



# St Martin's CE Newsletter

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*Matthew 5:16*

## Message from the Head:

This week, our focus across the school has been on *courage*—what it looks like, why it matters, and how each of us can show it in our daily lives. We talked with pupils about the many forms courage can take: speaking up for what is right, trying something new, admitting mistakes, showing kindness even when it is difficult, and facing challenges with determination.

As a school community, we will continue encouraging our pupils to take positive risks, believe in themselves, and support one another. Real courage isn't about being fearless—it's about moving forward even when things feel difficult, and knowing that you have people around you who believe in you. As we remembered the past, we also encouraged our pupils to think about the role they could play in shaping a more peaceful future—through kindness, empathy, and understanding.

Class	Attendance
NBM am	84.2%
NBM pm	90%
NBM All Day	91.7%
RAM	94.5%
1LH	92.2%
2EH	98.9%
3DJ	95.2%
4ZT	95.4%
5SD	94%
SHJ	98.9%
6CB	81.8%
6SW	78.2%
Whole School	92.67%

*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	Gurnoor	Kavion
2EH	Ronnie-Rose	Heebat
3DJ	Safaa	Ajraan
4ZT	Aleeya	Sarah
5SD	Tiffany	Eknoor
5HJ	Jodie	Bryan
6CB	Eri	Munna M
6SW	Whole Class	Darcie-Michelle

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'*

Question for thought:

**Why do people sometimes risk their lives to help others?**

As a family, you can discuss the above question...what do you think?

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,

This week, the school community came together to remember those who died in war on Remembrance Day.

In Nursey, the children have been counting to five.

Reception have been learning about the savannah.

Year 1 have started to learn about the Christmas story.

Year 2 have enjoyed geography learning about physical and human features.

Year 3 made a Remembrance wreath with poppies.

Year 4 have started their lesson on volcanoes.

Year 5 have been busy learning about evaporation in science.

Finally, year 6 have completed their first round of mock sats.

Have a good weekend.

Written by Alianza  
Blue House Captain

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	
25.11	EMHP Parent Drop in
28.11	Christmas Movie Night
04.12	Early Years Open Day: 10:00 & 16:00
10.12	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner
12.12	Christmas Activities
w/b 15.12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performances
19.12	End of Term—School closes @ 14:00
04.01	School closed to pupils
05.01	School reopens to pupils @ 08:35



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## Remembrance:

Thankyou to everyone who attended our Remembrance Service on Tuesday.

Some children from Year 6 read poems beautifully and Mr. Thomas played a bugle call of 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille' on the cornet.

The children listened with reverence and showed the utmost respect in the memory of all the fallen soldiers.



## Anthem for Doomed Youth

By Wilfred Owen

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?  
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.  
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle  
Can patter out their hasty orisons.  
No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;  
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,  
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;  
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?  
Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes  
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.  
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;  
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,  
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.



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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
- Ofsted registered: if you are eligible for Tax Credits you may receive up to 70% back towards your childcare costs
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