

St Martin's CE Newsletter

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Matthew 5:16

As we move through this term, I have been reflecting on the importance of setting goals and the power that comes from committing ourselves to them. In school, we talk often about ambition, perseverance and the belief that every child can achieve great things. These are not just words on posters; they are habits of mind that shape who we become.

Over the past few weeks, I have seen countless examples of pupils reaching a little higher: a child tackling a tricky piece of writing with confidence, a class supporting one another through a challenging maths task, a team stepping onto the pitch determined to do their best. Each small step reminds us that goals are not reached in giant leaps but in steady, purposeful effort.

As a school community, let us keep nurturing a culture where every student feels empowered to dream boldly, work hard and persist through challenges. With dedication and the right support around them, our young people can achieve more than they ever imagined.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership.

Class	Attendance
NBM am	63.2%
NBM pm	100%
NBM All Day	76.1%
RAM	87.5%
1LH	90.4%
2EH	84.7%
3DJ	83.3%
4ZT	91.4%
5SD	97.5%
SHJ	93.7%
6CB	91.2%
6SW	97.1%
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	Ferenc	Sarah
2EH	Alex	Daniel
3DJ	Freddie	Joseph
4ZT	Asra	Izzy
5SD	Anya	Gunjan
5HJ	Aiden	Blake
6CB	House Captains	Asmaira
6SW	Max	Gurkirat

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:

Does a person make their own luck?

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 our school has been up to exciting activities.

Starting with EYFS, they have been learning about routines and rules and how to behave in class.

The lighthouse did a sensory bear hunt, inspired by the book, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt"

Year 1 have written a letter to a fictional character to help save the world! How amazing!

In Science, Year 2 have learnt about microhabitats and where animals live.

Year 3 became authors, planning their own story based on the classic, "The BFG"

The scientists in Year 4 have been experimenting on how to make a volcano erupt!

Year 5 have been writing play scripts based on The Tempest by William Shakespeare and in their last science lesson they have been mixing substances to make new products (irreversible).

Year 6 learnt how to cipher Morse code and how the Allies cracked the German code, using the Enigma Machine in WWII. It took a lot of patience, so it wasn't that easy.

We hope the children have a good movie night, have a good weekend and we'll see you on Monday.

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	
04.12	Early Years Open Day: 10:00 & 16:00
09.12	Children attend Advent Service
10.12	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner
12.12	Christmas Activities & Carol Concert
15.12	KS1 Nativity @ 14:30
16.12	KS1 Nativity @ 09:15
17.12	EYFS Christmas Story @ 14:30
19.12	End of Term—School closes @ 14:00
04.01	School closed to pupils

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It has come to our attention that children are playing with and taking equipment from the Early Years playground, specifically in the morning.

It takes the staff a long time to set up and make sure the learning environment meets the learning goals of the day. If you find that your child has inadvertently brought something home, please return it to either the school office or to the Early Years Team.

Also, please do not let your children play or climb on the equipment in the mornings or before pick up.

Donations of old, not broken toys:

If you find that you are having a clear out before Christmas, the school is very happy to receive donations of clean and unbroken:

Toys, books, uniform, soft toys, bikes, scooters or anything else you think might be useful. These can be brought into the school where they can be distributed around the school.

Thank you in advance.

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents that supported the Book Fair this week. It is vital that we all work together to promote a love of reading: with every book sale the school receives a small amount back to purchase books.

This year, we have spent just under £3000 on new books to support the children's reading and writing.



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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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