

# St Martin's CE Newsletter

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**Matthew 5:16**

## Message from the Head:

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit. Our children have shown tremendous enthusiasm and resilience as they have settled into routines and embraced new challenges. Whether it is through their work in the classroom, participation in sports, musical performances, or acts of kindness around school, they continue to make us proud every day.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and care ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive. Likewise, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support; it makes a real difference.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break. Please take the time to rest, recharge, and spend quality moments together.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half-term holiday.

Class	Attendance
NBM am	70%
NBM pm	100%
NBM All Day	95.83%
RAM	93%
1LH	94.64%
2EH	90.53%
3DJ	91.79%
4ZT	94.64%
5SD	89.5%
SHJ	93.16%
6CB	90.63%
6SW	90.59%
Whole School	92.21%

*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	Elsie	Freya
2EH	Deniz	Arshan
3DJ	Sipan	Fatehjeet
4ZT	Myra	Evren
5SD	Ella	Whole Class
5HJ	Noah	Ronnie
6CB	Anett	Eri
6SW	Ujwal	Whole Class

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 could be a millionaire for a year, or be comfortable forever, how would you chose?**

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,

As our half term is coming to an end, this is what our wonderful school has been up to.

In the lighthouse, the children have been exploring pumpkins creatively.

The youngest children in our school have been talking about road safety and learning about shapes.

Year 1 have been enjoying learning more of their phonics and using lines in an artistic way.

There was a fun science experiment where Year 2 were seeing what materials were suitable to make a road.

Year 3 have been embracing charcoal to create wonderful masterpieces.

There have been young historians in Year 4, learning about Romans and how Boudicca attacked them.

Year 5 have been writing informal letters and using separation techniques in science.

Kindly, Year 6 have been supporting our youngest friends in Early Years enjoying teaching them how to play and showing them how to have fun in pen disco.

We hope you have a nice half term and we'll see you on Tuesday, 4th November.

Written by Sarah and Asmaira , the Yellow House Captains.

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	
24.10	School closes for Half Term
03.11	School Closed—Staff Training Day
04.11	School reopens—08:35
04.11	Year 6 Meeting—14:45—15:15
19.11	Early Years Open Day 10:00 & 16:00
25.11	EMHP Parent Drop in
28.11	Movie Night
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:**

**St Martin's vs St Catherine's Final Score: 2-7 (St Catherine's win!)**

**What a match! On Wednesday 22.10.25, St Martin's played St Catherine's in an exciting football game full of teamwork.**

**St Catherine's played wonderfully as a team and scored an impressive 7 goals!**

**St Martin's worked wonderfully as a team and managed to score 2 goals. Through out the match they showed determination and resilience.**

**Player of the Match: Wilson as he stood out, with excellent passes and a goal that got the crowd cheering. Well done, Wilson!**



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## PARENT EVENT

We're planning a new-style parent event for early 2026 and would love your input! Your feedback will help us create a more focused, accessible, and engaging experience, with themed sessions, Q&A opportunities, and practical information on SEND, education, social care, and more. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your views.

Parent Conference



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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)

- Convenient booking online or over the phone
- Sibling discounts
- Totally flexible, to suit your needs
- All staff are fully vetted and trained
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