	100%
NBM All Day	100%
RAM	95%
1LH	94.2%
2EH	93.33%
3DJ	86.64%
4ZT	97.41%
5SD	89.38%
SHJ	96.71%
6CB	86.76%
6SW	88.89%
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!

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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	Callie	Nicole
2EH	Velosh	Arhan
3DJ	Isabelle	Fatehjeet
4ZT	Zaeff	Richman
5SD	Nikos	Eyi
5HJ	Belal	Amelia
6CB	Asmaira	Sophie
6SW	Ayaan	Ujwal

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?

Question for thought:

If you tell people that you did something good, does that make you a good person?

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,

We have had a great but busy week at St. Martin's.

Mrs Coates has been meeting with all of the members of staff; she was mainly talking about what her expectations are for them this academic year.

Starting from the oldest in the school - Year Six have been writing essays about what we can learn from other generations, and solving problems using long division.

Year Five have been writing formal letters about female engineers in Literacy, and roleplaying as Mary Jackson – a famous American aerospace engineer.

Year Four have been exploring their teeth, they have done an experiment to test how strong enamel is, and learning about the Roman Empire in History.

Year Three have discovered facts about the Stone Age and are using these to help them make their writing more detailed.

In Year Two, the children have enjoyed learning about the book 'The Bear and the Piano' and are now going to write their own story using vocabulary from the book.

Down in the early years, Year One conducted a smell test in Science, and have been learning about the dinosaurs in History.

Reception have been learning about the Hindu festival, Diwali, and have made incredible diya lamps

And finally, the cutest and smallest saved for last, Nursery have been discovering shapes and have also done a shape hunt around the school!

Hope you all have a good weekend and HAPPY DIWALI! 🙏

Written by the Red House Captains, Sophia and Charbel

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	
20.10	Individual Photos
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
19.11	Early Years Open Day
25.11	EMHP Parent Drop in
04.12	Early Years Open Day: 10:00 & 16:00
19.12	End of Term—School closes @ 14:00

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Football report:

We started our second game of the season full of promise and energy. The whole team was active and tried their best to tackle and pass accurately.

It was not long before we fell behind, but we kept our chins up and kept pushing for the all important equaliser.

In the end, we did not win the game but we are staying positive and know that if we continue to play together as a team, we will get better and better.

We are really proud of ourselves for showing perseverance and having a positive attitude.



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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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